

# Opequon Presbyterian Church



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

**Sunday, September 17, 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 17, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

*Prelude on "Kingsfold".....* arr. Englert

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. 368 ..... *We Fall Down*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, bless the Lord,

**bless God’s holy name.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**so great is God’s steadfast love for us.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 620.....*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

As loving parents have compassion for their children, God has compassion for us. Confident in God’s love, let us confess our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all.**

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 435

..... *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

† 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.”**

INTRODUCTION OF OUR 2017-2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS (11:00)

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

ANTHEM ..... *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*  
Joel Raney

Bless the Lord, O my soul; let all that is within me bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and remember God's great mercy. Bless the Lord, O my soul; let earth and sky and heaven bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and sing God's praise forever. Bless the Lord, whose almighty pow'r renews our strength when hope is gone. Bless the Lord, whose abounding love, can take an empty heart and fill it with a song! Praise God from whom all blessings flow, and sing God's praise forever and ever.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21 ..... Pew Bible p. 42

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 14:1-12 ..... Pew Bible p. 923

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... “That Many Times?”  
Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 445 ..... *God, How Can We Forgive*

SERMON ..... “We Honor the Lord”  
Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I Walked with God This Day*.....Birchwood

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 37, Sections 1, 3, 5, 6)

..... "A Brief Statement of Faith," Presbyterian Church (USA)

INTRODUCTION OF OUR 2017-2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS (8:30)

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. 547 ..... *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

†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



**TODAY!**  
**12:15 p.m.**  
**Memorial Sanctuary**

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

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 17-24, 2017

## TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Introduction of Confirmation Class,  
Fair Trade Coffee
- 9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
- 10:45 am: Called Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Introduction of Confirmation Class,  
Fair Trade Coffee
- 12:15 pm: “Happy Everything” Potluck Luncheon—Memorial Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Dell Room

## THIS WEEK

- Monday: Trustees Meeting—6:00 pm—David’s Office  
WATTS Board Meeting—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: “Marshmallow Mania”  
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Hike with Mike—8:30 am

## NEXT SUNDAY—“Back to Church Sunday”

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
- Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
- Exodus 16:2-15, Matthew 20:1-16
- Sermon: “It’s Not Fair!”
- Four Cents a Meal
- Motel Ministry—12:30 pm—Kitchen
- Communion Education Workshop—3:00 pm—Sanctuary

## ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>:

8:30—77                      Sunday School—60                      11:00—118

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Katie Heavner Baker  
Dick Crane  
Steve Guthrie  
Mark Wilhelm  
Michael Funkhouser  
Dr Scott Cabozolo  
Jeremiah Baker Family  
Herb Birchenough  
Mac & Paula McNichols  
James Searcy  
Casey Carr  
Roy Barrett  
Denise Weidele & Family  
June Seal  
Hurricane Irma Victims

Scott Souders  
Alex Jones  
Carola Czernik  
Deb Kron  
Jacki Barb  
Al Owens  
Hurricane Harvey Victims  
Rachel & Michael Weller  
The Call Family  
Betty Bly  
Jay & Marjory Journell  
Kevin Paquette  
Donna & Terry Coffman  
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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## PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Heide Mohler  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker  
Liturgist: Jay Tibbs  
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler

11:00

Acolyte: Elise Buonocore  
Beadle: Keith McMurdo  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Hospitality: Betty Ganoë, Kirsta Weber  
Liturgist: Rebekah Witt  
Nametags: Martha Fulton  
Ushers: Jason Brown, Elise Buonocore, Caleb Cooper,  
Andy Homan, Chase Pierce, Joel Witt

## THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Barbara & Elmer Denmon in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Next Sunday! - **“Back to Church Sunday”**  
Invite! Encourage! Challenge! Love! Extend Hospitality!  
Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 & 11:00 am

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION FOR ALL 6-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Youth Kick-off. In a grueling tournament, Katherine and Marlin Newhouse came out on top as the Cornhole Champions...until next year!
- TODAY-Come putt-putt your way around the mini golf course! Meet at the church at 5:00 pm before we head off to Appleland. Bring a brown bag dinner and \$6 to play. We will end at 7:00 pm.
- September 24-Calling all sandwich artists and friendly faces to help with Motel Ministry after church! Join this outreach in our local community.
- September 30-THIS IS A SATURDAY. Extend hospitality to those in the community by cooking up and serving a delicious meal at Jubilee Kitchen. Meet at First Presbyterian by 10:00 am. If you need a ride there, please contact Rebekah Witt at [wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu](mailto:wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu) or 540-686-0752. We will finish by 1:00 pm.
- REMINDER-The Middle School Rally, for those in Grades 6-8, is October 1, 9:00 am-4:30 pm. Please let Rebekah Witt know ASAP if you would like to join the group that is going! It is okay to miss Confirmation Class that day.

