

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 17, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *My Song Shall Wake the Dawn*

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 *Our God*

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.

There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.

There's no one like You, none like You.

(Chorus) **Our God is greater, our God is stronger;**

God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God. (2x)

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?

And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? (2x)

Then what could stand against? (Chorus)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

As people formed by God, we give praise to God:

Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!

As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!

As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:
Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 265..... *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
(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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We fix our minds on former things, missing the new thing you are doing. We focus on worldly treasure and gain, forgetting the value of knowing Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Through the great mystery of faith deliver us from our captivity to sin and lead us from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Mighty to Save*

Ev'ryone needs compassion, a love that's never failing.

**Let mercy fall on me. Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.**

(Chorus) **Savior, he can move the mountains.**

My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.

**Forever author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.**

**So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures,
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow
ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender. (Chorus)**

**Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the
glory of the risen King, Jesus. Shine your light and let the whole
world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King. (2x)**
(Chorus)

†**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.....*At Your Name*
PS 150

At your name the mountains shake and crumble, at your name the oceans roar and tumble. At your name angels will bow, the earth will rejoice, your people cry out.

Lord of all the earth, we'll shout your name, shout your name, filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise. Yahweh, Yahweh! We love to show your name, oh Lord!

At your name the morning breaks in glory, at your name creation sings your story. At your name angels will bow, the earth will rejoice, your people cry out.

We love to shout your name, oh Lord! Angels will bow, the earth will rejoice, your people cry out. Forever I will love you, always I will love you. Forever I will love you; You have won my heart. I will sing for you. Oh, sing, I will sing, I will sing.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21Pew Bible p. 586

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14Pew Bible p. 954

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "Eyes Front!"
Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†**HYMN NO. 450.....***Be Thou My Vision*

SERMON....."The Forward Look"
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Rejoicing* Handel

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 37) "A Brief Statement of Faith" (PCUSA)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 846..... *Fight the Good Fight*

†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: Andrew Crites

Beadle: Sandy Vess

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler

Greeters: Karen & Ray Jones

Hospitality: Heide Mohler

Liturgist: Nathan Lightcap

Nametags: Nancy Rodgers

Ushers: Caleb Cooper, Andrew Crites, Terry Hartman,
Heide Mohler, Chase Pierce, Carroll Youngblood

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Dulcie Reed in memory of loved ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 17-24, 2016

TODAY

Youth Mission Trip to Asheville, NC
8:45 a.m.: Spiritual Growth Class—Bageant Room
10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship

THIS WEEK

Monday: LOGOS Leadership Team 1:00 pm- David's Office
WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Wiffle Ball—7:00 p.m.—Body Renew

NEXT SUNDAY

Spiritual Growth Class —8:45 a.m.
Annual Summer Hymn Sing—9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary
Morning Worship—10:00 a.m. Only
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Sermon: “Standing Firm”
Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Blood Pressure Screening Before and After Worship

STAFF SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

Kevin Hay will be leading the youth on their Asheville Mission Trip today through July 22, and then he will be on vacation July 23-30. Cathy Richard will be on vacation July 23-August 6. Edwina Johansen and Denise Weidele will work in the office while she is away.

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!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Connie Robinson
USA shootings & violence
Upcoming political
conventions
Cassi Carroll & family
Robert Walker
Youth Mission Trip
Asheville, NC
Baja Mission Trip, Mexico
Barbara Spitznogle Family
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
Calvin McCracken
Orlando Mass Shooting
Victims & Families

Scarlett Kibler
Marj Praml
Peter Schieve
Warden Jenkins
Linda Clem
Gary Snapp
Linda Dixon
Sandi Pulizzi
d 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.

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 (leslietucker@verizon.net) or Clare Milburn (milburncm@appstate.edu).

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Patty Klinefelter and her assistants will provide blood pressure screening next Sunday before and after 10:00 worship in the Gathering Area.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, JULY 10TH: 10:00 a.m.—135

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.

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.

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.

PYC NEWS

Mission Trip to Asheville, NC this Week—Left this Morning
Pray for our Team!

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 10th the OPC team has collected approximately \$99,722 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

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.

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)

Wiffle Ball

July 20—7:00 p.m., July 27—7:00 p.m.

Next Season: Volleyball starting in August

GETTING READY FOR THE SOUTHERN COUNTRY SOCIAL!!

We will enjoy a “Southern Country Social” in the evening of July 31st. While the church will be providing fried chicken, corn on the cob, watermelon, and sweet tea, we are asking attendees to bring “southern side dishes” and especially seeking folks to make homemade ice cream. If you have an ice cream freezer and are willing to make a container of a fruit flavored ice cream (e.g. strawberry, peach, blueberry, pineapple, banana, grape nut), please contact David Witt (540-931-2390 or pastor@opequonchurch.com). It will be a fun and fulfilling evening for all!!

ANNUAL SUMMER HYMN SING NEXT SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Next Sunday we'll play SINGO! Like Bingo we'll draw slips from a bowl. What's on the slips? A hymn number and title from our hymnbook. How do they get in the bowl? You put them there today. Please take a few moments to look through our hymnal for something you'd love to have us sing. Jot down the title and hymn number on a slip of paper (or use the form provided below) and drop it in the bowl in the back of the Sanctuary. Please, only one hymn per slip; but you are welcome to leave a few slips in the bowl. Next Sunday, we'll draw from the bowl and sing the hymn listed on the slip. Write down a favorite hymn today and come early next Sunday ready to SINGO!

Tear Here to Play SINGO!

Hymn #	Title
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