

# Opequon Presbyterian Church



*The*  
kingdom  
*of* God  
*will be ... given*  
*to a people*  
*that produces*  
*the* fruits  
*of* the kingdom.

Matthew 21:43, NRSV

“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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Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director



# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 8, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation*..... Arr. Turner

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 ..... **“Making A Difference”**

The Rev. Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 458 ..... *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

**I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.**

As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 331 ..... *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ.

## 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)... *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

† 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 ..... *Write Your Word upon My Heart*  
Parker/Larson

Ev'ry word that You have spoken, each command You give today, holy vows that can't be broken; Lord, please write upon my heart, write Your word upon my heart. Ev'ry grace that You have granted, each small thing Your hand supplies, ev'ry seed of faith You've planted; Lord, please write upon my heart, write Your grace upon my heart. Love the Lord with all your strength, cherish God with all your heart. Bind His wisdom to your spirit, from God's Word do not depart. Ev'ry love that You have given, each compassion You bestow, ev'ry sin that You've forgiven; Lord, please write upon my heart, write Your love upon my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

## THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, .....Pew Bible p. 58

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 21:33-46..... Pew Bible p. 803

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... “Following the Same Rules”  
Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 459 ..... *O Word of God Incarnate*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Legacy of Grace* (quoting Beethoven's *Prelude in F*)..... Logan & Kendall

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 35) .....The Apostles' Creed

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. 450..... *Be Thou My Vision*

†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 Mary Himelright in loving memory of her husband, Erol Himelright.

# Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Rom. 5:20  
Response to Forgiveness

CCLI # 1622560

Words by Julia H. Johnston  
Music by Daniel B. Towner

The musical score is written in treble clef, G major, and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has four measures with chords G, C/G, G, and D7. The second staff has six measures with chords D7/F#, G, C/G, G, G/B, and C. The third staff has six measures with chords G/D, Am/C, Am, G/D, D, and G. The lyrics are: 'Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.'

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure Screenings will be offered TODAY, after 8:30 worship, before and after 11:00 am worship.

**OPEN DOOR WORSHIP & DINNER**  
Postponed Until Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 8-15, 2017

### TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Blood Pressure Screenings  
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour  
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Blood Pressure Screenings  
12:15 pm: Diabetes Awareness—Memorial Sanctuary  
4:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection Progressive Dinner—  
Dell Room

### THIS WEEK

Monday: LOGOS Leadership Team—1:30 pm—David's Office  
Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR  
7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary  
Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Home of the Tandys  
WATTS Operations Committee—6:30 pm—Assembly Room  
GLOW—7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Memorial Sanctuary  
LOGOS—4:30-7:30 pm—Theme: "Polka Dots & Stripes Night"  
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary  
Thursday: Older Adult Trip—7:45 am  
Read 'em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of the Tandys  
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room  
Saturday: Rise Against Hunger—9:00 am—Memorial Sanctuary

### NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am  
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am  
Exodus 32:1-14, Matthew 22:1-14  
Sermon: "Come to the Banquet"  
LOGOS Grades K-5 Worship Group (11:00 am)  
Camp Paddy Run Day—1:00 pm  
Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12)—6:00 pm

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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  
Patricia & Ray Ferguson  
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.

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Audrey Saunders  
Beadle: Mike Butler  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeter: Becky Proctor  
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye  
Liturgist: Dave Richards  
Ushers: Virginia Barr, Pat Heavner,  
Audrey & Camden Saunders, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: AnnMarie Kelly  
Beadle: Robyn Ervin  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Greeters: Dana & AnnMarie Kelly  
Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Martha Fulton  
Liturgist: JoEllen Delamatta  
Nametags: Dulcie Reed  
Ushers: Rachel Burton, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,  
AnnMarie Kelly, Erika Reed, Bill Robinson



## 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 A MYSTERY TRIP!

This morning's children's workshop will take the children on a short MYSTERY TRIP! The children don't know exactly where they are going, but they will know it is for a good purpose! Their focus scripture for the morning is *"So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone."* (Galatians 6:10) They will be 'doing good for others' as they pack bags of useful items for colder weather and delivering them to a spot for others to take. The workshop is at 9:45 am and will be in **Classroom 3** today. What an awesome experience awaits the children!

## **DIABETES AWARENESS TODAY**

Directly following the 11:00 am worship service today, there will be a conference on diabetes in the Memorial Sanctuary. Lunch is provided.

