

# Opequon Presbyterian Church



“Between People and God”  
What God Wants from Us

Sunday, July 30, 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 30, 2017

10:00 am

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

*In Thee is Gladness* ..... Arr. Bish

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 (Psalm 105:1-6)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 625 ..... *How Great Thou Art*  
(Please be seated for prayer)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit" (Psalm 32:1, 2). Seeking the blessing of forgiveness, let us now acknowledge our faults with the prayer of confession and in silence.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control.**

### MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Romans 8:31-39)

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.

### LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 679 (v. 1)..... *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

†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..... *Healing Is in Your Hands*  
Rebecca Carbaugh

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b ..... Pew Bible p. 484

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-39 ..... Pew Bible p. 919

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 829 ..... *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

SERMON.....Rev. Kate Rascoe

Summer Worship Series: "Between People and God: What God Wants from Us"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Variations on "St. Anne"*..... Arr. Livingston

†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. 384..... *Soon and Very Soon*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

May God,  
**who searches the heart,**  
Jesus,  
**whose love overcomes all division,**  
and the Spirit,  
**which helps us in our weakness,**  
continue to lead us into life  
**that we may serve with abandon and joy.**

†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 30-August 6, 2017

**TODAY**

8:45 am: Adult Sunday School Class—Bageant Room  
10:00 am: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday: Carole Witt Returns! 😊!  
Fellowship, Mission & Worship Teams—7:00 pm  
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
Friday: Bake Sale Drop-Off—8:30 am-Noon—Dell Room  
WATTS Happening in Old Town—5:00 pm  
Midnight Gladness—6:00 pm  
Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Adult Sunday School Class—8:45 am—Bageant Room  
Pre-Service Concert—9:45 am—Sanctuary  
Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY  
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21  
Sermon: “The Opportunity of a Lifetime”  
Communion, CCAP Offering, Blessing of the Backpacks

**SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

Acolyte: Brenna Hathaway  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeters: Sabra & Les Veach  
Hospitality: Dom Cafaro, Mary Himelright  
Liturgist: Bill Deck  
Ushers: Dom Cafaro, Gog Gaines, Brenna Hathaway,  
Allison & Melanie Morgan, Dave Yost

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jenni Spielman  
Lori Nesselrodt  
Travis Morgan  
Jay & Marjory Journell  
Jeanette Baccary  
Kevin Paquette  
Nancy Lloyd  
Reagan Long  
Bob Peet  
Anna Lois  
Chris Williams  
Erika Reed  
Pat deButts  
Donna & Terry Coffman  
Dick Crane  
Donna Cornwell  
Finn McCarty  
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

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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## **PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE**

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

**ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>—144**

## **THE EXTRA CANDLE**

The green candle in the Sanctuary is a gift from David and Carole Witt. We light it each Sunday to remind us to pray for the Witts as they rest, refresh, and continue with sabbatical. They have a candle that they light to remind them to pray for us, too.

## **WELCOME REV. KATE RASCO**

A lifelong Presbyterian who has moved over 18 times, Rev. Kate Rascoe has experienced church in many forms. She prays that whatever our circumstances, we all can call the Church “home”. Currently, Kate has the pleasure of living on site at Massanetta Springs, where her husband Clayton is Executive Director. They share a view of the lake with two daughters, a dog, two cats, and three ducks.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

- ❖ The garden is growing by leaps and bounds and we continue to make weekly, fresh vegetable deliveries to the food pantry.
- ❖ Now that our cucumbers are being harvested, we need pickle-making volunteers for LOGOS. Please let us know if you can help.
- ❖ We need more volunteers for watering the garden. 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](mailto:drhealer@gmail.com)  
Dana Kelly, [davedana@comcast.net](mailto:davedana@comcast.net)  
Robin Owens, [robinowensopcsession@gmail.com](mailto:robinowensopcsession@gmail.com)

## FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION

This week the work to renovate the Fellowship Hall should 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 is this Friday, August 4!**

This is the first *ever* summer Midnight Gladness event! What a fantastic way to spend an evening with a whole mix of fun for you, service to others, and so much in between. The summer Midnight Gladness event is this Friday, August 4, 6:00 pm-midnight at the church. Dinner will kick things off and then loads of outdoor fun is planned which also includes a trip to Packs for

Ice Cream! (Bring \$ for your own ice cream treat.) Later in the evening we will go on a shopping excursion to Walmart to purchase school supplies for children of Orchard View Elementary School. The funds for this project were raised during VBS week when the youth held a Car Wash one evening. All youth, rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:edgukaytor3@aol.com)), or Graham Taylor (540-247-4663, [gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com](mailto:gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com)).

### **PRE-SERVICE PIANO CONCERT**

Will be held next Sunday, August 6 at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary. Beautiful and inspirational music from the stage and screen. To include: *Somewhere Over the Rainbow, You'll Never Walk Alone, Climb Every Mountain, Ashokan Farewell, I'll Walk with God...*and more.

### **ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

All young people are invited to bring their backpacks 10:00 am worship on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special blessing as a new school year begins. We encourage school teachers, staff and administrators (bring your tote bags and carry-ons) of all ages to be present, as well, as we include you in our circle of blessing.

### **LOGOS REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT SUNDAY**

Our 20<sup>th</sup> year of LOGOS is coming ever closer! Children and youth, K-12, are invited to participate in this exciting year. The theme is "Great are You Lord—Celebrating 20 Years!" Registration is EASY. Beginning next Sunday, you can simply stop by the table in the Gathering area to complete the one-page registration form or go online to the church website [www.opequonchurch.org](http://www.opequonchurch.org) to find the form. If you have any questions about LOGOS, LOGOS leaders will be at the registration table and they are more

than happy to answer your questions or feel free to contact Carole Witt at [dce@opequonchurch.org](mailto:dce@opequonchurch.org) or 662-1843 with your questions.

## **HYMN SING**

Our annual hymn sing will be held on Sunday, August 13, at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Do you have a favorite hymn from your youth? Maybe a song you sang at Sunday School? Feel free to suggest it for our annual summer hymn sing. Maybe it's in our new hymnal—maybe it isn't. You tell us what it is and we'll try to find it and prepare for all to share it together. Use the form located in this bulletin and place it in the basket on the chest in the back of the Sanctuary.

## **LIVE STREAM OF WORSHIP SERVICE**

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.

## **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.

## **“OFF THE GRID”**

David Witt continues sabbatical through Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. A sabbatical is a period of "Rest, Renewal, and Study." For our pastor, taking that time away is both an act of faith that God will sustain him 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. Pastor David communicates freely and timely. However, when he is in sabbatical mode, he will be "Off the Grid" for the time. That means we are not to call, text or email him.

**Tracie Martin**, our wonderful Parish Associate, is available during David's 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**.

### **SAVE THESE AUGUST DATES**

**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> - Annual Blessings of the Backpacks - 10:00 am**  
**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> - Open Door Worship Outdoors - 6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Orientation - 11:15 am**  
**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> - LOGOS Fun Fest - 11:15 am**

# **CHURCH PICNIC**

**Sunday, August 13  
at 5:30 p.m.  
Pitcock Shelter**

## **Open Door Worship with PS 150 Follows**

We're providing the hot dogs, condiments, beverages, and all the paper products, as well as eating and serving utensils. Plus ice cream sandwiches!

Please bring a salad or side to share.

