

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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Tracie Martin----- Parish Associate
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Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 22, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *As Those of Old Their Fruits Brought*

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 Robin Owens

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 621 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying, "I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

Lord, you have promised us, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Lord, you have blessed us, saying, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

Lord, you have humbled us, saying, "I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Let us now confess our sin, casting ourselves on the promised mercy and compassion of God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord said to Moses: There is a place near me where you may stand upon a rock. When my glory passes by, I'll put you in a cleft in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Beloved ones, God has shielded us, covered our sin with the hand of protection, as we hide ourselves in Christ, the rock of our salvation.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 475 (vv. 1, 3)

..... *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

† 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 *Be Strong in the Lord*

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; Your defender is He, who is always the same. Mount up with wings as the eagle ascending; Vict'ry is sure when you call on His name. Put on the armour the Lord has provided; place your defense in His unfailing care. Trust Him for He will be with you in battle; lighting your path to avoid ev'ry snare. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; and be of good courage for He is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; and rejoice for the vict'ry is yours. Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage; Your mighty commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle, for the vict'ry is always His; He will protect you wherever you go.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 33:12-23Pew Bible p. 70

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22..... Pew Bible p. 803

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Living for God”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

SERMON..... “Show Me Your Ways”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Rock of Ages*

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal No. 38, Para. 4, 5, & 6)

..... “A Brief Statement of Faith”

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. 546..... *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

†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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 22-29, 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
12:30 pm: Motel Ministry
6:00 pm: Newcomers' Gathering—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm--Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room
Highland Food Pantry—5:30 pm
WATTS Operations—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—11:30 am
LOGOS—4:30-7:30 pm—Theme: “Old McDonald Had a Farm”
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Young Adult “Flannel Fest”—7:00 pm—Home of Joel Witt,
122 Caledon Ct, Apt 11, Stephens City
- Saturday: Hike with Mike—8:30 am
Shenandoah Valley Chorus Concert—2:00 pm—Sanctuary
“A Glee Club Reunion”

NEXT SUNDAY-Reformation Sunday/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
G.I.F.T. Event—9:45 am—Memorial Sanctuary
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, 1 Peter 2:4-9, Matthew 22:34-46
Sermon: “Reformations Live On!”
Commemorating 500 Years of Reformations, Special Music
All LOGOS Worship Groups (11:00 am)
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering
Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12)—12:15 pm—Corn Maze
Trunk & Treat—4:00-6:00 pm—Picnic Shelter/Church Field
Officer Training—6:30 pm—Bageant Room

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Joe & Candy Strosnider
Sherman Family Friend
Mac McNichols
Wildfire Victims
Patricia Ferguson
Dick Crane
Russ Cutshall
Peter McCabe
Gale Peterson
Las Vegas Tragedy
First Responders; FEMA,
National & Local
Jennifer O'Ferrell
Art Sperry
Annette Tutlon
Dan & Ellie Cammer

Sandi Pulizzi & Family
Casey & Lindsay Delamatta
Thompson
Kerry Foster
Robert L Adams
Mexico Earthquake Victims
Hurricane Maria Victims
Carolyn Rutherford
Katie Heavner Baker
Steve Guthrie
Mark Wilhelm
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
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.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Bobby & Harriet Smith, to honor the beginning of our families with the October wedding anniversaries of our parents, Asa & Frances Smith and Richard & Evelyn Goode.

SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS—"Having Thankful Hearts"

The trick to having a "Thankful Heart" is to think about things that make you happy, rather than things that don't. This is the moral of the story in our children's workshop this morning! The children will be building a 'thankful tower', writing some special thank you notes, and hearing the fantastic story "God Gave Us THANKFUL HEARTS". The workshop is at 9:45 am and will be in Classroom 3 today. What a worthwhile time awaits the children!

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING

TODAY—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.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH:

8:30—77

Sunday School—48

11:00—89

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Andrew Crites
Beadle: Mike Butler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Dave Richards
Ushers: Mike Butler, Andrew Crites, Sherry Schryver,
John Winn

11:00

Acolyte: Adelyn Astorino
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Dana & AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Betty Ganoë, Kirsta Weber
Liturgist: Jessica Eaton
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino, Bill Hopeck, Kat Kibler

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY—Motel Ministry after church**—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! Your family is welcome to join you in this event.
- **October 29-Corn Maze 12:30-3:00 pm!** Meet at the church with a brown bag lunch and \$9 for entry at the farm. Come enjoy a fun, fall day outside with your friends! If you haven't filled out a permission/emergency contact form for your Youth, then please see Rebekah Witt.

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? Contact Rebekah Witt at wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu or 540-686-0752.

- ❖ Join the Youth at Motel Ministry TODAY or on any 4th Sunday of the month as we reach out to those in our community after church. There is sandwich making to help with or talking with those that live in the area motels. We would love to have you join us!
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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. The list of non-perishable items you can provide will be sent in an email.

MELODIES WITH MEMORIES—A GLEE CLUB REUNION

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

GIFT EVENT- Next Sunday, 9:45 am in the Memorial Sanctuary

What is GIFT? It means 'Generations in Faith Together'! It is like a great family gathering where we will ALL join together for laughing, listening, learning, and leaning on one another! You will feel the joy of all ages experiencing a skit, prayer, conversation, demonstrations, and a personal testimony in the same room. YES, it is well worth your time and God deserves having us come together for these purposes. Next Sunday, 9:45 am is a time to OPT IN, not out, a time to park the car and come in rather than drop off, a time to give a little bit of yourself from all that God has given you, a time to make being at church the priority rather than everywhere else.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY
HONORING & COMMEMORATING 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)

MEN ON A MISSION

We have an opportunity to support Highland Food Pantry through the annual "Men on a Mission" fundraiser at 5:00 pm 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.

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.

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 November 19 at 12:15pm. 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!

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express giving to God the things that are God's?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

What are some ways we live God?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

How does God show his way to us?

How did Jesus teach God's way?

How do we test or try to trap people? How did that go for the Pharisees in their relationship with Jesus?

Consider your spiritual gifts. How do you use them in the service of God and others? Consider your material gifts. How do you make use of these possessions and also use them in the service of God and others?

What did I learn from our study of Exodus 33 and Matthew 22 this morning that I will apply to my life?