## **WORM BEGINS TODAY!**

WORM is our Sunday morning workshop time for preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade children, held at 9:45 am. Children will be learning how to say some GREAT bible verses in SIGN LANGUAGE along with playing some games and enjoying a special ‘sign language’ treat! All this fun is happening in Room 3 on the downstairs hallway. Let the children come!



**SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATIONAL HOUR IS UNDERWAY  
THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!—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-4<sup>th</sup> Grade in the downstairs hallway.

**Youth Classes**

- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades—Room 5 (Made especially comfortable JUST FOR YOU)
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **HIKE WITH MIKE**

If you enjoy the great outdoors, you will enjoy sharing it with like-minded church family members. Join us on Saturday, September 23, at 8:30 am, to hike Winchester's Green Circle. Please wear comfortable shoes with good ankle and arch support and bring water and snacks. Please register by contacting Mike Butler at [mbutler57@outlook.com](mailto:mbutler57@outlook.com) or 540-533-1239. In case of rain, we will decide the day of the hike and let people know by email and phone call the status of the outing.

## **COMMUNION EDUCATION WORKSHOP**

A communion education workshop for children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is being offered next Sunday, 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.

## **FAMILY CAREGIVER CONFERENCE**

There will be a Family Caregiver Conference on Monday, September 25, from 9:00-3:00 pm at the Bright Box Theatre on the Old Town Mall. Space is limited so you need to pre-register for this free event. Call 540-324-9555 or go to [www.caringangelshh.com](http://www.caringangelshh.com) and click on the register for conference tab.

## **UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

*(Highlighting a different part of worship each month)*

Let's talk about the CALL TO WORSHIP. The Call to Worship is the 'official' beginning of worship. It is the starting line with all of us beginning together. GOD is doing the 'calling'- it is like GOD saying "HELLO" to us and us saying "HELLO" back. The Call to Worship focuses our attention on the purpose of worship—to gather in praise and honoring God. God is thrilled to have us gather to worship Him. Since He has invited us/called us to worship, then we call/invite one another to worship. The Call to Worship is a time to "WAKE UP" and be alert for the important time of honoring God.

## **PARENTING IN THE PEW**

Parents are invited to TAKE and KEEP a “Parenting in the Pew” binder. These brightly colored three-ring binders have been prepared especially with parents in mind. They contain suggestions, tools, ideas, and more for parents to use as they sit and worship WITH their children in the sanctuary for the whole service. The pages of the binder have ideas that can last over weeks and months as parents and children share worship time together. **You are welcome to take the binder home and keep it as your own resource.**

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

We had nine folks join us as volunteers for United Way’s Day of Caring event held on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. They were so much fun and helped us do a ton of upkeep around the garden. Our community garden is very blessed by so many kind individuals. Thanks be to God. It has been a great harvest season. For more information, contact one of the gardeners on call:

Joelle Cafaro, [drhealer@gmail.com](mailto:drhealer@gmail.com)

Dana Kelly, [davedana@comcast.net](mailto:davedana@comcast.net)

Robin Owens, [robinowensopcsession@gmail.com](mailto:robinowensopcsession@gmail.com)

## **WORLD COMMUNION FESTIVAL UPCOMING IN OCTOBER**

World Communion Sunday has become a special, celebratory festival each year at Opequon Church and it will be coming up on Sunday, October 1st. You may anticipate uplifting, global music and creative gifts shared by our young people. As always, a variety of home-baked breads are appreciated, the differing textures, colors, shapes, and sizes representing the world-wide Christian community. We also like to include people who are willing to offer a communion invitation in their native or acquired language. Please let Pastors Tracie or David know if you can assist and participate.

## **DIABETES AWARENESS**

On Sunday, October 8, directly following 11:00 am worship service, there will be a conference on diabetes. Lunch will be provided. Please register now. You will find a sign-up sheet on the nametag table.

**Save the Date—Sunday, October 29—“TRUNK & TREAT”**

## WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

### Notes on Today's Music

How did the music this morning testify to God's call to us to forgiveness?

### 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

Why should Christians practice sabbath-keeping?

How do we honor the Lord through our relationships with others?

Forgiveness is a hard thing. When has someone forgiven you? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness?

Why is my forgiveness of others so connected to God's forgiveness?

How do we preserve and promote the well-being of this community of faith (church)?

What did I learn from our study of Romans 14:1-12 this morning that I will apply to my life?