

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GOD ISN'T FINISHED WITH US YET!

2016 Summer Worship & Preaching Series

WELCOME! This historic church began worship on these grounds in 1732 and was organized in 1736. We are dedicated to “prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ’s hands, heart and feet in the world.” We are strengthened today by your presence whether guest or member. Go forth, blest and renewed because you were here this day!

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, located in the back of the Sanctuary, should not be taken to Children's Worship. Please return the bag and supplies to the bin when you are leaving.
- **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, 662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 10, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "St. George Windsor"*

Please use this time to prepare for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew racks—please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 701 (2x) *Lord Prepare Me (Sanctuary)*

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 13:8-9)

Like a seed planted in good soil,

The word of God does not return empty.

Let anyone with ears listen!

The word of God will bear good fruit.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Divine Gardener cannot sow seeds of justice and peace where there is nothing but hearts of dry, hard rocks. Let us now confess that our hearts need tilling, digging out the deeply rooted sins that crowd out seedlings planted with divine compassion.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. We have not prepared our hearts to receive the gift of your Word. We allow thorns and weeds to grow in the places where you plant the gospel. Forgive us, restore and reorder our lives by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accomplish all the you desire in us, so that we may bear good fruit, to the glory of your holy name.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our Divine Gardener tends us in steadfast love, unending mercies, and eternal faithfulness; God cultivates true friendship with us through boundless forgiveness. In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 647 *Give Thanks*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *How Great Thou Art*
Jessica Eaton, soloist

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 65 Pew Bible p. 459

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-33 Pew Bible p. 794

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN (Worship Order p. 6)..... *In the Garden*

SERMON..... "Getting Out of the Weeds"
Rev. Carrie Burslem Evans
Teaching Elder/Pastor, Shenandoah Presbytery

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Bringing in the Sheaves*

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal No. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer.)

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Asheville Youth Mission, Asheville, NC

Kristin Blake, Annette Daggett, Breanna Daggett, Brenna Hathaway, Jason Hathaway, Kevin Hay, Maggie Heishman, Jonny Lunsford, Ben Newhouse, Mitchell Skowbo, Joel Witt, Natalie Youngblood, and Jim Youngblood

Presbytery Baja Mission Trip, Baja, Mexico

Bill Burslem, Bill Hopeck, Graham Taylor

Opening Statement

Questions of Participants:

Do you, on behalf of this congregation, promise to work together, loving one another, respecting each other, and helping each other as you experience Christ in this new context?

Will you represent our congregation faithfully in your words and deeds, sharing our love with the people of Asheville and Baja, and living as Christ's disciples?

Will you return to us ready to share the stories of what you have experienced, and in so doing help to strengthen our own outreach ministries?

Questions of Congregation:

Will we, the members of this church, support these young people and their leaders in their mission trip, praying for them daily?

When they return will we be ready to listen as they share their experiences and open ourselves to being transformed by their witness?

Commissioning Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 721....*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 748..... *Go with Us, Lord*

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,**

that in your Spirit strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

†POSTLUDE

In the Garden

(I Come to the Garden Alone)

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone while the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a -

still on the ros - es, and the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me
 round me be fall - ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe

Refrain
 the Son of God dis - clos - es.
 with - in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 his voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

WORDS: C. Austin Miles, 1913 (Jn. 20:11-18)

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GARDEN
 89.557 with Refrain

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 10-17, 2016

TODAY

- 8:45 a.m.: Spiritual Growth Class—Bageant Room
10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Commissioning of Mission Trip Teams
(Asheville Youth Mission & Baja, Mexico)
11:30 a.m.: Young Adult Brunch—IJ Canns

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Men of Opequon—6:00 p.m.—Chick-fil-A (PVR)
7:00 p.m.—Youth Spot
Tuesday: GLOW—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
Wiffle Ball—7:00 p.m.—Body Renew

NEXT SUNDAY

Spiritual Growth Class —8:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:00 a.m. Only
Philippians 3:4b-16
Sermon: “The Forward Look”

