

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 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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 (Worship Order p. 6) *We Are Singing*

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:4)

The psalmist sings, "One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple."

Sisters and brothers, God is good, all the time.

All the time, God is good.

In love and mercy, God greets us here.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 49..... *The God of Abraham Praise*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Guiding Lord, our light and our salvation, you call us to follow you in all that we do, but we often follow other paths. We claim to be your people, but we have not trusted you. We confess before you and before one another that we have been beside ourselves with fear. We have ranted and raved at you, but not listened to you. We have been angry at others, and angry with you. Forgive us when

we set our minds on the wrong things. Forgive our faithless fears and worldly anxieties. By your Spirit, turn us to focus only on you. Transform us to better reflect your glory in the world. Help us to be still, to stand firm, and to remember that you are our hiding place.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. Thanks be to God!

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 8)..... *You Are My Hiding Place*

†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.....*Here I Am, Lord*
William Heavner, organist; Susan Homan, pianist

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18..... Pew Bible p. 10

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Pew Bible p. 955

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN.....“Promises Keep Us Together”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 353..... *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SERMON..... “Standing Firm”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 37)

..... *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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. 838..... *Standing on the Promises*

†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: Erika Reed

Beadle: Sandy Vess

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler

Greeters: Karen & Ray Jones

Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone

Liturgist: Nathan Lightcap

Nametags: Kail Barbe

Ushers: AnnMarie Kelly, Keith McMurdo, Chase Pierce,
Erika Reed, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by David, Rebekah, Ryan & Elizabeth, and Joel & Susan in honor of Carole Witt and in celebration of her birthday on Friday, July 22nd.

We Are Singing

Ps. 27:1-4; 96:1, 4; Col. 3:16
Songs of Praise

CCLI # 1622560

Zulu text and music based on the
South African freedom song "Siyahamba."
Free paraphrase of Zulu text in English, additional text,
and music arrangement by Hal H. Hopson

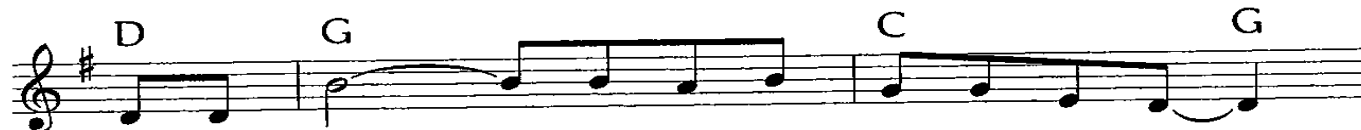
Refrain



We are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light,
See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs,



We are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. —
see yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. —



We are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light,
See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs,



We are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. —
see yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. —



We are sing - ing, _____ Oh, we are sing - ing,
See yah hahm buh, _____ Oh, see yah hahm buh

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G G7 C G

for the Lord is our light. — We are sing - ing, —
koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. — *See yah hahm buh,* —

C D G Fine

Oh, we are sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. —
 Oh, *see yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.* —

Verses

mf G2 C6 Bm7 Am7 Gmaj7

1. The Lord is the strength of our lives; —
 2. One thing have we asked of the Lord, —
 3. When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, —
 4. We walk in the strength of the Lord, —

C6 Am7 D

of whom shall we be a - fraid? — Though
 yes, this is the thing we seek: — To
 our shel - ter is God a - lone. — Our
 God's love — is ev - er sure. — We

G2 C6 Bm7 Am7 Gmaj7

foes may be near to de - stroy; — the
 dwell in the house of the Lord; — to
 feet are — lift - ed high; — yes,
 shout that the world may hear, — we

C6 Am7 D C/DD C/E

Lord will be our light. —
 live with God for - ev - er. —
 high up - on a rock. —
 sing a joy - ful song. —

You Are My Hiding Place

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You are my hid - ing place. You al - ways

fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance, when - ev - er I am a -

②

fraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in

you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the

Repeat ending | *Song ending*

strength of the Lord." Lord. I will trust in you."

