

Opequon Presbyterian Church



World Communion Day

“To Demonstrate the Love of Christ by Impacting Our Diverse Community Through Outreach”—OPC Vision 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
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Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 1, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West Arr. Martin

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. 792 (v. 1) *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.

And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.

We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.

Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 409 *God Is Here*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer of confession:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts.

MEDITATION *Donna Nobis Pacem*
MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this!

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 613 *O Lord, Our Lord*

† 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 *Bwana Awabariki*

LOGOS Worship Groups & the Sanctuary Choir

Emma Abell, soloist, Johanna Abell, drum (8:30), Bailey & Caleb Cooper, drums (11:00)

Bwana! Bwana awabariki, Bwana awabariki, Bwana awabariki, Bwana awabariki, milele.

Ukimcha Bwana, Bwana awabariki. May God give you a blessing, May God give you a blessing, may God give you a blessing, evermore. Revere the Lord. May God give you a blessing. Pray to the Lord.

The LOGOS youth are playing a game that Ghanaian children play giving more in depth thanks to the blessings God has given them. They give thanks for the earth (picking up the rock), for love (touching the rock to their chest), for the air they breathe (touching the rock to their palm), and for others (giving their rock to the child next to them) and then repeating the pattern.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7Pew Bible p. 56

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 21:23-32..... Pew Bible p. 802

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 321 *The Church’s One Foundation*

SERMON..... "Digame"
Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *What a Mighty God We Serve, God the Omnipotent*
(South African & Russian tunes) Arr. Heavner

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

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God, we are amazed at your holy and diverse creation. You made us in your image and offered us every good gift in the garden,

Yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we could be like you.

In so doing, we rejected your intended diversity for us,

A human sin that we still can’t shake.

Prophets came through the ages to help us mend our ways.

And still we fought and tried to conquer others to make all manner of nations live like one another.

Jesus came and finally showed us how to truly love.

He sat with sinners and tax collectors, he touched diseased bodies with gentleness, he lifted others from their deathbed and, even with his dying breath, promised rest to a thief on the cross.

Gracious God, you gave us your Son.

He died and rose again on the third day so that we might have life everlasting.

The grains have been harvested and the bread has been baked.

The grapes have been collected from the vine and the juice has been pressed. They come together on this table for a holy purpose.

Holy Spirit come, breathe your blessings on these common elements of bread and juice.

Bring us to the table with Christ.

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music *Our Father's World Medley*..... Arr. Heavner
(With tunes from India, China, Austria, Native America, Sicily, Japan, and Argentina)

Communion Prayer

Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 317 *In Christ there Is No East or West*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**May God give you a blessing,
May God give you a blessing,
May God give you a blessing, evermore.**

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 1-8, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, CCAP Offering, Communion
9:00 am: Middle School Rally—Massanetta Springs
9:30 am: Bread Basket Buffet—Dell Room
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship, CCAP Offering, Communion,
LOGOS Worship Groups
12:15 pm: Youth Council—Bageant Room
5:00 pm: Officer Training—Bageant Room

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Technology & Communication—5:15 pm—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Devotions—6:45 pm, Meetings—7:00 pm
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
LOGOS—4:30-7:30 pm—Theme:
“Bring a Friend to Mustache Night”
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: MVMC Pastors—12:00 Noon—Roma
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Friday: Wedding Rehearsal—5:00 pm—Sanctuary
Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room
Bender/Deptula Wedding—5:00 pm—Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Blood Pressure Screenings
Diabetes Awareness—12:15 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Presbyterian Youth Connection Progressive Dinner—4:30 pm
Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Preceded by Dinner at 5:30 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dan & Ellie Cammer
Mac & Paula McNichols
Sandi & Jack Pulizzi
Casey & Lindsay Delamatta
Thompson
Ken Treece
Kerry Foster
Robert L Adams
Mexico Earthquake Victims
Hurricane Maria Victims
Carolyn Rutherford
Daniel Miller
Christina
Katie Heavner Baker
Dick Crane
Steve Guthrie
Mark Wilhelm

Michael Funkhouser
Dr Scott Cabozolo
Herb Birchenough
James Searcy
Casey Carr
Roy Barrett
Hurricane Irma Victims
Scott Souders
Alex Jones
Carola Czernik
Jacki Barb
Al Owens
Hurricane Harvey Victims
Rachel & Michael Weller
The Call Family
Betty Bly
Jay & Marjory Journell

Kevin Paquette
Donna & Terry Coffman
Gordy Lindow
Frances Pitcock
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Carlos Valdez
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Nancy Kerns
Joe & Candy Strosnider
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
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.