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

- Acolyte: AnnMarie Kelly
Beadle: Sandy Vess
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Karen & Ray Jones
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Ashton Clark, Brenna Hathaway, Pat Heavner,
AnnMarie Kelly, Dick Widell, Jim Youngblood

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Youth Mission Trip
Asheville, NC
Baja Mission Trip, Mexico
Robert Walker
Daniel Hanna
Jessica Trotter
Charlie Clevenger
Istanbul, Turkey Bombing
Victims
Al Owens
West Virginia Flood Victims
Phyllis Dilley
Joan
Roy Bayliss Family
Nancy Lloyd
Margaret Clark/Betty Bly
Barbara Spitznogle
Calvin McCracken
Orlando Mass Shooting
Victims & Families
Scarlett Kibler
Marj Praml
Peter Schieve
Warden Jenkins

Linda Clem
Gary Snapp
Linda Dixon
Sandi Pulizzi
Ed Golightly
Paula McNichols
Mike McKiernan
Tom Lion
John Burchett
Marcia Jaureguizar
Nancy Lewis
Nancy Simmons
Josh Beeler
Lauren Chambers
Deborah Kron
Lanette Orduna
Kevin Paquette
Anna Gerringer
Gene Fish
Wanda Royston
Donna Coffman
Mo Carr
Rozann Evers
Mettu, Ethiopia

Donna Klinefelter
Cyndi Taylor
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Terry & Diane Sinclair
Clay Knick
Carolyn Newman
Doug Pittsnogle
Dorothy Rogers
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Gretchen Cooley
Paula Tobin
Natalie Miller
Frank Vardeman
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
Michael Keister
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesus
People Looking for Work &
Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, and their families.

WELCOME CARRIE BURSLEM EVANS

The Reverend Carrie Evans is the daughter of Pat and Bill Burslem and a member of the Shenandoah Presbytery, where she was ordained in 2000. She has served churches in, Charlotte, NC, Richmond, VA and Warrenton, VA. Carrie now serves as the executive director of Stafford Junction, a non-profit that serves low income families and at risk kids in Stafford, VA. She is married to Paul Evans and they have two beautiful children – Jacob, age 17 and Isabelle, age 12.

STAFF SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

David & Carole Witt continue on vacation through Saturday, July 16. They will return to the office on Monday, July 18. If a pastoral concern arises, please call Pastor Kevin Hay at 910-212-2366. Kevin will be leading the youth on their Asheville Mission Trip July 17-22, and then he will be on vacation July 23-30.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, JULY 3RD: 10:00 a.m.—138

SUMMER ADULT CLASS

A Sunday morning adult class continues each Sunday this summer. It meets in the Bageant Room at 8:45 a.m. The study focuses on the Gospel of Mark and is facilitated by Gary Strickler. All adults are welcome!

MEN OF OPEQUON

Our own Sara Gomez and William Heavner will be our guest speakers at the July 11th meeting. Sara and Bill will share with us about the mission, program, and outreach of the Winchester Little Theater. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. at the newly renovated Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road, with the 7:00 p.m. program back at the church in the Youth Spot.

GLOW-GOD LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN

All Opequon women are invited to the monthly GLOW gathering Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m. at the picnic shelter. Come enjoy a campfire atmosphere as you share memories and stories from childhood camp experiences, join in favorite campfire songs and make s'mores! You'll love the stories from one another, the laughter, and sweet friendships.

HAPPY DAYS GATHERING

The older adult fellowship gathering known as HAPPY DAYS, meets this Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. It all begins with a covered dish lunch so bring a summer favorite to share with others. Following lunch, everyone will enjoy the annual WHITE ELEPHANT game. The fun twist this year is that the "white elephant has hit the road" and is going traveling. You are invited to bring a "travel" item for the White Elephant game. Travel items could be something helpful for a day trip, an overnight trip, or a weekend extended stay somewhere. Wrap your item and add it to the collection for this hilarious game. The game always promotes tremendous laughter, and that is good medicine!

PYC NEWS

Mission Trip to Asheville, NC – July 17-22
Rising 7th Graders through Graduating 12th Graders

JUST FOR KIDS

Happy Summer OPC children! Stop by the “Just for Kids” table in the Gathering Area and take a flag that is there for you. Attached to each flag is a summer idea for being a Godly Kid, even during these summer days. Enjoy your very own little flag. Realize God is with you through each summer day.

