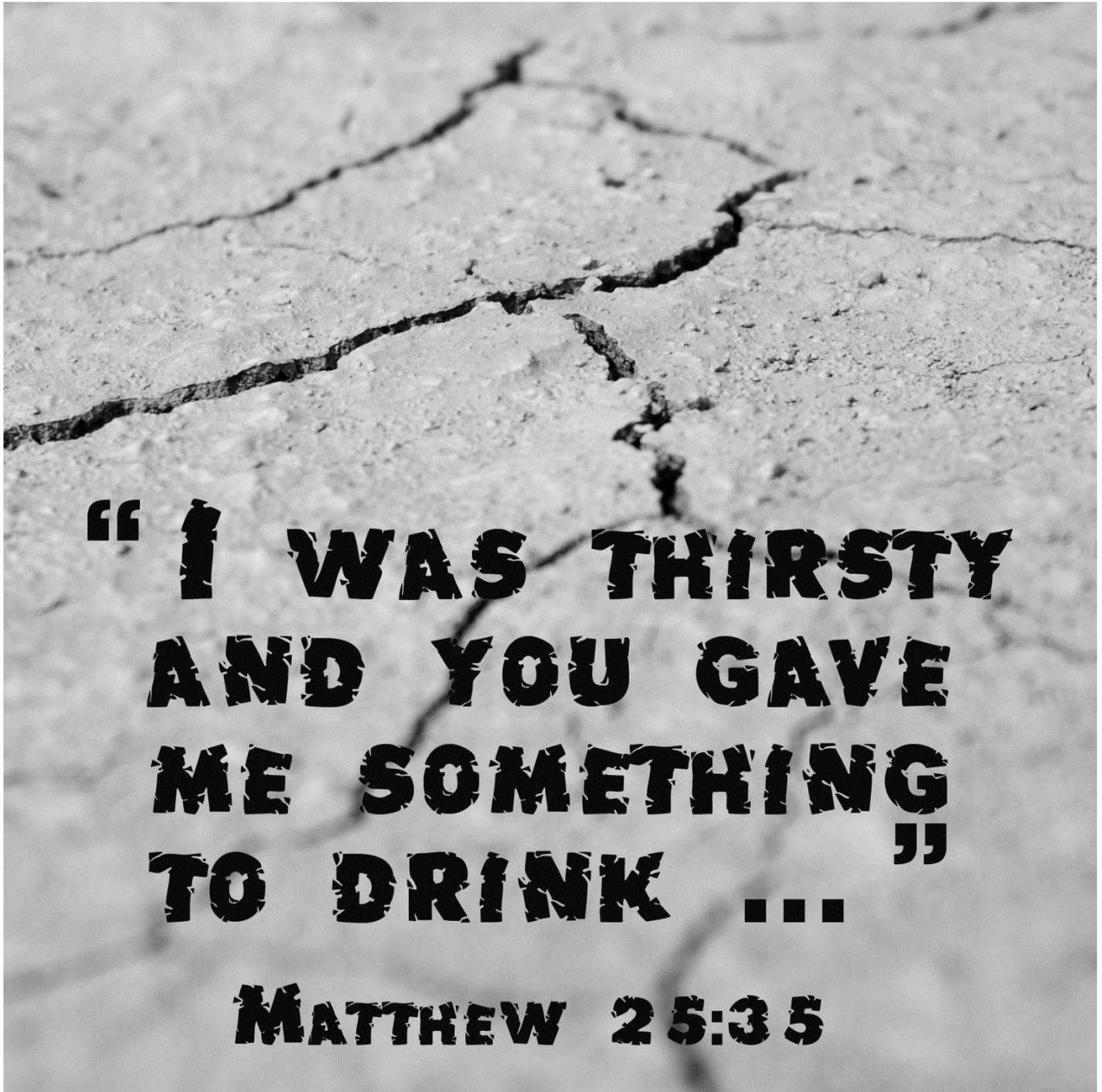


# Opequon Presbyterian Church



“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 26, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Christ the King  
Reign of Christ Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Diademata* ..... Arr . Innes

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 NO. 273 ..... *He Is King of Kings*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord God is our shepherd.

