

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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Nancy McGaughey----- Missionary to South Sudan
Stephen and Brenda Stelle----- Missionaries to Ethiopia

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 14, 2016

10:00 a.m.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation*

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 NO. 319 *Shout to the North*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In Jesus Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Through Christ, God was reconciled to all things in heaven and on earth, even to us, that we might be holy and blameless before God.

Men of faith, women of the truth, church with broken wings: rise up!

In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 309.....*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may

**live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom we pray.**

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other. 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 NO. 441*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

†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.....*If My People, Who Are Called by My Name*
Bill Bayliss, soloist

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 15Pew Bible p. 430

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28Pew Bible p. 956

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN.....“Our Feet, Our Faith”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN*In Christ Alone*

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In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He

came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin, on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth, in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands, in victory, sin's curse has lost, its grip on me; for I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; 'till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand! Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

SERMON.....“The Heart of the Matter”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Familiar Meditation*.....Bergquist

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 481..... *I Believe in God the Father*

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. 702..... *Christ Be Beside Me*

†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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 14-21, 2016

TODAY

8:45 a.m.: Spiritual Growth Class—Bageant Room
10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LOGOS Leadership Team—9:30 a.m.—David’s Office
Adult Sunday School Teachers—4:30 p.m.
GLOW (God-Loving Opequon Women)—6:00 p.m.—Café del Sol
Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Friday: HHF Class Dinner—6:00 p.m.—Roma Old Town
Wood-Fired Pizzeria
Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY

Spiritual Growth Class —8:45 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screenings Before & After Worship
Children’s Choir Practice—9:30 a.m.—Memorial Sanctuary
Morning Worship—10:00 a.m. Only
Colossians 2:6-19
Sermon: “Fullness of Life”
Reception of New Members & Baptism, Commissioning Rebekah Witt
“Lemonade in the Lobby” Following Worship—**Wear Yellow!**
Youth Parents’ Gathering—4:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
“Worship Under the Stars”—6:30 p.m.—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH: 10:00 a.m.—179

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte:	Abbie Rogers
Beadle:	Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer:	Kristen Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters:	Robin Eddy, Mary Elson
Hospitality:	Alice Foley
Liturgist:	Allison Morgan
Nametags:	Dulcie Reed
Ushers:	Drew Arnoldy, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Griffin Hott, Bill Robinson, Abbie Rogers

GLOW—OPC WOMEN'S GROUP

Opequon's heartwarming and fun women's group known as GLOW will meet this **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 many 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.

CHILDREN INVITED TO SING AUGUST 28TH

All children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to sing on Sunday, August 28, at the 10:00 a.m. service. Please join the fun and learn a new song. **Practice will be at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, August 21 in the Memorial Sanctuary.** Any questions contact Susan Homan at 540-664-8781 or srh1305@verizon.net.

PARENTS OF YOUTH - OPEN HOUSE - PART 2 (RESCHEDULED)

Sunday, August 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All parents of youth (Grades 6-12, PYC, LOGOS, Sunday School, other) are invited to join us for a time of fellowship, food, and conversation.

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 24, 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.

LOGOS REGISTRATION CONTINUES

A NEW LOGOS year is right around the corner, set to begin September 14. Our **EXPRESS REGISTRATION** for LOGOS continues throughout the month. 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 thoughts to how this ministry can be a most cherished part of your lives.

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! 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.

PYC News

PYC KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Parents and youth are invited to kick off a great year of PYC Youth!
Lots of exciting activities in the works; watch for details!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY @ MASSANETTA SPRINGS

Sunday, September 25th, \$10 per person

All middle school youth (6th-8th grade) are invited to join us for a day of fun,
music, and worship with other youth from Shenandoah Presbytery.

Please sign up by **Sunday, August 28th**

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Highland Food Pantry - Tuesday, August 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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 17, 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Join us in working on a house for a family in need with the Habitat-Interfaith Build. Contact Kevin to sign up.

Stop Hunger NOW - Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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!

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 Thursday of each month

Thursday, August 25th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Details coming soon...

Young Adults Volleyball - Sport & Social

Wednesday Nights

August 17 - 7:30 p.m., August 24 – 7:00 p.m., August 31 – 8:00 p.m.,

September 7 – 8:00 p.m., September 14 - 8:30 p.m., September 20

(Tuesday) – 7:00 p.m., September 28 – 8:00 p.m.

Come cheer us on!

Next Season—All Pass Football!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 17 if you would like to
“Hike with Mike.”



Lemonade in the Lobby!

Sunday, August 21
following the Church Service

**Stop by for some fresh lemonade, homemade
lemon desserts, and Fellowship**

Get into the Spirit - Wear Yellow!

Worship Under the Stars

Sunday, August 21 - 6:30 p.m.
Pitcock Shelter

**Music
by PS150**

Light Dessert and Beverages