COMMUNION TODAY IS BY INTINCTION

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament by intinction. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread and gluten free grape juice (blue cup) are available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Please tear off a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup of grape juice, eating immediately. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Elders and deacons serving at 8:30 are: Carroll Youngblood, Brenda Hawkins, Tom Tandy, Barbara Agreggaard, Graham Taylor and Robin Owens. Elders and deacons serving at 11:00 are: Jason Hathaway, Susanna Shade, Jack Drumheller, Ann Denison, Larry Donovan and Lynn Metheny.

BREAD BASKET BUFFET TODAY!

Find your way to the Dell Room area immediately following the 8:30 am service to enjoy the annual Bread Basket Buffet sponsored by our Christian Education Team. There will be breads of all kinds, jelly, coffee and juice. How fitting to enjoy various breads on World Communion Sunday. Savor the tastes, smells, and nourishment of this flavorful display.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(Highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let's talk about the Prayer of Confession!

Nobody's perfect. God knows that. God asks us to admit our faults, which is what we do during the Prayer of Confession. We try to follow God and do the right thing. But when we don't, we ask God to forgive us. We try to help all the people in God's world, but when we don't do enough, we can tell God we are sorry. This is what "confession" means. This is a chance for us to get rid of our 'bad baggage', be honest with God by telling him what we have done wrong, and try to get ourselves on the right track. The Prayer of Confession is not a time of judgement, it is not a time of fear, rather it is a time to let go and admit our weaknesses, say 'I'm sorry, God', and take a load off our shoulders so we may live more fully. Maybe we are not sure what we need to 'confess' to God. Asking ourselves these questions may help;

- Have I ever lied to my parents, teacher, or anyone else?
- Have I ever taken something that did not belong to me without returning it?
- Have I done something and then blamed someone else for it?
- Have I called someone an unkind name?
- Have I ever made fun of someone or hurt someone on purpose?

As we ask ourselves these questions, we may realize how we have done wrong in God's eyes and we need to say we are SORRY!

SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS!

Today is **SLEEPY TIME!** If you happen to see any children in their PJs this morning, that may be because they have them on for WORM! (WORM is our Sunday morning workshop for children) Today's lesson is all about God's gift of SLEEP to us and how important SLEEP is for our bodies. WORM is at 9:45 am and will be in **Classroom 4** today. Children will be designing their own pillow cases, hearing the great story, God Gave Us Sleep, do a 'head to bed' maze and learn some fun facts about SLEEP. Let the children come!

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Emma Abell
Beadle: Mike Butler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeter: Becky Proctor
Hospitality: Brenda Hawkins, Heide Mohler
Liturgist: Dave Richards
Ushers: Emma Abell, Vicki Schmidt Crites, Dulcie Reed,
Graham Taylor

11:00

Acolyte: Jonathan Lightcap
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Dana & AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Marj Praml, Susan Ritter
Liturgist: JoEllen Delamatta
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino, Jim Butler,
Jonathan Lightcap, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

MISSION MUMS

The 2018 Baja Mission Team has mums for sale today after worship. These are large, 2-gallon, very healthy, potted plants. The cost is \$15. The proceeds will go toward funding our mission trip to Baja, Mexico in 2018. Please make checks payable to OPC and write Baja Mums on the memo line.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12:

- ❖ **Today-NO Youth Event.** Youth Council will meet in the Bageant Room at 12:15 pm with a simple lunch provided. We have a lot of important information to discuss, so please be present!
- ❖ **October 8-Progressive Dinner!!!** Church members will welcome us into three different homes for amazing appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Meet at the church at 4:30 pm so we can get to eating! We will end at the church around 7:30 pm. The Progressive Dinner has been a favorite youth event for years! It will be a night full of fellowship that no

one should miss. Need a ride to church or back home? Please call or text Rebekah Witt at 540-686-0752.

PASTOR DAVID PREACHING AT MASSANUTTEN CHURCH TODAY

The Massanutten Presbyterian Church outside Harrisonburg is celebrating its 150th Anniversary today. Pastor David and Carole Witt attended Massanutten when they were JMU students in the early-1980's. Rebekah Witt attended Massanutten and served as a youth leader there from 2012-2016. In the spring, David was invited to be the guest preacher for today's service. He will bring greetings to Massanutten on behalf of Opequon this morning; please accept the greetings of Massanutten pastors, John Leggett and Ann Pettit, and the many friends of the Witt Family through the years.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

Meets tomorrow morning, 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. This gathering is open to any older adults. Plans for future Happy Days programs and day outings are discussed along with the benefit of great fellowship and care for one another. Morning goodies and coffee are served.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS

- ❖ **Thursday, October 5, 8:00 pm**-“Grey's Anatomy” Watch Party at Rebekah Witt's Home, 203 Halifax Court Stephens City, VA 22655
- ❖ **Thursday, October 26, 7:00-9:00 pm**-Save the date for the Flannel Fest!!! Details to come.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure Screenings will be offered next Sunday, October 8th, after 8:30 worship, before and after 11:00 am worship.

