

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

August 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Toccata in C Minor*

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

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG (Worship Order p. 8) *My Life Is in You, Lord*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep God's covenants.

God leads the humble in what is right and teaches them God's way.

Let us worship God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO.305.....Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The God who demands justice from us is the God who pours out mercy upon us. Trusting in that gracious love, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your children. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business and living; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends; we have failed to bear the fruit of our faith. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfishness and strengthen us to lead lives that are worthy of you, pleasing to you, and glorify

you, as we bear fruit through every good work and grow in our knowledge of you and your ways.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ: we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in 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 near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *Over the Rainbow*..... Jenna Arnoldy

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30: 1-20.... Pew Bible p.163

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 1: 1-14.....Pew Bible p. 956

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “It Does Matter!”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3).

†HYMN NO. 738..... *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

SERMON..... “Our Call to be Fruitful”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
“BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS”

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, today we gather to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. It is a day filled with joy and excitement as well as uncertainty and wonder. God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all schools that they may be lively centers for learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of goodness. We pray also for our places of work, that our time laboring may be fruitful and enriching. As students begin the year, give them open minds and open hearts to learn and to experience more fully the majesty of the world you have created. May this year be full of promise for them, and for their teachers, as together they experience new beginnings and fresh starts. Enable them to grow in knowledge and wisdom during this school year and all the days of their lives. Now O God, bless these backpacks and other needed items and the students, teachers, and workers who carry them. In the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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 Meditation *They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love*
.....*Fantasy on "Borning Cry"*

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 307.....*God of Grace and God of Glory*

†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

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte: Lauren Armstrong
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristen Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Robin Eddy, Mary Elson
Hospitality: Nadine DeHaven and Alice Foley
Liturgist: Allison Morgan
Nametags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan, Lauren Armstrong, Reagan Newhouse, Cameron Veach

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, JULY 31st: 10:00 a.m.— 161

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 are Peggy Gruenther, Carroll Youngblood, Vicki Crites, Jay Tibbs, Robin Owens, Nick Sardelis, June Malone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 7-14, 2016

TODAY

8:45 a.m.: Spiritual Growth Class—Bageant Room
10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Communion, “Blessing of the Backpacks,”
CCAP
11:30 p.m. Youth Council

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Men of Opequon (“MOO”) – 6:00 p.m. – Pitcock Memorial Shelter
- Wednesday: Happy Days - Noon – Fellowship Hall
- Saturday: Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting, 9:30 a.m. – Shepherdstown Church
Open House 35s-50s@Birchenoughs – 5:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Spiritual Growth Class —8:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:00 a.m. Only
Colossians 1: 15-28
Youth Parents’ Gathering – 6:00 p.m. - Manse

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Susan Lee in memory of her husband, Barry.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Donovan Family	Jessica Trotter	Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Nate Potter Family	Phyllis Dilley	Terry & Diane Sinclair
Marion Schottelkorb	Nancy Lloyd	Doug Pittsnogle
Kevin Paquette	Calvin McCracken	Dorothy Rogers
Alexander	Marj Praml	Colleen McMurdo
Bobby Smith	Peter Schieve	Jane Lewis
Warden Jenkins Family	Gary Snapp	Gretchen Cooley
Jay Journell	Sandi Pulizzi	Paula Tobin
Ben Hawkins	Ed Golightly	Natalie Miller
Larry Schryver	Mike McKiernan	Frank Vardeman
Stephanie Fitch	Tom Lion	Dottie Edwards
Al Owens	John Burchett	Larry Matthews
Rachel Carter	Lanette Orduna	Doug Koch
Suzanne MacGregor	Gene Fish	Michael Keister
Connie Robinson	Wanda Royston	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
USA Shootings & Violence	Donna Coffman	Church Mekane Yesus
Robert Walker	Mettu, Ethiopia	People Looking for Work &
Daniel Hanna	Donna Klinefelter	Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

My Life Is in You, Lord

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My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in

you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in

you, it's in you. My life is in you, Lord; my

strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in

Second time to Coda ⊕

you, Lord; in you, it's in you. I will

praise you with all of my life, _____ I will

praise you with all of my strength; _____ with

all of my life, with all of my strength.

D.S. al Coda

All of my hope is in you. _____ My

⊕ CODA

you, it's in you, in you. _____

STAFF SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

David and Carole Witt will be leaving for Florida this afternoon to attend the "Go! Disciple Live!" PCUSA Conference. They will be away through next Sunday. Carole will return to the office on Monday, August 15, David to the office on Tuesday, August 16. If a pastoral concern arises, please contact Associate Pastor, Kevin Hay at 910-212-2366.

GLOW – OPC Women's Group

Please note that the schedule for GLOW's gathering will shift to **NEXT TUESDAY**. GLOW will meet on **Tuesday, August 16, 6:00 p.m. at Café del Sol**. We are enjoying "dinner out" this month. Ladies, allow yourself the treat of having dinner around the table with friends. Keep the date clear and come fill a seat at the dinner table. There is sure to be much laughter, good food and great company.

