

Opequon Presbyterian Church



Reformation 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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David R. Witt----- Pastor
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Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 29, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Reformation Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE *Ein' Feste Burg*.....Arr. Mansfield

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 Gary Strickler

BAGPIPE PRELUDE..... *Highland Cathedral*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 624 *I Greet, Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
(v. 1-Choir, v.5-Congregation)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory,

But by the grace of God we are redeemed.

Let us worship God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 305..... *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Doug & David Joyner, Trumpets

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, you know that God, being full of goodness and mercy, loved the world so greatly that he gave his only Son, who said plainly that he had come to save that which had been lost. That good Savior has promised us that everything we ask in his name will be given us, and that if we forgive others their sins, his Father will forgive our own.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow, we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (1 Peter 2:9-10)

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 649 (vv. 1, 2)

..... *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
John Taylor, Bagpipe

† 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 *Celebrate the Day*
Pepper Choplin
Doug & David Joyner, Trumpets

Celebrate the day, celebrate the life. Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ. Remember all the blessings, the blessings of the day. Be thankful for the very gift of breath and life. Remember all the goodness, and mercies of the Lord, and fill the morning with the sounds of praise and joy!

We'll bless your name forever, for great are You, Lord. And ev'ry generation will declare Your mighty works. We sing of Your great goodness, Your holy righteousness, the glory of Your Kingdom reigns forever, forevermore. We come to celebrate the day, celebrate the life. Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Pew Bible p. 476

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 22:34-46 Pew Bible p. 804

ANTHEM (11:00)..... "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"
LOGOS K-5 Worship

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN "Nailing Those Protests!"
Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

SERMON..... "The Reformations Live On!"
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR WORKERS IN THE CHURCH

Almighty God, you have called us into fellowship as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place, and you have blessed us and enriched our lives through you Holy Word and Sacraments. You strengthen us and inspire us with your Holy Spirit to live lives of mutual love and service in the world. For all this, and, above all, for the gift of your Son and our salvation, we give our heartfelt thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who lead and those who follow; for officers and councils and teams and mission groups:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For ushers and greeters, for acolytes and beadles, for liturgists and musicians and choirs:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For prophets and seers, for teachers and preachers, for those who visit and for those who call:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For cleaners and dusters, for maintainers and fixers, for those who cook and those who eat:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For administrators and helpers, for counters and record keepers, for newsletter folders and envelope stuffers:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who give and those who pray, for those who plan and those who guide, for those with wisdom and those with patience:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For children's teachers and children, for youth workers, mentors, and youth, for parents and grandparents, for loving sisters and brothers in Christ:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For our past and for our future, for the many ways that we embody Christ for the needy in the world, for mission and ministry and for the Great Ends of the Church:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

Keep us ever close to your Word and Holy Sacraments, that we might find strength to endure to the end:

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Bind us to your love, and through that love, to one another, for the sake of the gospel:

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Make us cheerful givers and faithful workers for the kingdom of your Son:

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Make us one in the body of Christ that we may acknowledge with gratefulness the importance of all our members and friends and all our gifts for the mission that you entrust to us.

We dedicate our lives to your service.

Holy God, Blessed Lord, we thank you for all the good people of faith and service that you have raised up among us for the work of the gospel. Multiply our gifts by your Holy Spirit. Be in our hands, hearts, feet, and minds that we might bring your love to the world. And prosper our work to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS
OFFERTORY**

..... *Faith of Our Fathers // If Thou but Trust In God To Guide You*

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)..... Grayson Lane Eaton

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. 837..... *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

John Taylor, Bagpipe

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 601 *Amen*

†POSTLUDE

Prayers from today's worship are adapted from John Calvin's Form of Church Prayers, first published in Geneva (1542) and Strasbourg (1545).

