

Opequon Presbyterian Church



**“Between People and God”
What God Wants from Us**

Sunday, September 10, 2017

**“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
William Heavner ----- Organist
Susan Homan ----- Director of Music
Carole Witt ----- Director of Christian Education
Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director
Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor
Patty Klinefelter ----- Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard ----- Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor-----Sexton



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 10, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Education Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus.....arr. Smith

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. 276 (vv. 1, 2)..... *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

**Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful, for the Lord takes
pleasure in the people.**

Let the faithful sing for joy.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 396.....*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us pray together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 518 (vv. 1, 3) *Your Only Son*

† 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.”

COMMISSIONING REBEKAH WITT,
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM *Open Thou Mine Eyes*

Benjamin Harlan

Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see. Open Thou mine ears and I shall hear. Incline my heart, I shall desire, order my steps and I shall walk the ways of Thy commandments. O Lord my God be Thou to me a God that I may love You, that I may serve You, that I may worship You, and adore You, that I may follow You, that I may look to You. Amen.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14 Pew Bible p. 51

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 13:8-14 Pew Bible p. 923

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN “That’s What It’s All About!”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

SERMON “Waking from Our Sleep”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Shackley

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

†LITANY FOR A NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YEAR

Christian education is our invitation to prayerfully equip disciples of all generations to be Christ's hands, heart, and feet in the world through faith formation.

Help us, wise and nurturing God, to encourage men and women, youth, boys and girls to seek to know you and to make known the gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to nurture and instruct in the ways of the Lord, for that is the chief responsibility of the church and family. Grant us grace to fulfill this high calling.

Beginning with the study of Holy Scripture, may we find one another exploring your love and justice in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, LOGOS, PYC, and all kinds of opportunities for people of all ages.

Thank you, Lord, for all those who taught us your Word and lived a life which made your teachings real to us. May we follow the example of Jesus Christ and seek to emulate these persons, who rightly taught us and lit the flame of excellence within us.

Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may not lean to our own understanding, but rather trust in you. As we honor and worship you, teach us to respect one another. Help us to maintain a sound, disciplined mind and give us obedient, compassionate hearts.

As we aspire to live more virtuous lives, help us to overcome ignorance, hesitancy, and compromise, embracing the teachings of Jesus.

May we learn and grow and practice faith throughout all aspects of congregational and daily life.

To God be the glory. Amen!

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. 754..... *Help Us Accept Each Other*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 540 *Farewell, Good Friends!*

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom,

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Heather and Joe Buonocore in memory of the Americans who lost their lives in Benghazi, September 11, 2015.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD: 8:30–68 11:00–88

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Natalie Youngblood

Beadle: Heide Mohler

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler

Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye

Liturgist: Jay Tibbs

Ushers: Pat Heavner, Ben Winn, Jack, Jim & Natalie Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Jonathan Lightcap

Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly

Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Susan Ritter

Liturgist: Rebekah Witt

Nametags: Dulcie Reed

Ushers: Breanna Daggett, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,
Kat Kibler, Jonathan Lightcap, Bill Robinson

Two Weeks from Today! - “Back to Church Sunday”
Invite! Encourage! Challenge! Love! Extend Hospitality!

Sunday, September 24th, 8:30 & 11 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 10-17, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Christian Education Sunday
9:45 am: Rally Day–Memorial Sanctuary,
Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Christian Education Sunday
3:30 pm: PS150 Rehearsal–Memorial Sanctuary
5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection Kick-off (Youth & Families)
–Pitcock Memorial Shelter

THIS WEEK

- Monday: LOGOS Leadership Team–9:00 am–David’s Office
Older Adult Ministry Team–10:00 am–Bageant Room
Men of Opequon “MOO”–6:00 pm–Chick-fil-A PVR
7:00 pm–Bageant Room
Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission–9:30 am–Home of the Witts
God-Loving Opequon Women “GLOW”–7:00 pm
–Bageant Room
Wednesday: Happy Days–12:00 Noon–Memorial Sanctuary
LOGOS–4:30-7:30 pm–Theme: “Genesis Night”
Choir Practice–7:30 pm–Sanctuary
Thursday: Read ‘em & Reap–7:00 pm–Home of Tom & Rhoda Tandy
Scout Troop 1–7:00 pm–Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY

- Morning Worship–8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages–9:45 am
Called Congregational Meeting–10:45 am–Sanctuary
Exodus 14:19-31, Romans 14:1-12
Sermon: “We Honor the Lord”
Introduction of Confirmation Class
Happy Everything Luncheon–12:15 pm
Presbyterian Youth Connection–5:00 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Denise Weidele & Family
June Seal
Hurricane Irma Victims
Scott Souders
Alex Jones
Carola Czernik
Deb Kron
Jacki Barb
Al Owens
Hurricane Harvey Victims
Katie Heavner Baker
Rachel & Michael Weller
The Call Family

Betty Bly
Casey Carr
Jay & Marjory Journell
Kevin Paquette
Reagan Long
Anna Lois
Donna & Terry Coffman
Donna Cornwell
Gordy Lindow
Frances Pitcock
Rick Praml
Dottie Edwards
Gary Strickler

Carlos Valdez
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Nancy Kerns
Joe & Candy Strosnider
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Sandi Pulizzi
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.

