

# 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 31, 2016

10:00 a.m.

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE.....Setting on "Hymn to Joy"

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. 6) ..... *You Are Holy*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

**The joy of the Lord is our strength.**

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

**The joy of the Lord is our strength.**

Trust and do not be afraid.

**The joy of the Lord is our strength**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

**The joy of the Lord is our strength**

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 363..... *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, as our ancestors exchanged the glory of the Lord for the image of a golden calf, so we exchange the blessings of covenant relationship for temporal pleasures and seeming**

**security. We exchange the intimacy of prayer - the gift of joy in your presence – for the diversion of things and activities that can overwhelm us. We exchange lives of honor and righteousness for disobedience, faithlessness, and greed. God of mercy, forgive us. Guide us to respond to you in faith with whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. Strengthen and encourage us to keep on keepin’ on.**

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As those who are claimed, called, and commissioned by Jesus Christ, I assure you that you have been restored through the grace of God. Do not mourn, therefore, but rejoice, for this is a new day for you and me.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 654.....*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

†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.....*It Is Well*  
Jessica Eaton

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Nehemiah 8 (selected verses)...Pew Bible p. 379

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:Philippians 4:1-9..... Pew Bible p. 955

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN....."Good Guides"  
Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3).

†HYMN NO. 722.....*Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak*

SERMON..... "Full of Joy in the Lord"  
Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Joy Comes with the Morning

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 38)

..... *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. 804..... *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

† 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: Emma Abell

Beadle: Mac McNichols

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler

Greeters: Karen & Ray Jones

Hospitality: Brenda Hawkins

Liturgist: Rebekah Witt

Nametags: Nancy Rodgers

Ushers: Dom Cafaro, Bailey Cooper, Bob Gaines, Emma Abell, Dave Yost

## You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

By Marc Imboden

CCLI# 1622560

### Men

You are holy  
You are mighty  
You are worthy  
Worthy of praise  
I will follow  
I will listen  
I will love you  
All of my days

I will sing to  
And worship  
The King who  
Is worthy  
I will love Him  
Adore Him  
I will bow down  
Before Him  
I will sing to  
And worship  
The King who  
Is worthy  
I will love Him  
Adore Him  
I will bow down  
Before Him

### Women

You are holy  
You are mighty  
You are worthy  
Worthy of praise  
I will follow  
I will listen  
I will love you  
All of my days

You are the Lord of lords  
You are the King of Kings  
You are mighty God  
Lord of everything  
You're Emmanuel  
You're the great I Am  
You're the Prince of Peace  
Who is the Lamb  
You're the living God  
You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever  
You are ancient of days  
You are Alpha Omega  
Beginning and End  
You're my Savior, Messiah  
Redeemer and Friend

### All

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
July 31-August 7, 2016

**TODAY**

8:45 a.m.: Spiritual Growth Class—Bageant Room  
10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering  
5:00 p.m.: “Southern Country Social”—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

**THIS WEEK**

Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team – 9:30 a.m. – Bageant Room  
Tuesday: Congregational Care Ministry Team – 6:00 p.m. – Bageant Room  
Christian Education Ministry – 7:00 p.m. – Carole Witt’s House  
Ministry Team Night – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Leaders Summit – 7:00 p.m. – Bageant Room  
Friday: NATS Game – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina – 8:00 a.m. – Bageant Room  
Women’s Lection Divina – 8:00 a.m. – Classroom 2

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Spiritual Growth Class —8:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship—10:00 a.m. Only  
Colossians 1: 1-14  
Sermon: “Our Call to be Fruitful”  
“Blessings of the Backpacks”  
Communion, CCAP  
Youth Council – 12:30 p.m.

## **STAFF SCHEDULES THIS WEEK**

Cathy Richard will be on vacation through August 6. Edwina Johansen (Monday and Tuesday) and Denise Weidele (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) will work in the office while she is away.

## **ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>: 10:00 a.m.— 139**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

### **PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE**

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





## **Y'ALL COME TO THE SOUTHERN COUNTRY SOCIAL!!**



We will enjoy a “Southern Country Social” TONIGHT 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. It will be a fun and fulfilling evening for all!! We’ll also enjoy homemade ice cream made by loving Opequon folks.



## **PYC NEWS**

**SAVE THE DATE** - PYC Kickoff Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> - 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](http://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](mailto:lesliehtucker@verizon.net)) or Clare Milburn ([milburncm@appstate.edu](mailto:milburncm@appstate.edu)).

## **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.

## **LOGOS REGISTRATION COMING IN AUGUST**

Throughout the month of August, **EXPRESS REGISTRATION** for LOGOS will be available. All that will be involved is stopping by the LOGOS table in the Gathering Area (or going 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 thoughts to how this ministry can be a most cherished part of your lives. Look for the LOGOS registration table beginning next week.

## **OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM**

Meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Bageant Room. These meetings are open to any older adults who would like to join in the discussion, planning, and fellowship. The team will be finalizing some plans for trips during the remainder of 2016 and looking at programs for Happy Days gatherings for 2017. It is a jovial time! Coffee and refreshments are served.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## **AN INVITATION – BUCKTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Buckton Presbyterian Church cordially invites her brother and sister congregations of Shenandoah Presbytery to a Celebration of New Life Service on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Buckton Church has recently gone through the discernment process regarding possible dismissal from the PCUSA, and the congregation is thrilled to come out on the other side, remaining reconciled to Shenandoah Presbytery and the PCUSA! Help us celebrate God's goodness and the call to new life in ministry and mission! The worship celebration will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by a festive reception. Worship will be led by The Reverend Dr. Roy Martin along with members of the Administrative Commission. **Our own Jean Steidel serves Buckton Church as Commissioned Ruling Elder.**

## **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 24<sup>th</sup>, the OPC team has collected approximately \$101,816 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.

**SAVE THE DATES**

Sunday, August 7 -----Annual Blessing of the Backpacks—10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 21 -----New Members Received, Commissioning of  
Rebekah Witt -----10:00 a.m.

“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.