

Opequon Presbyterian Church



“Between People and God”
What God Wants from Us

Sunday, September 3, 2017

“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
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 3, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *You Are Standing on Holy Ground*..... Arr. Heavner

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. 405** *Praise God for This Holy Ground*
(v. 1-Choir; vv. 3, 5-All)

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord, the God of all generations, calls us.

This is holy ground.

The Lord, the great I AM, is with us.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

†**HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 14**..... *For the Beauty of the Earth*
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God to save, let us confess our sins before God and this assembly.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sin and evil and has opened to us the way of eternal life.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 447 *We Are Forgiven*

† 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 *The Servant Song*

David Schwoebel

If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, they shall be the last, they shall be the last; be the servant of all. We are trav’lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we’ve seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15 Pew Bible p. 44

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 12:9-21 Pew Bible p. 922

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN “Paul’s Advice”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 372 *O for a World*

SERMON “Readied for New Life in the World”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *God of the Ages*.....Arr. Summers

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 306..... *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

†POSTLUDE

COMMUNION TODAY

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Debbie & Bill Bender, Leslie Tucker, Robin Owens, Graham Taylor and Vicki Schmidt Crites. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Bill Robinson, Dorothy Walker, JoEllen Delamatta, Lance Astorino, Robyn Ervin, and Bill Hopeck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 3-10, 2017

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP
3:30 pm: PS150 Rehearsal–Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

Monday: Labor Day–Church Office Closed
Tuesday: Technology & Communications–5:15 pm–Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night Dinner–6:00 pm–Memorial Sanctuary
Devotions–6:45 pm, Meetings–7:00 pm
Wednesday: Staff Meeting–9:30 am–Bageant Room
Choir Practice–6:30 pm–Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY–Christian Education Sunday

Morning Worship–8:30 & 11:00 am
Rally Day–9:45 am–Memorial Sanctuary
Sunday School for All Ages
Exodus 12:1-14, Romans 13:8-14
Sermon: “Waking from Our Sleep”
Celebrating Christian Education
Commissioning Rebekah Witt
Presbyterian Youth Connection Kick-off–5:00 pm–Pitcock Memorial Shelter

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Heidi and Keith McMurdo to the glory of God and in joyful thanksgiving for the summer ministry of Pastor Tracie and Bill Martin.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH–148

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jacki Barb
Nathan Windle
Al Owens
Hurricane Harvey Victims
Betty Dowell Family
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
Rachel
Corey Jones
Gordy Lindow
Bob Weidele
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.



Rally Day Morning

September 10, 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 on September 10 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.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Bud Proctor
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeter: Leslie Tucker
Hospitality: Dom Cafaro, Betty Chicklo
Ushers: Vicki Crites, Dulcie Reed, Graham Taylor

11:00

Beadle: Keith McMurdo
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Dana Kelly, Susanna Shade
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino & Marj Praml
Liturgist: Rebekah Witt
Ushers: Jim Butler, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

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 in 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 this important time of honoring God.

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 17, at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee and then proceed to elect four ruling elders, three deacons, and one trustee. The committee will at that time nominate **Bill Hopeck, Becky Proctor, Susan Ritter and Kirsta Weber**, to serve as ruling elders; **Betty Chicklo, June Malone, and Bill Martin** to serve as deacons; and **Larry Donovan** to serve as trustee. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the prior consent of the person nominated. Please be present to actively participate in the life and governance of your church.



**Sunday
September 17
12:15 p.m.**

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!**

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.

LOGOS REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN!

Our 20th year of LOGOS is coming ever closer with opening night on 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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

This year's harvest totals to date:

May: 5 pounds June: 52 pounds July: 137.05 pounds

August: 566.87 pounds, which includes 222 pounds of apples

Total to date: 760.92 pounds

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

PDA—HURRICANE HARVEY ASSISTANCE

You can join in the response to Hurricane Harvey and encourage those in need by standing in the "GAP" - Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE:

Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Make checks payable to Opequon Presbyterian Church and write, Hurricane Harvey on the memo line. Alternatively, you can give with a credit card by visiting presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY or by phone at 800-872-3283.

ACT:

- Put together Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas - hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/.
- Contact the PDA Call Center to be notified of volunteer opportunities. Call 866-732-6121 or email pda.callcenter@pcusa.org.
- Learn how your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook.

PRAY:

God, our Shelter, be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen.

For more information, visit pda.pcusa.org.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION

In the interest of safety and liability issues, access to the Fellowship Hall will be **restricted** to contractors and the Buildings & Grounds Team during renovation. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time of upheaval.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did the music this morning testify to God's call to discipleship and community?

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

What does the apostle Paul call us to be and challenge us to do?

Why is this passage often labeled "Marks of the True Christian"?

Why is it difficult to follow Paul's advice?

What impact would I/we have in the family, church, community and world if I followed Paul's advice?

What did I learn from our study of Romans 12:9-21 this morning that I will apply to my life?