

Opequon Presbyterian Church

When the foolish
took their lamps,
they took no oil
with them; but the
wise took flasks of
oil with their lamps.



Matthew 25:3-4, NRSV

“Prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ’s
hands, heart and feet in the world.”

--OPC Mission Statement

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 are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket 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. 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 before 12:00 pm on Friday.

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



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 12, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

God and the Nation Scriveyner

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

MINUTES FOR MISSION "WATTS"

Heather Burton, Co-Director

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 628 (vv. 1, 3)..... *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

It is time to wake up, for God is about to surprise us.

It is time to prepare, for God's love is about to change the world.

It is time to get ready, for God needs us to proclaim the good news.

It is time to start planning, for God's invitation will fill our church.

It is time to worship, for God is here now!

We will worship and witness together!

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 352..... *My Lord! What a Morning*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mystery, we want to stay awake and be ready for your surprises, but we are tired and overcome with the usual routine. We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of your kingdom, but we are frustrated by our need for immediate gratification. We want to believe your promises from

ancient days, but we are overwhelmed with postmodern doubts. Come to us again, O God. Awaken us with your unexpected grace. Shock us with your daring mercy. Lift us up from lethargy and set our feet on your path once more.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 6)..... *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

† 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 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*
Lloyd Larson

Come, all Christians, be committed, to the service of the Lord; make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord. Come into His courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew, turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew. Of your time and talents give now, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely, to proclaim His wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring; in your work, with Christ find favor, and with joy His praises sing. Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ’s name believe; worship Him with consecration, grace and love will you receive. For His grace give Christ the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and repeat the gospel story until all His name have heard. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Come all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Pew Bible p. 187

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13..... Pew Bible p. 806

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 362 *Rejoice! Rejoice Believers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Sleepers Wake*..... Bach

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

VETERAN’S DAY REMEMBRANCE & RECOGNITION

HYMN NO. 338 (v. 2) *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

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. 840..... *It Is Well with My Soul*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468 (vv. 1, 3)..... *In My Life*
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**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

†POSTLUDE

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

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Traditional



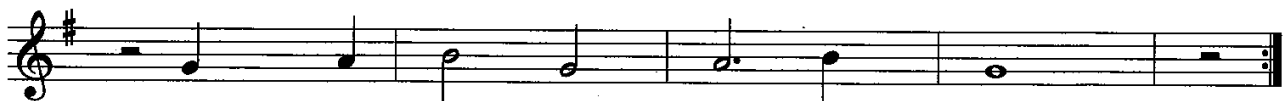
Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter.
Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"



Since I laid my bur - den down.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 12-19, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Veterans' Day Remembrance
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Veterans' Day Remembrance
12:15 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection (Gr. 6-12)
& Congregational Care Ministry—Bageant Room
2:00 pm: Eagle Scout Ceremony—Sanctuary
Reception—Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Elder Training—David's Office

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Men of Opequon Dinner—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR
Program/Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Bageant Room
GLOW Covered-Dish—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
LOGOS—4:30-7:30 pm—Theme: "Count Your Blessings"
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Young Adults—8:30 pm—50/50 Taphouse
Saturday: Pilgrims' Feast Set-Up—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY—Thanksgiving Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Session Meeting with Newcomers—9:45 am—Memorial Sanctuary
Judges 4:1-7, Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon: "How We Live"
LOGOS Worship Groups (11:00)
Pilgrims' Feast—12:15 pm—Fellowship Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carbaugh Family
Jim Butler
Lori Jones
Texas Shooting Tragedy
William Bland
McCord Family
Bill Heavner
Stephen Armstrong
Bruce Medcalf
Yeakley Pullen
Chrissy Robinson
Roseann Gundy
Jane Damewood
Russell & Mary Lee Metheny
Alexis Dunne
Gretchen Cooley
Mary Henneman

Susan Lee
Heidi McMurdo
Jerry Edwards
Mac McNichols
Dick Crane
Russ Cutshall
First Responders; FEMA,
National & Local
Jennifer O'Ferrell
Art Sperry
Annette Tutlon
Kerry Foster
Robert L Adams
Carolyn Rutherford
Katie Heavner Baker
Steve Guthrie
Mark Wilhelm

James Searcy
Casey Carr
Al Owens
Donna & Terry Coffman
Gordy Lindow
Frances Pitcock
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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Church Mekane Yesus

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are by the Buonocore Family to the glory of God.

SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS—IT IS ALL ABOUT BEING GENEROUS!