Rally Day Morning

TODAY - 9:45 am - Memorial Sanctuary
Theme: **"Getting in Gear for a New Year!"**

A delightful intergenerational morning with a purpose! Enjoy a morning devotion, some teamwork with others and morning treats. It will be a time of great joy around the tables. Come join this wonderful congregation wide celebration. Following the Rally Day Celebration, we will all have some brief time in separate classes.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION KICK-OFF EVENT

Come on down to the Pitcock Memorial Shelter TONIGHT at 5:00-7:00 pm for some food, fun, and fellowship! What more could you want?! Well, there will also be corn hole and ultimate frisbee competitions happening. The BBQ, buns, coleslaw, and beverages will all be there for you to enjoy, but please bring a side dish to share. All those in 6th-12th grade are invited...just don't forget to bring your family along! Be there to offer your ideas for the upcoming year and hear what is already planned.

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATIONAL HOUR BEGINS ANEW!

9:45-10:45 am (September-May)

Nursery provided for infants and toddlers with age appropriate story-time and activities included.

Children's Classes--In our fourth year of "WORM"- (Workshop Rotation Model)

Preschool-4th Grade in the downstairs hallway.

Youth Classes

- 5th, 6th & 7th Grades--Room 5 (Made especially comfortable JUST FOR YOU)
- 8th Grade Confirmation Class--Room 2.
- 9th-12th Grades--Youth Spot "MESH" (Morning Experience for Senior High Meets 2x a month)

Adult Classes

All adult classes are open to adults of any age.

- **The Hands-Heart-Feet Class** meets in the Memorial Sanctuary. They come together inside the building for study and discussion and also go out to serve with hands-on mission work in the community. For more details of class happenings, contact Robin Owens, 550-4784 or Mike Butler, 553-1239.
- **The Spiritual Growth Class** meets in the Bageant Room. This class will begin the fall studying "MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet", likely followed by sessions using Feasting on The Word materials. For details of class happenings, contact Ellie Cammer, 667-3683.
- **The Faith in Families Class** meets in Assembly Room. This class uses a variety of resources to facilitate conversation and study about personal growth and discipleship through our multigenerational families. They will begin the Fall using a study called "Home Grown". For details of class happenings, contact Pastor David Witt, 662-1843.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

This team meets tomorrow at 10:00 am (note the slight shift in time) in the Bageant Room for their monthly planning of Happy Days events, trips and other special events. This meeting is open to any older adults who would like to join us.

GLOW (God-loving Opequon Women)

GLOW is our exciting name for the Opequon's women's group, open to all OPC ladies! We gather monthly for an enriching time of friendship, refreshment, and inspiration. GLOW will meet this Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room. Our focus this month is to make a "GLOW Banner" that can be displayed throughout the building and beyond! The work of many hands is needed! Allow yourself just a couple of hours to devote to your own enjoyment and come join the treasure of women on this evening.

HAPPY DAYS GATHERING THIS WEDNESDAY

The Older Adult fellowship group, known as Happy Days here at OPC, is gathering this Wednesday at noon in the Memorial Sanctuary. A pot-luck luncheon will nourish everyone, followed by guest speaker Rebekah Witt, sharing about her work, experience and life during the past year in Denver, Colorado as a Young Adult Volunteer through the PCUSA. Rebekah is very excited to be asked to speak at Happy Days. Come enjoy all that she has to share.

LOGOS REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN!

Our 20th year of LOGOS is coming ever closer with opening night this Wednesday, September 13! Children and youth, K-12, are invited to participate in this exciting year. The theme is "Great Are You Lord, Celebrating 20 Years!" Registration is EASY! You can go online to the church website (www.opequonchurch.org) to find the forms needed or simply ask Carole Witt. There is a great LOGOS Handbook available and we would love to put it in your hands! Feel free to contact Carole Witt at dce@opequonchurch.org or 662-1843 with your questions.

COMMUNION EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A communion education workshop for children age 4 through 5th grade is being offered on Sunday, September 24, 3:00-4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This time will be led by David and Carole Witt and includes stories, visual illustrations, and hands-on opportunities as we explore the meaning of celebrating the Lord's Supper. Parents are invited to stay with their children and be part of this time as well. This workshop is meant to prepare our children so that they better understand this special sacrament and can enjoy it with you during worship.



Next Sunday
12:15 p.m.
Memorial Sanctuary

Please bring a covered dish to share – dessert and beverages will be provided.

There will be a short program that will make you Happy!

Please join us for a potluck luncheon as we celebrate EVERYTHING!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Earlier this summer our garden leaders submitted a project proposal to the United Way of the Northern Shenandoah Valley. The proposal was asking for assistance during United Way's Day of Caring which will be held on Wednesday, September 13th. We've recently learned that we were accepted again this year, so we'll have a group of about ten people coming that day to help us with harvesting, weeding, clean-up and other miscellaneous garden projects. For more information, contact one of the gardeners on call: Joelle Cafaro, drhealer@gmail.com

Dana Kelly, davedana@comcast.net

Robin Owens, robinowensopcsession@gmail.com

In Remembrance

Robert "Bob" Weidele

August 28, 1933-September 3, 2017

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did the music this morning testify to God's call to us to love one another?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

What did I learn? What will I remember?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

From what sleep do we need to be awakened?

Who are our neighbors? Are there neighbors, whether close by or far away, with whom you need a closer connection?

Why, according to Paul, is love the only law we need?

How does faith in Christ make a difference? In your life? In the world?

What did I learn from our study of Romans 13:8-14 this morning that I will apply to my life?