

# Opequon Presbyterian Church

**“MAKING A DIFFERENCE”**



## **STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY**

“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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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 5, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

**Stewardship Dedication Sunday**

**All Saints' Celebration**

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

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

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY ..... Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

### †ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 710 ..... *We Lift Our Voices*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the God of abundant blessing! What shall we bring before God?

**We bring our bodies and spirits - broken and in need of healing.**

What shall we bring before God?

**We bring our dreams and our hopes to be fulfilled.**

What shall we bring before God?

**We bring our gratitude and our commitment to make a difference in our community and world.**

What shall we bring before God?

**We bring ourselves. May our offerings and our dedication be holy and acceptable to God.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 694 ..... *Great God of Every Blessing*

(Please be seated for prayer)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God of blessing and grace, you call us to live lives of gratitude, yet we are prone to grumbling. You call us to be faithful with your many gifts, but our days are frequently marked by neglect of the trust you have in us. You call us to be generous, but we respond with tight-fistedness. You call us to live in solidarity with others, but we treat brothers and sisters in the body as strangers. You call us to stand steadfast in your love, but we commit ourselves to endeavors that do not reflect your plan and purpose for our lives. Remind us of who we are and call us again, Lord God, setting us on your path of making a difference through our discipleship and through the ministry of your Church in the world. Renew our dedication through worship on this day.

## MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Jesus Christ, God has revealed the true measure of generosity and the great treasure of grace. May God move us, even in the poverty of our hearts, to offer everything we have so that our lives may bear witness to the abundance of God's love in Christ.

## LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 647 ..... *Give Thanks*

† 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

## TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING ON ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On this All Saints' Sunday, we celebrate our great communion with the saints and especially honor the memory and lives of those who have died in the past year and joined the Church Triumphant...

*Barbara Ann Reese*

*Connie DeHaven Robinson*

*Betty L. Bush Wright*

*Robert Alfred “Bob” Weidele*

*Arthur Hawling “Art” Fulton*

*Mary Vann Sager Thompson*

*June Lucille Seal*

*Roy Bayliss “Joe” Strosnider*

On the small white cross you were given this morning, you are invited to write the name(s) of those saints living or dead whom you would like to remember. We invite you to come forward in small groups as we sing the hymn; bring that small cross forward to the larger cross and place it on a hook in a time of remembrance and thanksgiving.

**ANTHEM ..... *From Generation to Generation***

Lynn Shaw Bailey/Becki Slagle Mayo  
Carroll Youngblood, Terry & Josh Hartman (8:30)  
Jason, Laurel & Jack Hathaway (11:00)

From father to daughter, from mother to son, God’s story of love is passed on. From hearts of the faithful, the truth of God’s Word, has been made known. From generation to ev’ry generation, we have heard the story. From ages past, to days that come at last, we find hope in God’s grace and glory. God’s faithfulness will always endure, God’s love is sure. The saints of the ages have answered the call; God’s story of love has been told. The gift of salvation is given for all, both young and old. God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

**THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 3:7-17 ..... Pew Bible p. 170

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 23:1-12 ..... Pew Bible p. 804

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... “Making a Difference”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 730 ..... *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

SERMON ..... “Pointing Beyond Ourselves”

Pastor David R. Witt

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 712 ..... *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

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

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say “debts” and “debtors” in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Hymn No. 729 ..... *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

No. 326 ..... *For All the Saints*

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

### INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 697 ..... *Take My Life*

### †ACT OF DEDICATION

During the singing of the hymn, you and your family are invited to come forward to the Communion Table and place your giving card on the table.

### †PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**Gracious God, Giver of All: we give thanks that you have abundantly blessed us with gifts and responsibilities as stewards of your bounty. Thank you for your trust. Thank you for calling us to make a difference through Opequon. Thank you for our relationships within this community of faith. Thank you for your vision, calling us to engage in your mission in our neighborhoods and in the world. Bless our gifts and our acts of consecration that generosity may overflow. Bless our promises made this day that we may be about your work in the world as the hands, heart, feet, and mind of Christ. Through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### †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

### COMMUNION TODAY

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Melissa & Jim Youngblood, Karen Winters, Bill Martin, Sandy Vess, Graham Taylor, and Edwina Johansen. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Bill Bayliss, Denise Weidele, John Sherman, Kyle Homan, Ellen Neff, Carole Witt, and Keith McMurdo.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 5-12, 2017

## TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Stewardship Dedication Walk,  
All Saints' Remembrance, Communion
- 9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Stewardship Dedication Walk,  
All Saints' Remembrance, Communion
- 12:15 pm: Youth Council—Bageant Room
- 5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12)— Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 pm: Covered Dish Supper—Memorial Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm: Open Door Worship—Memorial Sanctuary

## THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Election Day—Please Remember to Vote!  
Technology & Communication—5:15 pm—Bageant Room  
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall  
Devotions—6:45 pm  
Meetings—7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall  
LOGOS—4:30-7:30 pm—Theme: “Bee Thankful”  
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Read ‘em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of the Tandys  
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Alyn Fletcher Memorial—10:00 am--Sanctuary

## NEXT SUNDAY—Veterans' Day Remembrance

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am  
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am  
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Matthew 25:1-13  
Sermon: “Listening to the Teachings”  
Remembering & Honoring Those Who Have Served  
Elder Training—5:00 pm—David's Office

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bill Heavner  
Stephen Armstrong  
Bruce Medcalf  
Yeakley Pullen  
Chrissy Robinson  
Roseann Gundy  
Jane Damewood  
Russell & Mary Lee Metheny  
Alexis Dunne  
Mason Cullers Family  
Mary Lou Thomas  
Gretchen Cooley  
Mary Henneman  
Susan Lee  
Heidi McMurdo  
Jerry Edwards

