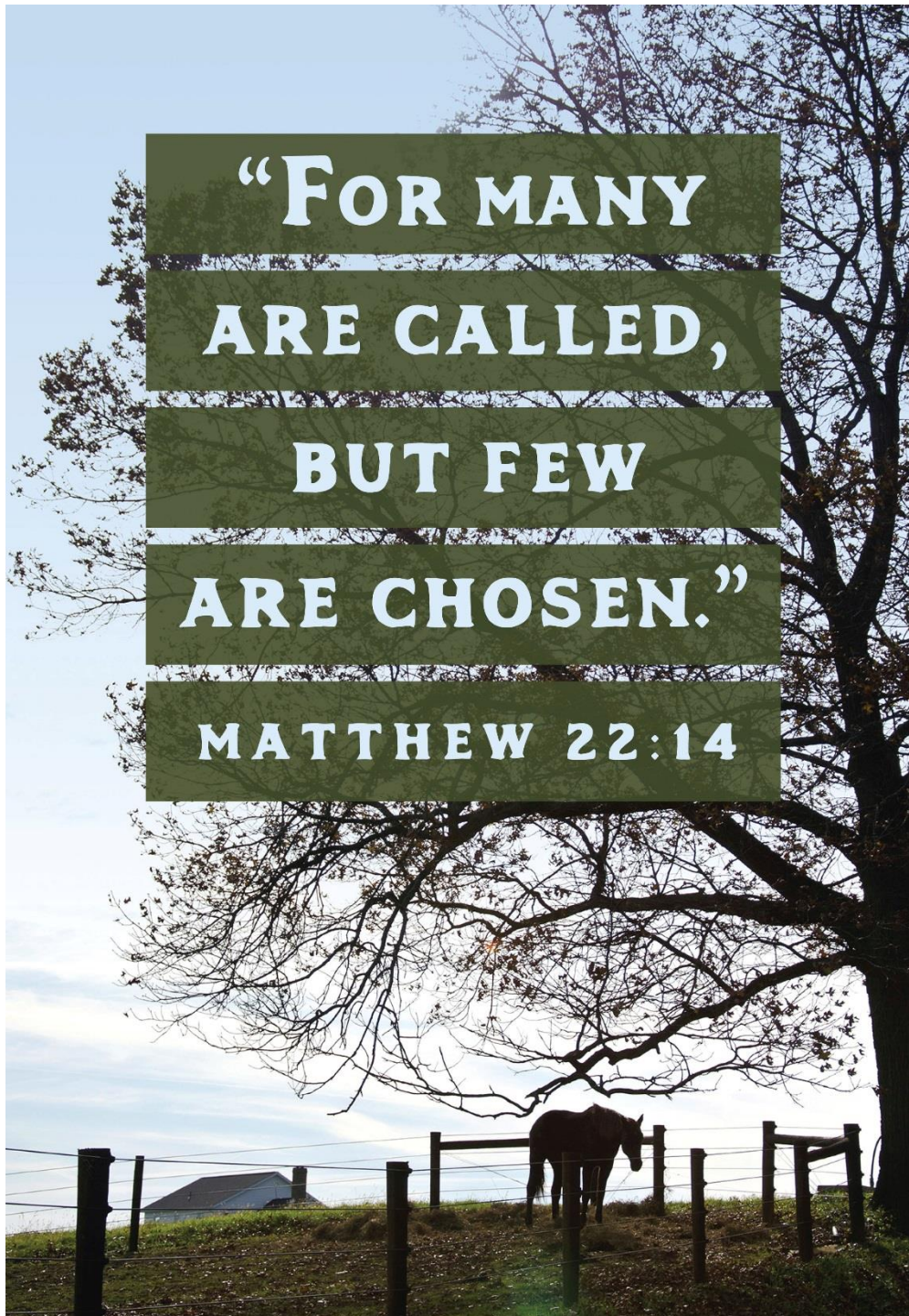


Opequon Presbyterian Church



“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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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 15, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Trumpet Voluntary on "Donnelly Secours".....* Arr. Heavner

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 "The GIFT Event"

Carole Witt, Director of Christian Education

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 399 *God Welcomes All*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

You have been called to the banquet.

This is the feast.

You have been summoned to the wedding.

This is the feast of life and light.

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 363..... *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We and our ancestors have sinned. Our ancestors exchanged the glory of God for the image of a golden calf. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt. While our means are different, our compulsions are the same. Let us confess our brokenness, for God is merciful and just and will forgive us our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for

us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We forget that God loves us very much. God loves us enough to forgive us again and again and again. God loves us so much that God lived among us, died, and rose again in Jesus. So whatever you forget, always remember that God loves you and forgives you. Thanks be to God!