May be sung as a canon.

WORDS: Michael Ledner (Ps. 32:7)

MUSIC: Michael Ledner

HIDING PLACE

Irregular

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SAVE THE DATES

- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 24-31, 2016

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screening Before and After Worship

8:45 a.m.: Spiritual Growth Class—Bageant Room
9:30 a.m.: Annual Summer Hymn Sing—Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents A Meal

THIS WEEK

Monday: Church Nominating Committee—5:00 p.m.—David's Office
Tuesday: LOGOS Leadership Team—9:30 a.m.—David's Office
HH&F Class—6:00 p.m.—Highland Food Pantry
Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—11:30 a.m.
Wiffle Ball—7:00 p.m.—Body Renew
Friday: HHF Class Dinner—6:00 p.m.—Home of Mike Butler
Saturday: Jubilee Kitchen—10:00 a.m.—First Presbyterian Church

NEXT SUNDAY

Spiritual Growth Class —8:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:00 a.m. Only
Philippians 4:1-9
Sermon: "Full of Joy in the Lord"
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering
"Southern Country Social"—5:00 p.m.

STAFF SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

Kevin Hay will be on vacation through July 30. Cathy Richard will be on vacation through August 6. Edwina Johansen and Denise Weidele will work in the office while she is away.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, JULY 17TH: 10:00 a.m.—149

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Al Owens	Scarlett Kibler	Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Rachel Carter	Marj Praml	Terry & Diane Sinclair
Dom Cafaro	Peter Schieve	Carolyn Newman
Natalie Matthews	Warden Jenkins	Doug Pittsnogle
Don Purcell	Linda Clem	Dorothy Rogers
Charlotte	Gary Snapp	Colleen McMurdo
Suzanne MacGregor	Linda Dixon	Jane Lewis
Connie Robinson	Sandi Pulizzi	Gretchen Cooley
USA Shootings & Violence	Ed Golightly	Paula Tobin
Upcoming Political	Mike McKiernan	Natalie Miller
Conventions	Tom Lion	Frank Vardeman
Cassi Carroll Family	John Burchett	Dottie Edwards
Robert Walker	Deborah Kron	Larry Matthews
Daniel Hanna	Lanette Orduna	Doug Koch
Jessica Trotter	Gene Fish	Michael Keister
Charlie Clevenger	Wanda Royston	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
West Virginia Flood Victims	Donna Coffman	Church Mekane Yesus
Phyllis Dilley	Mettu, Ethiopia	People Looking for Work &
Nancy Lloyd	Donna Klinefelter	Challenged by the Economy
Calvin McCracken	Cyndi Taylor	

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS TODAY

Patty Klinefelter and her assistants will provide blood pressure screenings today before and after 10:00 a.m. worship in the Gathering Area.

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!

93RD ANNUAL BIBLE & CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE

Will be held at Massanetta Springs beginning this evening at 7:00 p.m. and continuing each night through Friday worship at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Celebrate the Church!" Tony Campolo will be preaching tonight. Go to massanettasprings.org for more information.

PYC NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - PYC Kickoff Sunday, September 11th - 4:00-6:00 p.m. We've got some exciting plans developing, so look out for details soon!

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).

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.

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 27—7:00 p.m.

Next Season: Volleyball starting in August

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 and will provide BBQ. Please bring a side/salad/dessert to share! CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

OPC 280 IS HERE AND CONTINUES!

The main goal of OPC 280 is to solve long term facility issues around Opequon as well as to reestablish 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 17th, the OPC team has collected approximately \$101,350 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 goal through the end of the summer. Your help is still needed. Please take some time to consider what you can do for Opequon.



Y'ALL COME TO THE SOUTHERN COUNTRY SOCIAL!!



We will enjoy a "Southern Country Social" next Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Pitcock Memorial Shelter. 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!!