

Opequon Presbyterian Church

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

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! 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 a.m. each Sunday. There are classes for all ages and interests.
- **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, 540-662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

Opequon Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 14, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Christian Family Sunday/Mothers' Day

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Lullaby.....Warriner

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 (Worship Order p. 6)..... *My Life Is in You, Lord*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, God shows us the way, reveals to us his truth, and offers us everlasting life.

May we keep our eyes upon the Lord, that we may see Christ's path more clearly, know Christ's truth more fully, and receive Christ's life more abundantly.

Let us worship God.

† HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 645 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord and God, Easter is such a wonderful season. Hope springs anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we want to stay within this contentment forever. But you have called us to go into the valley, to those who need to hear of your love and to feel your

caring presence. In his words of hope, as he was sharing words of farewell, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in your love and peace. So, we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness to your transforming love and to the peace only you can give. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. Help us face our weakness and your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins, and place us again on the path of peace.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 7, vv. 1,3)... *Jesus, You're the Way*

† 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

ANTHEM *Our Dwelling Place*

Lloyd Larsen—Commissioned by Opequon Presbyterian Church,

in celebration of our church's 275th anniversary (1736-2011) and in joyous anticipation of generations to come.

Lord, You've been our dwelling place throughout the generations. Lord, You've been our dwelling place, our shelter in the time of storm. Before the mountains were born, and long before You brought forth the earth, from everlasting You are God! You have been our dwelling place! Teach us to number our days aright to gain a heart of wisdom. And satisfy us with Your love. May Your favor rest upon us, Lord, Your glory in our children. Anoint the work You've called us here to do. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord! May your favor rest upon us, Lord, Your glory in our children anoint the work You've called us here to do. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame, from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same. Lord, You've been our dwelling place. You have been our dwelling place. Amen!

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

FIRST LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10Pew Bible p. 984

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14Pew Bible p. 877

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN.....“God Gave Us Families”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 311*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

SERMON..... “You Know the Way!”

David R. Witt, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Songs My Mother Taught Me*..... Arr. Livingston

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

LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY

Today is a celebration we call the Festival of the Christian Home or Christian Family Sunday. For many of us it is also a celebration called Mother’s Day. We are reminded that God has called us together in relationships of love, nurture, and growth that we may witness to God’s love and power in our lives.

We celebrate the many ways in which families are designed, from the single person who is in the family of God, to the multitude of family systems. In the midst of all these differences, God is the constant loving presence with us.

Flashes of blinding light, Creation, earth, water, wind, fire, all came together to form God’s world.

In the beginning, God lovingly created...

Beasts of the field, creatures of the waters, birds of the air, people, all that have breath received the holy breath of God.

And God called all of it good and blessed it all...

God’s love was poured to all the people, no matter how many times they turned their backs and decided that their own ways were best.

Time after time, God called to the people to return...

In the fullness of time, God's Son, Jesus, came to teach and witness to the powerful and gentle love of God.

And in God's time, Jesus changed the whole world...

From a huddled group of frightened disciples emerged a mighty source of proclaiming witnesses to God's presence and power through Jesus Christ.

And we have seen such a great cloud of witnesses...

Now, in this time and in this place, we, the family of God, are called to live and breathe the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.

In our homes, in our work, in our schools, everywhere, we are called to be God's family of compassionate love and justice.

Praise be to God who has called us here!

Praise be to God who continues to bless us. Amen.

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. 321..... *The Church's One Foundation*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 238 (Refrain)..... *Thine Is the Glory*

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

†POSTLUDE

IN HONOR OF WOMEN AND MOTHERS

The Christian Education Team has purchased and planted some flowers along the walkway into the Dell Room/Office entrance. As these grow and bloom throughout the upcoming seasons, we are appreciative of how all moms have helped us all grow and bloom with vibrant lives!

Happy Mother's Day! The Fellowship Ministry is honoring mothers, past and present, with a small token for the women of our church. Please take one as you exit today.

My Life Is in you, Lord

CCLI # 1622560

David Gardner



My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;



my hope is in you, Lord; in You, it's in You.



My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;



my hope is in you, Lord; in You, it's in You.



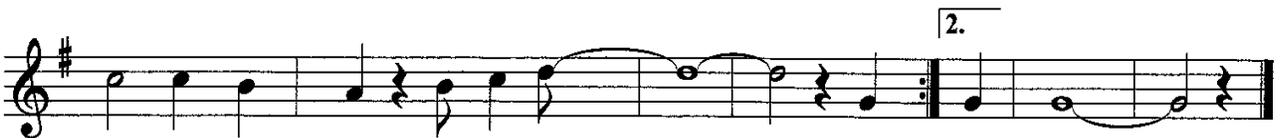
I will praise you with all of my life,



I will praise you with all of my strength,



with all of my life with all of my strength.



All of my hope is in You. My in you

Jesus, You're the Way

CCLI # 1622560

John 14:6
Songs of Praise

Words and Music by
Walt Harrah



1. Je - sus, you're the way. — In you all
2. Je - sus, Prince of Peace, the Branch from
3. Shep-herd of the soul, — the light of



truth is found, The foun - tain - head of life, —
Da - vid's throne, Mes - si - ah Son of God,
ev - 'ry - one, — the King of Kings who reigns



— the on - ly door: _____
— the Great I Am: _____
— in glo - ry now: _____



Where else can I turn? — Where else can I go?