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)..... *You Are Holy*

† 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 *The Lord is My Shepherd*

The Lord is my Shepherd; He meets ev’ry need. The Lord is my Shepherd; I follow where He leads. To green meadowland and gently rolling stream, the Lord is my Shepherd; He meets ev’ry need. The Lord is my Shepherd; He restores my soul. The Lord is my Shepherd, my cup overflows. His love is with me wherever I go. The Lord is my Shepherd; He restores my soul. He anoints me with oil, His kindness covers me. His mercy and goodness my enemies will see. A banquet table is spread for a time of Jubilee. The Lord is my Shepherd; His kindness covers me. The Lord is my Shepherd; my home he has prepared; a home of many mansions, I will see Him there. I will live with Him forever in His care. The Lord is my Shepherd and I am in His care.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 32:1-14Pew Bible p. 69

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14..... Pew Bible p. 803

ANTHEM (11:00)..... *Gentle Shepherd*

LOGOS Worship

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN “Dinner is Ready”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN (Worship Order p. 7) *Come to the Banquet*

SERMON..... “Come to the Banquet”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* Arr. Krug

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

HYMN NO. 473 *Shepherd Me, O God*

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. 770..... *I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 765

..... *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;

Working, for a world that’s new; faithful, when we hear Christ’s call.

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Paula & Mac
McNichols in memory of Charles & June McNichols and Paul & Kitty Austin.

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

By Marc Imboden

CCLI# 1622560

Men

You are holy
You are mighty
You are worthy
Worthy of praise
I will follow
I will listen
I will love you
All of my days

I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy
I will love Him
Adore Him
I will bow down
Before Him
I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy
I will love Him
Adore Him
I will bow down
Before Him

Women

You are holy
You are mighty
You are worthy
Worthy of praise
I will follow
I will listen
I will love you
All of my days

You are the Lord of lords
You are the King of Kings
You are mighty God
Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel
You're the great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace
Who is the Lamb
You're the living God
You're my saving grace
You will reign forever
You are ancient of days
You are Alpha Omega
Beginning and End
You're my Savior, Messiah
Redeemer and Friend

All

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you!

Come to the Banquet

CCLI # 1622560

Dm C Dm *Fine*

Come to the ban - quet, there's a place for you.

C A7

Though you may - be have no mon - ey, though you may - be feel un - wor - thy,
 See, you are an hon - oured guest, from con - stant serv - ing you may rest; so
 Wo - man, wise one, mo - ther, maid - en, see your plate with food is la - den
 Work - er, fa - ther, lit - tle boy, old man or youth with - out em - ploy, come
 Wheth - er, you've been lost or faith - ful, wheth - er you've been wise or waste - ful,

Dm Bb Am Dm *D.C.*

in your strength or in your weak - ness you are wel - come, come.
 sit you down, be fed and blessed, for you are wel - come, come.
 and your place is set and wait - ing. You are wel - come, come.
 rest your wor - ry, here is joy, and you are wel - come, come.
 here's a place of rest and grace, and you are wel - come, come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 15-22, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship, LOGOS Grades K-5 Worship Group
1:00 pm: Camp Paddy Run Day
6:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12) Movie Night
–Front Lawn

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer–3:00 pm–Bageant Room
Visioning Team–7:00 pm–Bageant Room
Tuesday: Session Meeting–7:00 pm–Bageant Room
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting–9:30 am–Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers–10:00 am–Memorial Sanctuary
LOGOS–4:30-7:30 pm–Theme: “Tacky Tourist Night”
Choir Practice–7:30 pm–Sanctuary
Thursday: Scout Troop 1–7:00 pm–Assembly Room
Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina–8:00 am–Bageant Room
Community Garden Clean-Up–9:00 am
WATTS Lead Volunteer Training–9:00 am
–Memorial Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY

- Morning Worship–8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour–9:45 am
Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 22:15-22
Sermon: “Show Me Your Ways”
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Motel Ministry–12:30 pm–Memorial Sanctuary
Newcomers’ Gathering–6:00 pm–Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Wildfire Victims
Meredith Jones
Patricia Ferguson
Dick Crane
John Hess
Russ Cutshall
Peter McCabe
Jessica & Andrew Eaton
Gale Peterson
Las Vegas Tragedy
First Responders; FEMA,
National & Local
Jennifer O'Ferrell
Art Sperry
Annette Tutlon
Dan & Ellie Cammer
Mac & Paula McNichols

Sandi Pulizzi & Family
Casey & Lindsay Delamatta
Thompson
Ken Treece Family
Kerry Foster
Robert L Adams
Mexico Earthquake Victims
Hurricane Maria Victims
Carolyn Rutherford
Katie Heavner Baker
Steve Guthrie
Mark Wilhelm
Herb Birchenough
James Searcy
Casey Carr
Hurricane Irma Victims
Al Owens

Hurricane Harvey Victims
Rachel & Michael Weller
Jay & Marjory Journell
Donna & Terry Coffman
Gordy Lindow
Frances Pitcock
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler
Carlos Valdez
Joe & Candy Strosnider
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, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Emma Roark
Beadle: Mike Butler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Dave Richards
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler, Emma Roark,
Reese Tibbs, Addison Williams

11:00

Acolyte: Lucas Brown
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Dana & AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: JoEllen Delamatta
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Joshua Batcha, Jason & Lucas Brown,
Andy & Hudson Homan, Joel Witt

SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS-Today is Imagine an Angel!