**We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

**But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 265 ..... *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive

us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice. However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Forgiven and freed, turn then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 443..... *There Is a Redeemer*

† 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 ..... *Power in Jesus' Name*

Nelson, McHugh, Brown & Nalsh

We have pow'r, power in the name of Jesus! We have pow'r, pow'r, power in Jesus' name! Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue shall confess, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Son of Righteousness. Hell is trembling at the strength we possess, we have pow'r, pow'r, power in Jesus' Name! Now our eyes behold whom the prophets told, see Him healing the blind and the lame! He gives command, sends us through the land, bringing deliv'rance with pow'r in His name. There are many times when I think I can't go on, when the burden seems so heavy and the road I walk so long. When my future seems uncertain and the past just never ends, I can come before the Savior, to where my hope begins. In Jesus' name, there is a love beyond compare. In Jesus' name, His perfect peace is always there, and the strength I need to live is only His to give, in Jesus' name, Jesus' name. He is all I'll ever need, and all I need is Jesus. In Jesus' name, there is a love beyond compare. In Jesus' name, His perfect peace is always there. And the strength I need to live, is only His to give, in Jesus's name.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ..... Pew Bible p. 702

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46 ..... Pew Bible p. 807

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “A Different Kind of King”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 274 ..... *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

SERMON.....“The Living Presence of Christ”  
Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

**Christ is King!**

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virginia Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;

**Christ is King!**

He descended into hell;

**Christ is King!**

The third day he rose again from the dead;

**Christ is King!**

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty;

**Christ is King!**

From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**Christ is King!**

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. 269..... *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 384 (v. 1) ..... *Soon and Very Soon*

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. (x3)**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re going to see the King!**

†POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 26-December 3, 2017

### TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour  
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
12:15 pm: Motel Ministry–Fellowship Hall

### THIS WEEK

Monday: Christian Believer–3:00 pm–Bageant Room  
Shenandoah Valley Chorus–6:00 pm–Sanctuary

Tuesday: Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting–Third Church, Staunton,  
Bill Bayliss & Bill Burslem, elder commissioners  
Highland Food Pantry–5:30 pm–HHF, Confirmation Class &  
OPC Volunteers

Wednesday: Staff Luncheon–11:30 am  
LOGOS–4:30 pm–Annual Teacher Night  
Theme: “Beat the Clock Night”  
Choir Practice–7:30 pm–Sanctuary

Thursday: TVOR Lunch Bunch–11:30 am  
WATTS Volunteer Training–7:00 pm–Fellowship Hall  
Scout Troop 1–7:00 pm–Assembly Room

Friday: Shuttle Bus Arrival–10:00 am  
Midnight Gladness–6:30 pm–Fellowship Hall

Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina–8:00 am–Bageant Room  
Sanctuary Decorating–10:00 am

### NEXT SUNDAY–First Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship–8:30 & 11:00 am  
G.I.F.T. Event–9:45 am–Fellowship Hall  
Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37  
Sermon: “Expectations!”  
Communion, CCAP Offering  
Shenandoah Valley chorus Christmas Concert–3:00pm–Sanctuary

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Will & Katie Baker  
Al Owens  
Betty Bly  
Tracie & Bill Martin & Family  
Charles Nicholson  
Judy Ravenscroft Family  
Tom O'Connor  
Joe Simmons  
Bill Adams  
Carol Tubbs  
Helen DeCeault Family  
Kes Tariku & Family  
Jim Butler  
Lori Jones  
Texas Shooting Tragedy  
William Bland  
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  
Mac McNichols  
Russ Cutshall  
First Responders; FEMA,  
National & Local  
Jennifer O'Ferrell  
Art Sperry  
Annette Tutlon  
Kerry Foster

Robert L Adams  
Carolyn Rutherford  
Steve Guthrie  
Mark Wilhelm  
James Searcy  
Casey Carr  
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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## PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender  
Liturgist: Jack Youngblood  
Ushers: Mike Butler, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

11:00

Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Betty Ganoe  
Liturgist: Scarlett Kibler  
Nametags: Kail Barbe  
Usher: Bill Hopeck

## ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>:

8:30–77

Faith Formation–70

11:00–150

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS—GOD GAVE US THE WORLD!**

It is an interesting adventure for children as they learn about their place in God's big world! The world is full of so much for us at home and beyond. Children preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to discover how we each have an important place that begins at home and spreads out from there. A fantastic story, a musical game and a special treat await the children! This exciting workshop meets TODAY in Classroom #3, 9:45 am on the downstairs hallway.

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12**

- ❖ **TODAY-Motel Ministry at 12:15 pm**—Be a part of our monthly outreach where we visit the local motels with toiletries, food, and paper products. We need YOU to give just a little bit of your time towards this ministry. It's as easy as being a friendly face in the neighborhood!
- ❖ **Friday, December 1/2-Midnight Gladness 6:30 pm-1:00 am**  
Oh yeah! One of your favorite events of the year is right around the corner! Come to the church on Friday night into the wee hour of Saturday morning as we eat dinner, play games, reflect, journal, eat some more, do a prayer walk, shop, wrap, and make cards for families. It will be a packed evening of faith, fun, and fellowship for you and any friends you bring along!