— You a - lone have the on - ly words I

need to know.

You a - lone have the

on - ly words I need to know. —

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SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Natalie Youngblood
 Beadle: Tom Tandy
 Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
 Hospitality: Brenda Hawkins, Graham Taylor
 Liturgist: Dave Richards
 Ushers: Virginia Barr, Pat Heavner, Jack, Jim & Natalie Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Nathan Lightcap
 Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
 Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Betty Ganoe
 Liturgist: Lynn Metheny
 Nametags: Dulcie Reed
 Ushers: Bailey Cooper, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,
 Jonathan Lightcap, Reagan Newhouse, Bill Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 14-21, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Mother's Day, Christian Family Sunday
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Mother's Day, Christian Family Sunday

THIS WEEK

- Monday: GIS Students—1:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Auction Drop-off—5:00-7:00 pm—Church Garage
PS 150 Rehearsal—6:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Visioning Team—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: GIS Students—1:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Nominating Committee—5:30 pm—David's Office
Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall
Auction Drop-off—5:00-7:00 pm—Church Garage
Opequon on the Lawn Volunteer Meeting—6:30 pm
—Picnic Shelter
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: WATTS Expansion Task Force—11:30 am—David's Office
Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm—Classroom 4 & 5
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room
Opequon on the Lawn Set Up—8:00 am
Festival—11:00 am-4:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY— Presbyterian Heritage Sunday/Graduation Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
Confirmation Class & Newcomers with Session—9:45 am—Memorial Sanctuary
Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21
Sermon: "Journeys"
Honoring Our High School Graduates
Fellowship Reception
Presbyterian Youth Connection Picnic—12:30 pm—Pitcock Shelter

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Frances Pitcock
Evan Nordeen
Heide Mohler & Family
Beatrice Poe
Robert Walker
Rick Praml
Larry Schryver
Robinson/Homan Family
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Cindy Sousa
Wayne Lake
Edgar Tufts
Carlene Lemasters
Dick & Gail Crane
Kim Chicklo
Marjory Journell
Natalie Williams

Carlos Valdez
Bob Weidele
Helen Lucas
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Fred & Vicki Earnshaw
James Ingram
Gary Kain
Charles Lawson
Nancy Kerns
Melissa Ambers
Bill Simmons
Barbara Patterson
Gary Snapp
Kelly McCord
Doug York
Tom & Vicki Harman
Arden & McKinney Ireland
John Sidell

Barb Sumner
Sherry Clark
Verity Morrow
Joe Strosnider
Susan Martin
Donna Coffman
Rebekah Witt
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
Colleen McMurdo
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.

PYC NEWS

- ❖ Enjoy time with your MOM today and treat her well. No youth gathering today.
- ❖ NEXT SUNDAY, May 21, 12:30 pm: All youth and their families are invited to the CLOSING CELEBRATION event. This will be right after 11:00 worship. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided along with all the fixings. Please bring a side dish to share. There will be a great volleyball tournament happening with young people and parents! Don't worry if you are not the greatest volleyball player- there will be some fun variations to the standard game. Let's join together for some great fun.

WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

"CANDY-YUM! YUM!" There is a lesson in the sweetness! Children will discover that the sweetness of candy only lasts so long, but knowing Jesus can have lasting joy and sweetness. God created good things in this world to remind us of HIS goodness. This is a sweet lesson with a treat attached! All preschool-5th grade children are invited to come enjoy the activities of the morning in Classroom #3 at 9:45 am.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 7TH:

8:30 am—77

Sunday School—46

11:00 am—103

OPEQUON ON THE LAWN—Volunteers Are Needed!

It's Not Too Late to Volunteer! Volunteer meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Picnic Shelter. Come and join us!

DOWNSIZING OR SPRING CLEANING?

Maybe you've found some treasures while cleaning out and letting go during the Lenten Challenge. If you haven't yet donated those nicer/gently used items to your favorite charity, we need auction items for Opequon on the Lawn's Live Auction on May 20th. All auction items must be dropped off at the church garage Monday, May 15 (5:00-7:00 pm), or Wednesday, May 17 (5:00-7:00 pm). The committee reserves the right to donate unsuitable items. Contact JoEllen Delamatta 540-931-2667, or Susanna Shade 540-868-1248, if you have any questions.

THE VBS 'FACTORY FUN SHOP' IS HERE!

Just 3 weeks left to get registered for the terrific VBS week of "Tinkering at the Factory", June 11-15, 4:30-7:30pm. We will be discovering how God made each of us ON PURPOSE for A PURPOSE! VBS is open to 4-year old's through 8th grade along with an adult class opportunity. (Special track planned for 5-8th grade to include a field trip night and some special projects) Invite your friends now and register yourself too! **Registration is open until June 4.** Many volunteers are needed too. Meander over to the Factory Fun Shop display for registration and volunteer forms.

In Remembrance

Mary Vann Thompson

August 17, 1918-May 8, 2017

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26