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Carole & David Witt to celebrate all workers in the church, our dedicated called servants who help in big and small ways. You are appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
October 29-November 5, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering,
Volunteer Appreciation
- 9:45 am: G.I.F.T. Event—Memorial Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, LOGOS Worship, Volunteer Appreciation
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering,
New Members/Baptism,
Fellowship Reception Honoring Volunteers
- 12:15 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12)— Corn Maze
- 4:00 pm: Trunk & Treat—Picnic Shelter/Church Field
- 6:30 pm: Officer Training—Bageant Room

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—David’s Office
LOGOS—4:30-7:30 pm—Theme: “Just Dance Night”
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: MVMC Pastors—12:00 Noon—Roma
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—9:00 am—Bageant Room
Men on a Mission—5:00 pm—First Presbyterian Church

NEXT SUNDAY—Stewardship Dedication Sunday/All Saints’ Celebration

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Joshua 3:7-17, Matthew 23:1-12
Sermon: “Pointing Beyond Ourselves”
Annual Stewardship Walk, Remembering Those Who Have Died
All Saints’ Sunday Communion, CCAP
Youth Council—12:15 pm—Bageant Room
Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12)—5:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Lou Thomas
Samuel Phillips
Gretchen Cooley
Mary Henneman
Strosnider Family
LeeAnn Brumback Family
Susan Lee
Heidi McMurdo
Jerry Edwards
Sherman Family Friend
Mac McNichols
Wildfire Victims
Patricia Ferguson
Dick Crane
Russ Cutshall

Peter McCabe
Gale Peterson
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, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

GIFT EVENT-TODAY-9:45 am in the Memorial Sanctuary-DON’T miss it!
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. TODAY, 9:45am is a time to OPT IN, not out; a time to leave the car parked and stay for a while, 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.

SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS—Today KIDS are part of the GIFT event!

All children preschool-4th grade will be joining together with all other ages and classes for the great GIFT event in the Memorial Sanctuary at 9:45am. Families can stay together this morning for this educational time. The creative workshops will resume next week with “I SPY”!

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND:
8:30–85 Sunday School–34 11:00–77

THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We welcome Grayson Lane Eaton into the baptized membership of Opequon this morning. Grayson is the son of Jessica & Andrew Eaton. May God's Spirit rest upon him and may we, as his church family, nurture and love him.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome into the membership of Opequon Church:

Andrew Eaton by Letter of Transfer from Relief UMC, Winchester, VA

Jessica Eaton by Letter of Transfer from Friendship Baptist Church,

Williamston, SC. Please greet everyone in the Gathering Area after worship.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

Kernstown UMC is sponsoring a Human Trafficking Program today at 1:00 pm in the KUMC sanctuary. Mike Lynn from Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force will be the guest speaker. Everyone is cordially invited.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Bryce Williams
Beadle: Mike Butler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Dave Richards
Ushers: Dom Cafaro, Bob Gaines, Bryce & McKenna Williams,
Dave Yost, Natalie Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Melanie Morgan
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Dana & AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Mary Himelright & Debi Hodgson
Liturgist: JoEllen Delamatta
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Kristin Blake, Vern Gamble, Allison & Melanie Morgan

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ **TODAY**-Corn Maze 12:30-3:00 pm! Meet in the Dell Room with a brown bag lunch and \$9 for entry at the farm. Come enjoy a fun, fall day outside with your friends! If your parent/guardian hasn't filled out a permission/emergency contact form for you yet, please see Rebekah Witt.
- ❖ **November 5**-“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 wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu about which items you'd like to donate!

TRUNK & TREAT- BRING KIDS/GRANDCHILDREN TODAY!

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 TODAY, 4:00-6:00 pm. You are invited to bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends to this great event! They may come in costume to enjoy all the decorated ‘trunks’, play simple games and get many goodies. (It is a good idea to bring a basket or bag for collecting all the goodies). Concessions will be available with hamburgers, hot dogs, and many other fall treats. Donations (\$) will be accepted and appreciated. Be safe off the street, come to TRUNK & TREAT, it is truly sweet!

NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT
Open Door Worship (6:30 pm) - Memorial
Sanctuary
Music by PS 150
Teaching, Conversation, Prayer & Communion
Preceded by 5:30 pm Dinner

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

about which items you can provide at 540-686-0752 or wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu.

- ❖ 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.

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 this 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.

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!

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express giving glory to God for his love and grace?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

What are some ways we seek to return to God?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What does it mean to you that God is our dwelling place?

How do you/we dwell in God?

What changes might come into your life if you were to take to heart and practice the two commands of Jesus?