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12:**

- **TODAY-Progressive Dinner!!!** Church members will welcome us into three different homes for amazing appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Gather at 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? Can't be there at the beginning, but want to join us at some point in the evening? Please call or text Rebekah Witt at 540-686-0752.
- **October 15-Outdoor Movie Night and Discussion.** Meet at the church at 6:00-8:30 pm. We will enjoy the movie, "Hidden Figures". It 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!

## **MEN OF OPEQUON**

The Men of Opequon (MOO) will gather for dinner tomorrow night at 6:00 pm at the Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road. We'll then return to the church for our monthly program at 7:00 pm, which this month will feature Opequon's own, Dr. Susan Cooper, a pharmacist who will share with us about her diverse pharmacy experiences and give us insight into wise practices with our medications. We'll also begin to look at plans for next year. Come learn and grow in character and discipleship, as we build relationships with Christ and one another.

## **GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN**

Opequon women are invited to come join in friendship at GLOW, this Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room. Rebekah Witt will share a special presentation about her years' experience in Denver, Colorado as a Young Adult Volunteer. Treat yourself to some time with the girls and join us for fellowship and fun. Refreshments are provided.

## **HAPPY DAYS GATHERING**

Happy Days is the monthly fellowship gathering for all older adults and will be meeting this Wednesday, October 11 beginning at noon with a covered dish lunch in the Memorial Sanctuary. Following lunch, the guest speaker will be Justin Allen, the Director of Spiritual Life at Shenandoah University. Justin will share how some local college students are nurturing their faith and carrying that faith beyond the college campus. Bring your favorite covered dish item and come join us!

## **ADULT TRIP TO FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL**

The adult trip to visit the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania is this Thursday. Those who have reserved a spot on this trip are asked to be at church at 7:45 am. If you have not paid for the trip, please be prepared to pay the \$8 cost that morning. We are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable trip on a beautiful fall day!

## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

A Rise Against Hunger food packaging event will be held this 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](mailto:gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com), or Susanna Shade, [shadesathome@aol.com](mailto:shadesathome@aol.com).

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

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

## **ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>:**

8:30–76

Sunday School–58

11:00–110

## **LIVESTREAMING WORSHIP**

On behalf of the Technology & Communication Team, we want to take a moment to update everyone on Livestreaming. Since the launch of Livestreaming in June, we have had an average of eight "viewers" a service. We have also had an average of 85 people who at some point during the week, have gone back to review the service, sermon, or all of the above. This is HUGE and is very exciting for the life, growth, and fellowship of the church, and we thank you for "tuning" in.

To view Livestream, please go to the church webpage, [opequonpresbyterianchurch.org](http://opequonpresbyterianchurch.org), and click Watch Sunday Worship Services LIVE. You will be redirected to our YouTube Channel to watch the Sunday service in action. Please remember to adjust your volume on your device to assure you can hear the service.

While you are watching the service streamed LIVE, you also have the opportunity to view and print the Sunday bulletin. Once again, go to the church website, go to WELCOME in the top bar across the screen, then click WORSHIP, then finally BULLETINS. You now have access to the bulletins each Sunday.

**Take 10** posts are also available by going to the church webpage and looking under LATEST SERMONS on the homepage screen.

Lastly, thank all of you for making this a great success. We are always looking for new faces to assist with the streaming on Sunday's. In order to make this possible, we need people to make it happen.

## **NEWCOMERS' GATHERING**

### **Save the Date**

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu) or 540-686-0752.

## **A "GIFT" EVENT- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29-"HAVE YOU GOT TIME?"**

**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 us 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](mailto: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 November 19 at 12:15 pm. Sign up now so that the Youth can continue planning for an afternoon of fellowship together!

# 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 direct us toward God's word?

### Notes on Today's Prayers

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

How do God's rules bring different people together and keep us together?

### Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Who are the landowner, the tenants, the servants and the son in this parable?

Think about our church's two cornerstones. Where are they located, when were they placed, and what is their meaning?

What are the "fruits of the kingdom" to which Jesus refers in Matthew 21:43? How does your life bear fruit for God's kingdom? What do you contribute to the harvest of God that Jesus describes?

How do the Pharisees respond to Jesus ominous story? How do we react?

What did I learn from our study of Exodus 20 and Matthew 21 this morning that I will apply to my life?