Mac McNichols  
Wildfire Victims  
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  
Jay & Marjory Journell  
Donna & Terry Coffman  
Gordy Lindow  
Frances Pitcock  
Dottie Edwards  
Gary Strickler  
Carlos Valdez  
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, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

## THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Bill Hopeck in memory of his wife, Carol.

## SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS—Come to “I SPY” today!

“I SPY something that is heavy”, I SPY something that is round and has water in it”. Think of all the things we can SEE and how they are a blessing to us! Children preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade will be playing some “I SPY” games around the building today as they find blessings all over the place using some nifty binoculars! This exciting workshop meets in Classroom #3 on the downstairs hallway. The leaders are looking to ‘SPY’ many kids joining them.

## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY**—“Tell Your Story,” 5:00-7:00 pm at church. Bring a \$2 donation for dinner! What's the big picture of faith and church? How do they apply to my life? Is my story and faith worth sharing? If any of these questions have crossed your mind or you're wondering about them now, then come think more about what your answers to these could be or how they can lead to even more questions.

- **November 12-Thanksgiving Boxes** are due so contact Rebekah Witt at 540-686-0752 or witr@c@dukes.jmu.edu about which items you'd like to donate! This will also be Visitation Day where we go see Opequon members who are unable to come to church. Meet after church before we head out for some visiting!

**TONIGHT**  
**Open Door Worship (6:30 pm) - Memorial Sanctuary**  
Music by PS 150  
Teaching, Conversation, Prayer & Communion  
Preceded by 5:30 pm Covered-Dish Dinner  
**Bring Soup, Salad, Sandwiches, or Dessert to Share**

### **OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM**

The Older Adult Ministry Team meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room for discussion and planning of Happy Days programs, day trips, and additional events especially for older adults. Plenty of delightful fellowship is always included along with some morning treats. This meeting is open to all older adults.

### **HAPPY DAYS MEETS THIS WEDNESDAY**

'Happy Days' is Opequon's older adult monthly fellowship gathering, and meets on the second Wednesday of the month. It is a great time to share a meal together and enjoy a variety of programs. Come on out this Wednesday at 12:00 noon for the covered dish lunch followed by special times around the tables as we explore Thanksgiving memories and Thanksgiving thoughts. This time together is designed especially with you in mind. Let's be thankful together!

### **GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS**

If you are interested in participating in a "Grief and the Holiday" session before Thanksgiving, possibly the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>, and then possibly a session in the winter months for the four to six week class, please contact Patty Klinefelter at 869-6080 or pclinefe@gmail.com.

### **ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>:**

8:30–90

G.I.F.T.–79

11:00–158

## 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Dobler Family would like to cordially invite church members to join us in celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> 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: Zane Hawkins  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Hospitality: Dom Cafaro, Brenda Hawkins  
Liturgist: Jack Youngblood  
Ushers: Vicki Schmidt Crites, Zane Hawkins, Cole Owens,  
Dulcie Reed, Graham Taylor, Reagan Tibbs

11:00

Acolyte: Noah Cutrona  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Hospitality: Marj Praml, Susan Ritter  
Liturgist: Scarlett Kibler  
Nametags: Pat deButts  
Ushers: Jim Butler, Brady & Caleb Cooper,  
Noah Cutrona, Annemarie Matthews

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Patty Klinefelter, Opequon's own Faith Community Nurse, will conduct blood pressure screenings on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, after 8:30 and before and after 11:00 worship.

## 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.

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

- ❖ Let's put together a Thanksgiving box! There are tons of banana boxes to be filled with goodies for families in need during the holiday. Bring items to Rebekah Witt's office at the church by November 12. Check with her ASAP about which items are still needed at 540-686-0752 or [wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu](mailto:wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu).
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE-Thursday, November 16, at 8:30 pm we will test our knowledge with some trivia at 50/50 Taphouse!

## **PILGRIM'S FEAST FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED**

Do you like enjoying food with one another at church? If so, then please check out the Pilgrim's Feast Food Sign-Up located in the Gathering Area. The youth still need food donations so that you can sit down to a delicious Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, November 19, at 12:15 pm. Sign up ASAP so that the youth can finish planning an afternoon of fellowship together!

## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for participating in the G.I.F.T. Event last Sunday morning during the educational hour. What a tremendous gathering of all ages! Special thanks to Robin Owens for her personal testimony and to Jay, Sandra, Reagan, and Reese Tibbs for portraying the "No Time" skit. The message of the morning to us all was that God has given each of us, time, talent, and treasure. How will we each use the gift of time to honor God? Remember, don't go about your days holding your breath! Our NEXT GIFT Event will be Sunday, December 3, 9:45 am. You can look forward to a warm morning breakfast and a chance to MAKE A BIG DEAL out of the beginning of ADVENT!

## **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 our gratitude for God's gifts and God's people who have served?

### Notes on Today's Prayers

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

How have people at Opequon made a difference? How do we make a difference?

### Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

It is easy to find faults in others; can you see any of the scribes' and Pharisees' behavior in yourself?

Think of examples of humility exercised by someone (a family member, friend, neighbor, stranger, yourself) and consider what it means that the one who is humble is the greatest among us.

How do I take God's Law and the Good News of Christ into my heart and live it? What do I need to surrender to the Lord, saying, "Take my \_\_\_\_\_ and..."

What did I learn from our study of Joshua 3 and Matthew 23 that I will apply to my life?