MEN OF OPEQUON ("MOO")

The Men of Opequon will meet for their annual summer picnic tomorrow evening, **August 8, at the Pitcock Memorial Shelter at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a dessert or drink (soft drink, tea, etc.) to share. Main course will be supplied. John Taylor and Mike Jeffries, bagpipers will provide the entertainment.

HAPPY DAYS GATHERING THIS WEEK

The monthly older adult fellowship group, known as Happy Days, meets this Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. All older adults are invited! A covered dish lunch gets things started which always proves to be MOST delicious and nutritious! Following lunch, guest speaker Kim Campbell from Valley Health, will share a presentation on "hands only CPR". She will offer demonstrations for you to see. Come enjoy a super summer lunch with friends around the table.

CHOIR NEWS

The following is actually an announcement that was printed in a church bulletin. "The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir." With that being said...we invite any member of OPC who enjoys SINGING to join us on Wednesdays beginning on August 21, at 7:00 p.m. We do have a lot of fun, so come prepared to laugh and have fun while making a joyful noise to our Lord.

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).

CHILDREN INVITED TO SING AUGUST 28TH

All children K-5 are invited to sing on Sunday, August 28th, at the 10:00 a.m. service. Please join the fun and learn a new song. Practice will be at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 21st. Any questions contact Susan Homan at 664-8781 or srh1305@verizon.net.

JUST FOR KIDS

Happy Summer OPC children! Be sure to stop by the "JUST FOR KIDS" table in the Gathering Area to check out the goodies that are there for you: SUNGLASSES or SWIM GOGGLES. Each packet has an enclosed page for you to read along with your new treasure. Realize that God is with you through each summer day. Keep HIM close in your thoughts.

HIDDEN SAILBOATS

As we get ready to "set sail" for our 19th year of LOGOS, there is a challenge before our OPC children and youth. Folded paper sailboats are hidden throughout the Gathering Area and hallway to the parking lot. There are 19 of them each with an interesting fact about LOGOS to share with you. Search around and see if you can find all 19 of them! When you find each one, read the fact on the sailboat and share what it says with someone else. You can then hide it again for others to find. Enjoy this game of "hide-

n-seeK” with the 19 LOGOS sailboats! Be sure to visit the LOGOS EXPRESS REGISTRATION table too to get signed up for LOGOS this year.

LOGOS REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY

A NEW LOGOS year is right around the corner, set to begin September 14. Our **EXPRESS REGISTRATION** for LOGOS begins TODAY. IT IS EASY! Stop by the LOGOS table in the Gathering Area (or go online) to complete the registration form and make payment of ½ of the fees. **Of special interest to you, the fees have been ROLLED BACK this year!** With brand new weekly themes, spectacular special events, and updated/relevant bible time materials, our upcoming 19th year of LOGOS at Opequon looks to have something to offer all K-12 children and youth! LOGOS is WELL WORTH the time that participants and staff spend together on Wednesday evenings, September-March! As a family, give some thought to how this ministry can be a most cherished part of your lives.

OPEN HOUSE/COOKOUT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES AND ADULTS 35-50

We're looking to launch a Small Group Ministry for Young Families and Adults (35-50ish). Come out for some good food, fellowship, and faith conversations as we explore what this new ministry might look like... (looking at 2nd Saturdays each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m.) Mike and Sara Birchenough are hosting at their house this Saturday, August 13, and will provide BBQ. Please bring a side/salad/dessert to share! CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Highland Food Pantry - 4th Tuesday Each Month

Tuesday, August 23rd, 6pm - 8pm - The Hands, Heart, & Feet - Mission-Oriented Sunday School Class invites anyone interested in joining us in our commitment to serving at Highland Food Pantry once a month on the 4th Tuesday. Contact Kevin: associate@opequonchurch.com

Habitat for Humanity - Interfaith Build - Saturday, September 17th, 8:30am - 3pm - Join us in working on a house for a family in need with the Habitat - Interfaith Build. Contact Kevin to signup.

Stop Hunger NOW - Saturday, October 8th, 10am - 12noon

We are planning an Intergenerational Mission Opportunity. Help us fight hunger by packing meals to be sent to areas in need. Families encouraged to participate!

PARENTS OF YOUTH – OPEN HOUSE - PART 2

Sunday, August 14th, 6-8pm @ the Manse (Kevin's Place)

All Parents of Youth (Grades 6-12: PYC, LOGOS, Sunday School, other) are invited to join us for a night of fellowship, food, and conversation.

PYC KICKOFF - Sunday, Sept 11th, 4-6pm @ Pitcock Memorial Shelter

Parents and Youth invited to kick off a great year of PYC Youth!

Lots of exciting activities in the works, look out for details!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY @ MASSANETTA SPRINGS -

Sunday, September 25th--\$10/Person. All Middle School Youth (6th - 8th Grade) are invited to join us for a day of Fun, Music, & Worship with other Youth from Shenandoah Presbytery. **Please Sign up by Sunday, August 28th**

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 SOCIAL - 4th Thursdays

Thursday August 25th, 7-9pm

Details: Coming Soon...