DIABETES AWARENESS

Next Sunday, October 8, directly following the 11:00 am worship service, there will be a conference on diabetes in the Memorial Sanctuary. Lunch will be provided. Please register now. You will find a sign-up sheet on the nametag table. Food donations are needed for the luncheon such as sandwiches, cheese and crackers, veggies & dip, fruit, chips, dessert/cookies. Please contact Patty Klinefelter, pklinefe@valleyhealthlink.com.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH:

8:30–75

Sunday School–59

11:00–119

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP

Next Sunday, October 8th

Memorial Sanctuary - 6:30 pm

Join us for an uplifting, joyous, experience as we encounter the living Christ!

We will enjoy dinner at 5:30 pm. Please come and join us!

Not Too Late to Join...But Almost...

Sign-ups have begun! See the display on the nametag table.

FALL FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

People of all ages are invited to be a part of a six-week Fall Fellowship Group. Adults of all ages and stages, youth, children and whole families will begin meeting TODAY and continue through mid-November. Various times and places for gathering are available. These intergenerational groups, focused on the opportunity to share, care, and pray, will focus on “Faith Bigger Than Fear—Faith in a Great God”. While we may not always be present to connect with our brothers and sisters of multiple generations on Sundays, these groups present a unique opportunity to be connected at other times.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER

Christian Believer is a 30-week study that combines study of scripture and Christian belief. Participants make a commitment to daily preparation and weekly attendance at the group study. The class will gather each Monday from 3:00-5:00 pm, beginning tomorrow, meeting through May 2018. The class will be facilitated by Pastor Witt and a team of leaders. **A book fee of \$50 will be collected include both the workbook and additional resource reading guide.**

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

A Rise Against Hunger food packaging event will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 in the Memorial Sanctuary. All ages are invited to this spirited activity, as we package 10,000 meals in a short period of time while working together. For more information contact Graham Taylor, gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com, or Susanna Shade, shadesathome@aol.com.

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING

Save the Date

Sunday, October 22nd, 6:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

This is a chance to get acquainted with other newcomers within our church family. A light supper will be provided. Contact Pastor David at 540-662-1843 or pastor@opequonchurch.org.

A "GIFT" EVENT- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

GIFT stands for "**Generations in Faith Together**" and it truly will be a gift to have all ages and stages together during the morning educational hour at 9:45am in the Memorial Sanctuary. The theme of our time together will be 'stewardship of our time', a relevant and practical topic for every age. We all have time, the same amount of time each day, and everyone's time is filled with things we must do and want to do. Rather than segregating ages and classes and separating our wisdom and wonder, this GIFT experience will bring all of this together as we enjoy conversation, listening, and laughing through music, prayer, presentations, and more! Everyone's time will be enriched by the fact that 'every age has gifts we need and every age needs gifts we have'! Individuals, Couples, whole families, all ages are encouraged to come. Plan to park the car and COME IN with your child, confirmation student, youth, other adult classmates and enjoy the morning event centered around stewardship of time. You will be glad you were here on October 29 for the GIFT Event!

TRUNK & TREAT- IT CAN'T BE BEAT!

The season of fall has officially begun, bringing the awesome colors, cooler temperatures, and the GREAT TRUNK & TREAT EVENT. Trunk & Treat is a fabulous safe alternative for children to celebrate the fall and Halloween. This event will be held in the field by the picnic shelter on Sunday, October 29, 4:00-6:00 pm. TRUNKERS are NEEDED! A trunker is one who brings a vehicle, opens the trunk and decorates with a theme and provides goodies and simple games for the children who come to the event. If you are interested in being a Trunker, see Susan Homan or contact her at srh1305@verizon.net.

CAMP PADDY RUN DAY

Sunday, October 15

1:00 p.m.

FOR EVERYONE (ALL AGES) AT OPEQUON!

Chili, Soup, Bread, and Drinks Provided

Just Bring a Dessert to Share

Fun and Games to Enjoy!

SPONSORED BY THE
MEN OF OPEQUON

Celebrate and Give
Thanks for a Fabulous
Fall Day!



WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music remind us that today is World Communion Sunday?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

How did being in a church change the expected reactions of our children?

How can we make the Opequon Church safer space?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Which of the two brothers in the Matthew passage reminds you of yourself?

How do you react when someone hits one of your "Hot Buttons?"

Does God have a temper? Have you ever felt that God was angry with you?

How can we stay in communion with God and those around us?

What does Jesus' response in Matthew 21 teach us? Is it always necessary to engage when an argument is offered?