

Opequon Presbyterian Church



“Between People and God”
What God Wants from Us

Sunday, July 23, 2017

WELCOME! This historic church began worship on these grounds in 1732 and was organized in 1736. We are dedicated to “prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ’s hands, heart and feet in the world.” We are strengthened today by your presence whether guest or member. Go forth, blest and renewed because you were here this day!

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and toddlers to age three.
- **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3-kindergarten.** These bags, located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the bin when you are leaving.
- **Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is held at 9:45 am each Sunday September-May. There are classes for all ages and interests. One adult Sunday School class meets during the summer months.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- **A water fountain** is located off the Gathering Area.
- **Large-print hymnals, Bibles and bulletins** are available from an usher.
- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- **Transportation can be provided to worship.** Call the church office before 12:00 pm on Friday.

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David R. Witt----- Pastor
Tracie Martin----- Parish Associate
William Heavner ----- Organist
Susan Homan ----- Director of Music
Carole Witt ----- Director of Christian Education
Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor
Patty Klinefelter ----- Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard ----- Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor----- Sexton



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 23, 2017

10:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Sinfonia*Handel

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders - please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†**GATHERING SONG** *This Is the Day*

Women

Men

**This is the day,
that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice,
and be glad in it.**

**This is the day,
that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice,
and be glad in it.**

**(All) This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day, this is the day,

(All) That the Lord has made.

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather this morning as the people of God.

We come together with praise and thanksgiving.

As God breathed life into creation,

Let the Holy Spirit breathe new life into us.

Open our ears to hear your Word;

Open our hearts to be shaped by your Word.

Open each one of us to the joy of coming together as the people of God.

†**HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 610**..... *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is eternal, yet one who promises a new thing among us. And we need that newness. Our sins and shortcomings are old news. We know that we repeat destructive patterns, promise to do better, and revert to our old ways. This cycle of brokenness repeats itself again and again. But God breaks into the cycle with the gift of grace. Let us bring our prayers of confession to the God who is gracious to hear us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, your love for us is deep, holding strong even as we struggle for truth, even as we gamble on other paths, even as we are ready to give in to temptation. Walk with us on our journeys, and help us see beyond the flashy, beyond the easy, beyond the quick fix. Keep our eyes focused on Jesus, who knew temptation, disappointment and pain, yet remained faithful. Help us to remember that you, O God, are always working for our good. Hold us in your grace and help us to move beyond ourselves so that we may live and serve through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

No matter the situation, no matter the problem, no matter the trouble, God is always with us. God is always ready and willing to receive us, redeem us, renew us, restore us, refresh us, rebirth us, now and always.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 435 (v.1)

..... *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those next to you)

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC.....*Down by the River to Pray*
Carrie & Vince Diem

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:12-25 Pew Bible p. 919

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13: 24-30, 26-43 Pew Bible p. 794

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN "What's a Weed?"
Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 475*Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*

SERMON "Life on God's Terms"
Summer Worship Series: "Between People and God: What God Wants from Us"
Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY*Contemplation on a Welsh Tune* arr: Krug
*God that madest earth and heaven, Darkness and light! Who the day for toil hast given, For rest
the night! May thine angel guards defend us, Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us, This livelong night!*

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 35) The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 756 *O God of Every Nation*

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 542 (refrain)

..... *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again,
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 23-30, 2017

TODAY

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School Class—Bageant Room
10:00 am: Morning Worship Four Cents a Meal Offering,
Lemonade in the Lobby

THIS WEEK

Monday: PS 150 Rehearsal—7:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Tuesday: OPC Serves—6:00 pm—Highland Food Pantry
WATTS Operations—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
Saturday: OPC Serves—10:00 am—Jubilee Kitchen/
First Presbyterian Church

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Sunday School Class—8:45 am—Bageant Room
Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b, Romans 8:26-39
Rev. Kate Rascoe
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte: Kat Kibler
Beadle: Bill Martin
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Sabra & Les Veach
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Bill Deck
Ushers: Mike Butler, Caleb Cooper, Tim Gaul,
Kat Kibler, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bob Peet
Anna Lois
Chris Williams
Erika Reed
Pat deButts
Donna & Terry Coffman
Dick Crane
Donna Cornwell
Finn McCarty
Christina Rodgester
Rachel
Corey Jones
Lewis Williams
Gordy Lindow
Gloria Reed
Steve Scalise
Matt Mika

Gary Sousa
Dan Zbur
Barbara Jones
Dennis Stout
Gretchen Cooley
Bob Weidele
Frances Pitcock
Jane Drumheller
Rick Praml
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Cindy Sousa
Wayne Lake
Gail Crane
Marjory Journell
Natalie Williams
Carlos Valdez

Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Fred & Vicki Earnshaw
James Ingram
Charles Lawson
Nancy Kerns
Joe Strosnider
Rebekah Witt
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.



Lemonade in the Lobby

**Sunday
July 23**

**STOP BY AFTER CHURCH
FOR A REFRESHING GLASS OF
LEMONADE AND LEMON TREATS.**

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Karen and Ray Jones in honor of Karen, Steve and Doug Jones' birthdays this month.