WV PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Looking for ways to support our neighbors suffering from floods in West Virginia? You can donate through Opequon Church (Write PDA DR000191-U.S. Flooding on the memo line). In addition to prayers and donations, they have also made appeals for volunteers to begin the work of rebuilding, including those experienced in performing damage assessments. Furthermore, they are seeking volunteers willing and able to provide pastoral care. They are not seeking any supplies at this time until it is clear exactly what may be most needed and helpful. If you'd like to explore ways to volunteer - please talk to Kevin - associate@opequonchurch.com.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden is flourishing! The produce totals continue to increase every week, thanks to all of the hard work by the mighty garden team. We've finished the cabbage, radishes, broccoli and onion harvests for the season. The beans have just been planted along with more cucumbers. Squash and pepper blossoms are becoming vegetables, blueberries are ripening and the tomatoes will blossom shortly. Our donations to the Highland Food Pantry have been welcomed with open arms and are helping to feed the working poor. The garden team is always looking for new volunteers to help water and weed throughout the summer. Please visit signupgenius.com/go/opcgarden to view the calendar and sign up to help, or you can sign up on the list in the Gathering Area. Have questions? Please contact Leslie Tucker (lesliehtucker@verizon.net) or Clare Milburn (milburncm@appstate.edu).

93RD ANNUAL BIBLE & CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE

Will be held at Massanetta Springs July 24-30. This year's theme is “Celebrate the Church!” Opening worship is on Sunday, July 24, with Tony Campolo preaching. Go to massanettasprings.org for more information.

ADULT TRIP TO THE 'DANIEL MORGAN HOUSE'

An older adult trip to tour the 'Daniel Morgan House' in Winchester is set for Wednesday, August 24, 9:45 a.m. This house is actually the home of George and Jeanne Schember, who will be our personal tour guides! There is still space available for this trip. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area kiosk. Following our tour of the house, we will enjoy lunch out in Winchester. Trip costs \$5 plus lunch.

OPC 280 IS HERE AND CONTINUES!

The main goal of OPC 280 is to solve long term facility issues around Opequon as well as reestablishing a rainy day fund specifically for facility needs in order to prevent withdrawals from church reserves. A byproduct of the OPC 280 effort is the freeing up of monies that would normally compete with other important ministries including mission opportunities.

You'll notice an OPC 280 envelope & donor card in the pews. As you feel called and ready to make your commitment to Opequon's future, please fill out the card and drop it in the offering plate. Our goal of \$280,000 is ambitious, but the needs of the church are great and worthy.

As of July 3rd the OPC team has collected approximately \$98,294 in donations. This is a great start, but we think we can do better. With that in mind, we're going to extend our giving deadline through the end of the summer. Your help is still needed. Please take some time to consider what you can do for Opequon.

HAVE YOU GIVEN TO OPC 280?

Pledged Gifts as of June 21: \$102,145

Breakdown by range	Number
\$20,000-28,000	2
\$ 2,000-6,000	11
\$ 1,000-1,500	7
\$ 280-560	18
\$ 20-200	<u>16</u>
	54

Young Adult - 20's & 30's News

For all Young Adults in their 20's and 30's in all stages of life
(young professionals, newlyweds, married with kids, college students, graduate students)

Young Adult Brunch at IJ Canns in Creekside Station

TODAY, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a time of food and fellowship with other young adults after worship.

Wiffle Ball

July 13—7:00 p.m., July 20—7:00 p.m., July 27—7:00 p.m.

Next Season: Volleyball starting in August

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, July 24 ----- Annual Summer Hymn Sing—9:30 a.m.
Sunday, July 31 ----- “Southern Country Social”—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 7 ----- Annual Blessing of the Backpacks—10:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 21 ----- “Lemonade in the Lobby”—11:15 a.m.
Sunday, August 21 ----- “Worship Under the Stars”—6:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 28 ----- Sunday School Kick-off—11:00 a.m.