## **YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS:**

**TODAY**-Join the Opequon Youth after church at 12:15 pm as they serve chili to those who live in local motels and enjoy conversation with one another. The youth need some additional helping hands, so please come!  
**December 3-GAME NIGHT!** Meet in the church Fellowship Hall 4:00-6:00pm for some board game playing and also help put together college care packages for people from Opequon who are away at school! Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS SERVING AT HIGHLAND FOOD PANTRY**

Our confirmation students will be lending their helping hands this Tuesday night as they volunteer their time at Highland Food Pantry. They will assist in getting food for families, caring for children, and carrying boxes of food for families. Thank you, confirmation students!

## **ANNUAL TEACHER NIGHT AT LOGOS**

This Wednesday is our annual Teacher Night at LOGOS when we welcome teachers, coaches, and administrators to join us for dinner, holy hilarity after dinner, and a special sharing of music by the LOGOS young people. It is a highlight of the LOGOS year and we are grateful to share this time with these great adults who help guide our young people!

## **WATTS VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Will be held for all new or seasoned volunteers this Thursday, November 30, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You will find blue volunteer sign-up sheets on the Nametag Table. Contact Volunteer Coordinators **Graham Taylor**, 540-247-4663, [gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com](mailto:gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com) or **Heather Burton**, 540-771-0121, [mcpitch5@hotmail.com](mailto:mcpitch5@hotmail.com) if you are willing to serve in any capacity.

## **ADVENT IS A BIG DEAL! COME TO G.I.F.T. DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

We are making a BIG DEAL about Advent and we want YOU to be a part of it! Advent begins next Sunday, December 3! You are invited to the G.I.F.T. Event that morning at 9:45 am. "GIFT" means 'generations in faith together'. It is a morning when all ages come together for the educational time and on December 3, you will get treated to a pancake breakfast, Advent music, and some extraordinary Advent moments! G.I.F.T. is for ALL of US. Treasure being united and coming together to begin Advent in a special way.

## **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](mailto:robinowensopcsession@gmail.com)

Dana Kelly - [davedana@comcast.net](mailto:davedana@comcast.net)

Joelle Cafaro - [drhealer@gmail.com](mailto:drhealer@gmail.com)

# TY HEADLEY TREE OF WARMTH—ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

Envelopes Now Available in Pew Racks

## GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS

A "Grief and the Holiday" session will be held on Tuesday, December 6, at 11:00 am in the Bageant Room. Please contact Patty Klinefelter at 869-6080 or [pklinefe@gmail.com](mailto:pklinefe@gmail.com) to register.

## MOTEL MINISTRY ANGEL TREE ITEMS NEEDED

In December, Motel Ministry falls on Christmas Eve. The youth invite you to join us at 11:15 am, after morning worship ends, when we visit those who live in local motels. We will serve soup and provide them with a small gift to unwrap. If you can't join us that day, then please stop by the Angel Tree in the Gathering Area to pick up a tag with listed items that are needed. Donations are due by Sunday, December 17. Questions? Let Rebekah Witt know. Thank you!

## FOOD BAGS FOR ORCHARD VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know that Opequon Church provides food bags the first weekend of each month for students at Orchard View Elementary School? This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year and we are up to packing 61 food bags for the first Friday each month. This is helpful to students, so they have food over the weekend. Items such as cereal, oatmeal, juice boxes, fruit cups, vegetables, and soup mixes go in food bags. Many thanks to the Hands Heart Feet class for packing the bags today to go to the school later this week.

## 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!



# Paint for Baja

# FUNDRAISER



**A fun activity for  
artists of all talent levels  
and will benefit our  
Baja Mission.**

**December 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Greene Turtle  
185 Kernstown Commons Blvd  
Winchester, VA**

**Food and drink available for  
purchase during this event.**

**Tickets on sale  
November 19-26**



**\$40 per person  
with limited  
seating!**



## WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

### Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music praise Christ the King and express his coming reign?

### Notes on Today's Prayers

### Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

What kind of King is Jesus?

### Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

When have I failed to be Christ to others?

How can I be Christ to others?

How would it change me to see the face of Christ in every stranger I meet?

What did I learn from our study of Ezekiel 34 and Matthew 25 that I will apply to my life?