JUBILEE KITCHEN

Here's an outreach opportunity to serve lunch to the food insecure in the community. Opequon Church will provide Jubilee Kitchen man-woman-youth-kid power on Saturday, July 29, 10:00 am-1:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Old Town Winchester. There are activities for all skill levels such as setting up the social hall, setting the tables, serving the guests and clean up. Volunteers can enter the church from the Loudoun Street Mall entrance or church parking lot entrance off Cameron Street. If you are interested in sharing some Opequon Spirit, contact Graham Taylor at 540-247-4663 or gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES SEMINAR

On Sunday, July 30th, the Health Ministry Team of Kernstown UMC will host a covered dish luncheon followed by a program on Advance Directives. Lunch will begin approximately at 11:30 am, followed by the program. Please bring a covered dish to share. Be sure to register by calling 540-667-7298 or email dschneider@kernstownumc.org by Thursday, July 27.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JULY 16TH—118

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- ❖ The garden is growing by leaps and bounds and we continue to make weekly, fresh vegetable deliveries to the food pantry.
- ❖ We need more volunteers for watering the gardens. Can you lend a hand for a few days? You can easily sign up by going to the church website - just look for the Sign-Up Genius icon located on the front page of the site.
- ❖ For more information, contact one of the gardeners on call:
Joelle Cafaro, drhealer@gmail.com
Dana Kelly, davedana@comcast.net
Robin Owens, robinowensopcsession@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION

Beginning on or about August 1, the work to renovate the Fellowship Hall will begin. When that occurs, it will be closed to all church related activities for up to four months. We hope to accomplish the work sooner than that, but that is the contractor's estimate. In the interim, we will convert the Memorial Sanctuary for use as our temporary Fellowship Hall. The pews will be removed and stored off site. Tables, chairs and serving counters will be relocated to the Memorial Sanctuary. Food service will be via the stairs as the Fellowship Hall will be closed, thus blocking access to the elevators.

During the construction, in the interest of safety and liability issues, access to the Fellowship Hall will be restricted to contractors and the Buildings & Grounds Team. While we realize that this will be a significant inconvenience, we are looking forward to having a newly refurbished Fellowship Hall soon. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time of upheaval.

PYC NEWS

Summer Midnight Gladness Event Coming Friday, August 4!

This is the first *ever* Summer Midnight Gladness event! What a fantastic way to spend a summer evening with the whole mix of fun for you, service to others, and so much in between. The Summer Midnight Gladness event is on Friday, August 4, 6:00 pm-midnight at the church. Dinner will kick things off and then loads of outdoor fun is planned. All youth—rising 6th graders-12th graders are invited to participate!

WATTS HAPPENING ON THE MALL

Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter is partnering with the Bluemont Concert Series to bring you WATTS Happening on the Mall on Friday, August 4, from 5:00-9:00 pm. We will have a Bake Sale Fundraiser on the mall behind the old Court House. Volunteers and baked treats are needed. Donations can be delivered to the church between 8:30 am-12:00 noon or brought to the sale location after 3:30 pm. To volunteer or donate please contact Ellie Cammer (540-667-3683, edgukaytor3@aol.com), or Graham Taylor (540-247-4663, gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com).

LIVE STREAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Opequon is excited to announce that we are Live Streaming our worship services. You can access it at 10:00 am on our YouTube channel by searching Opequon Presbyterian Church on YouTube or by following the link "Upcoming Events" on the home page or via the section on the website titled "Watch Sunday Worship Services on YouTube LIVE". While the entire service will be available "live" on Sundays, it is also recorded and saved each week on our YouTube channel. We encourage you to check out this feature and share with those who may not be able to be with us every Sunday.

"OFF THE GRID"

David and Carole Witt are on sabbatical. Pastor David's sabbatical continues through Sunday, August 27th, while Carole's continues through Tuesday, August 1st. A sabbatical is a period of "Rest, Renewal, and Study." For them, taking that time away is both an act of faith that God will sustain them through a period of reflection and changed activity, and an occasion for recovery and renewal of vital energies.

In this computer age, digital and otherwise, immediate, rapid and sometimes frequent communication is simply a part of our normal day and week. Both David and Carole communicate freely and timely. However, when they go into sabbatical mode, they will be "Off the Grid" for the time periods listed above. That means we are not to call them, text them, email them or yell real loudly for them. To be clear, we have instructed them to do the same.

Tracie Martin, our wonderful Parish Associate, is leading the charge during their needed time away. You may reach out to her at the OPC office, 540-662-1843, her home phone 304-856 2080 or by email, tracie-martin@juno.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

God is not packed away for the summer. The adult Sunday school “Spiritual Growth” class continues this month, using the “Feasting on the Word” curriculum materials. The class will gather in the Bageant Room during the month of July thru the end of August at 8:45 am. This study is being facilitated by various leaders, coordinated by Edwina Johansen. The class is open to all adults. Please join us whenever you like and discover what God wants you to learn.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Second quarter financial statements were mailed last week. Please take a minute to verify that yours is correct. If not, please contact Cathy Richard, office@opequonchurch.org or 540-662-1843. She can also give your family offering envelopes if you need a set, or explain how to donate through your financial institution’s bill pay service if you are interested.

SAVE THESE AUGUST DATES

Sunday, August 6th - Annual Blessings of the Backpacks - 10:00 am

Sunday, August 13th - Open Door Worship Outdoors - 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 20th - Confirmation Orientation - 11:15 am

Sunday, August 27th - LOGOS Fun Fest - 11:15 am