This morning's children's workshop will have the children thinking about ANGELS and learning how they were created to serve God by helping people. Imagine if YOU were an ANGEL, who would you like to help? The children can adorn themselves in angel costumes and will hear the fantastic story "God Gave Us Angels". They may even sprinkle some 'angel dust' in places around the building. The workshop is at 9:45 am and will be in Classroom 3 today. What an inspiring time awaits the children!

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY**-Outdoor Movie Night and Discussion at the Church, 6:00-8:30 pm. Enjoy the movie "Hidden Figures" that will make us think more deeply about faith in ourselves through a calling, the injustices people have experienced, and apply this to what is still happening today. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Bring a snack to share with everyone along with a blanket or chair to sit on!
- **October 22**-Motel Ministry after 11:00 worship. Does talking to new people make you feel uncomfortable? Come join people who love greeting new faces and learn from this opportunity as we get to know those in our neighboring communities. Make sandwiches, load the van, and then build some relationships!

THE WITTS ARE AWAY THIS WEEK

Pastor David and DCE Carole Witt will be away this week, Thursday through Saturday. If a pastoral concern arises, please contact Parish Associate, Tracie Martin, 304-856-2080 or 315-247-5969.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden Fall Clean-up is scheduled for this Saturday, October 21st, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Please join us. Thanks for another great season!

BANANA BOXES HAVE ARRIVED!

Crisp air is to autumn like a banana box is to Thanksgiving. Say what?! It's time for one of OPC's favorite mission projects to begin—filling Thanksgiving food boxes for families in need within our community. A banana box can hold enough food for a Thanksgiving meal. There is enough room for breakfast and snack items too! The built-in handles make carrying the box very easy. This year someone has graciously donated 125 aluminum turkey roaster pans! **All you need to do is provide food items from the list included in each box;** Mission Ministry will provide a turkey. Please keep in mind that no perishables can be accepted. All boxes need to be returned by Sunday, November 12th.

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING

NEXT 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.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS

- It's time to kick this ministry into gear! Do you love wearing flannel, drinking hot chocolate/apple cider, decorating pumpkins, watching football, or being around other people??? Head on over to Joel Witt's place at 122 Caledon Court, Apt. 11, in Stephens City from 7:00-9:00 pm on October 26, for a FLANNEL FEST! Let's enjoy fellowship with one another while discussing upcoming opportunities for Opequon Young Adults. Wear your best flannel, invite a friend, and bring a tiny pumpkin to decorate for someone who doesn't make it out to church. Questions? Ask Rebekah Witt at wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu or 540-686-0752.
- If you are a college-age student, know one, or live with one then encourage them to attend the College Conference at Montreat! It will be held there January 2-5. Check out the flyer in the Dell Room and please let Rebekah Witt know ASAP if you have any interest!

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH:
8:30–79 Sunday School–54 11:00–97

MELODIES WITH MEMORIES—A GLEE CLUB REUNION

Will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Adults admission is \$10, seniors/children is \$8. Music will be performed by the Shenandoah Valley Chorus, Vintage Mix, Apple Chords, Fouever, and Hearts in Harmony. Call 304-274-3152 for more information.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY
HONORING & CELEBRATING 500 YEARS!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - 8:30 & 11:00 am
“THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS”**

**Honoring & Celebrating Volunteers
Special Music with Bagpipe & Trumpets
Nailing Luther’s 500 Theses (Protests)**

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.

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 will need your food donations so that you can sit down to a delicious Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, November 19 at 12:15 pm. Sign up now so that the youth can continue planning for an afternoon of fellowship together!

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!

MEN ON A MISSION

We have an opportunity to support Highland Food Pantry through its annual "Men on a Mission" fundraiser at 5pm on Saturday, November 4, at First Presbyterian Church. This fun evening for adults and children 12 and older features 30 community "chefs" who will prepare their favorite dish for you to taste. These "chefs" are men from our community who like to cook and participate in the event to raise money for the pantry. Tickets to attend and eat are \$30 each with all proceeds from ticket sales going directly to the pantry to purchase food. Opequon's own Dick Crane will be one of the judges. To purchase tickets, call Dave Richards, 540-858-2889.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express God's hospitality?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

How do we respond when we are told, "Dinner is ready"?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

When were you recently invited to "a feast"? How did you respond? How do we feel when we issue an invitation and people do not respond?

How do we respond to God's invitation/call?

When and how do we forsake the living God and seek after other gods?

When and how do we forsake the living God and seek after other gods?

What did I learn from our study of Exodus 32 and Matthew 22 this morning that I will apply to my life?