The quality of being generous is pertinent to every age, so we won't be leaving the children out of this conversation. Children preschool-4th grade will be exploring the whole concept of being generous towards others through stories, examples, and games. This exciting workshop meets in classroom 3 on the downstairs hallway. The leaders are generously giving their time and look forward to many kids joining them.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- TODAY-It's Visitation Day! We will meet after the 11 o'clock service to go see Opequon members who are unable to come to church. Bring a brown bag lunch over to the Bageant Room where we will meet up with Congregational Care before we head out for some visiting!
- November 18-Pilgrim's Feast Set-Up 10:00 am at church
- November 19-Pilgrim's Feast at 12:15 pm. Come serve those in our congregation as they sit down to a delicious Thanksgiving Meal after

church. This is the fundraiser for our Christmas service project during Midnight Gladness. We will greet everyone, pour drinks, pass out food, and share about our faith journeys

MEN OF OPEQUON TOMORROW NIGHT

We will welcome Opequon's own, Dr. Alan McKay, as our speaker at MOO tomorrow night. Alan's vocational and spiritual journey has been one of great intellect and creativity. From founding a pharmacy school to building a rock wall to writing a book, Alan is a visionary who has an entrepreneurial spirit always about him. He will be sharing at our gathering tomorrow night at 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room. And, don't forget: before our meeting, we assemble at Chick-fil-A (Pleasant Valley Road) at 6:00 pm for our monthly meal.

GLOW-COVERED DISH DINNER NIGHT

Opequon women are invited to the covered dish dinner this Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Bring a main dish, vegetable, salad, fruit or dessert to add to the 'buffet' of items and join in an evening of 'gratefulness'. Dinner, devotion, delightful humor, and a game to spark some great comments will fill the evening. Be grateful for some time with other women!

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS

If you are interested in participating in a "Grief and the Holiday" session before Thanksgiving, possibly this week, and then a session in the winter months for the four to six week class, please contact Patty Klinefelter at 869-6080 or pklinefe@gmail.com.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Patty Klinefelter, Opequon's own Faith Community Nurse, will conduct blood pressure screenings next Sunday, after 8:30 and before and after 11:00 worship.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH:

8:30-75

Faith Formation-59

11:00-106

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Dobler Family would like to cordially invite church members to join us in celebrating the 90th birthday of our mother, **Betty Dobler**. The celebration is an open house on Saturday, November 25, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at The Villages at Orchard Ridge. To RSVP, please email her daughter at megherndon@gmail.com. No gifts please.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Brayden Rockwell
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Pat Heavner, Brayden Rockwell, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Ashton Clark
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Kirsta Weber
Liturgist: Scarlett Kibler
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Tucker Birchenough, Ashton Clark, Jason Hathaway, Brooke Moses, Kyle Homan, Bill Robinson

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS

- ❖ **November 16**-Trivia Night is at 50/50 Taphouse at 8:30 pm. We will test our knowledge with some random questions and have fun hanging out!
- ❖ **November 26**-Join the Opequon youth after worship as they serve some food to those who live in local motels and enjoy conversation with one another.

GROUP EMAIL MESSAGES FROM OPC

We have recently learned that members in the congregation who are Comcast customers no longer receive our twice weekly emails. Comcast has placed opequonchurch.org on their black list for sending "spam." There is nothing we can do to remedy the situation. **Each individual customer needs to call and speak to Comcast directly.** They can make the adjustment to fix on their end.

PILGRIM'S FEAST FOOD DONATIONS DUE

If you signed up to bring donations for the Pilgrim's Feast, then please bring non-perishables to Rebekah Witt's office any time the church office is open. Items that are to be frozen can be labeled "Pilgrim's Feast" and placed in the Fellowship Hall freezer. The youth are very grateful for all your donations that will help make a Thanksgiving meal on November 19 at 12:15 pm. Come that day to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 23 at First Presbyterian Church in Winchester. It is presented by Frederick and Winchester church partners, corporate sponsors, and business supporters. Last year, 1,300 meals were plated with the help of over 450 volunteers! There are many ways to be a part of the “gift to the community.” **120 baked turkeys and 120 pumpkin, apple, or pecan pies are needed.** You may sign up to volunteer or donate food at www.pfcwinc.org or call Bob Cleaver, 540-771-7572 or Bill Stewart at 540-771-7569.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The OPC Community Garden is applying for the seed money grant again this year. We are being challenged to raise \$600 via our crowdfunding page during our 30-day challenge period. The first 50 projects that are able to do so will be granted an additional \$400 seed money. The 30-day challenge period runs from November 15 to December 15. You can donate directly by visiting our crowdfunding page: <https://donate.seedmoney.org/1318/opc-community-garden>. For more information or to donate by check reach out to one of our garden leaders: Robin Owens - robinowensopcsession@gmail.com
Dana Kelly - davedana@comcast.net
Joelle Cafaro - drhealer@gmail.com

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let's talk about the Words of Assurance.

- The words of assurance immediately follow the Prayer of Confession. After we have said we are “sorry” to God, we hear the good news that God forgives us for everything. THANKS BE TO GOD!
- The words of assurance are the words that express to us that God is gracious and forgiving. These words are necessary so that people are not left wondering if they are forgiven or not.
- The words of assurance remind us of God's unending love through Jesus.
- This part of worship offers us the guarantee, the promise, the trust that God sets us free from our sin. That is great news!

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express God's presence and our joy as we await the coming Christ?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

How do we prepare and stay ready for meeting God?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

In our busy world, daily encounters with delay are sometimes difficult to accept. How can we know God's presence with us, remaining steady and at peace while extending God's hospitality and love?

When do we say to God, "Count me in!"?

How is that going for us?

What gets in our way?

What are we doing for God?

How can we worship God and be stronger witnesses in the world?

What did I learn from our study of Joshua 24 and Matthew 25 that I will apply to my life?