

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 28, 2016

10:00 a.m.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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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. 519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are children of God, learning to walk.

Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 19..... *God of Great and God of Small*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us return to our God in confession, considering God's steadfast love.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear these words from our God: I cannot give up on you—my compassion grows warm and tender. When my children come trembling, I will bring them home.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 6)..... *Glory, Glory*

†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

ANTHEM *God Is Calling Us*

Natalie Sleeth

If the song's to be sung, we must sing it! If the love's to be shared, we must bring it! For God is calling us now, indeed, to go where there is need! If the Word's to be heard, we must speak it! If the peace is to come, we must seek it! For God is calling us now, indeed, to go where there is need! Now we may not see the harvest of the seeds we sow today, but in faith and trust, move ahead we must, knowing God will lead the way! If the job's to be done, we must do it! With the help of the Lord, we'll get through it! For God is calling us now, indeed, to go where there is need! Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Someone's dying, Lord, Kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah! For God is calling us one by one, until the work is done! Oh, it may be far from easy, but we need to lend a hand, for there comes a call to us, one and all: "Go and serve throughout the land!"

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 107:1-9, 43.....Pew Bible p. 487

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 3:1-17Pew Bible p. 957

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "I'm Being Built Up"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 828..... *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

SERMON..... "Changing Clothes"

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Walk Worthy of the Lord*..... Smith

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 35).....The Apostles' Creed

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. 300..... *We Are One in the Spirit*

†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.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte: Maggie Heishman
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristen Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Robin Eddy, Mary Elson
Hospitality: Debi Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: Melanie Morgan
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Jenna Arnoldy, Mike Birchenough, Maggie Heishman,
Bill Hopeck, Mitchell Skowbo, Bob Weidele

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Barbara and Elmer Denmon in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary on September 14th.

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation TODAY in the Sanctuary immediately following 10:00 a.m. worship for the purpose of:

- Jointly requesting Shenandoah Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Kevin W. Hay and the Opequon Presbyterian Church effective August 31.
- Approval of the agreed upon package with the dissolution.

All members are encouraged to be present for this important meeting.

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Traditional

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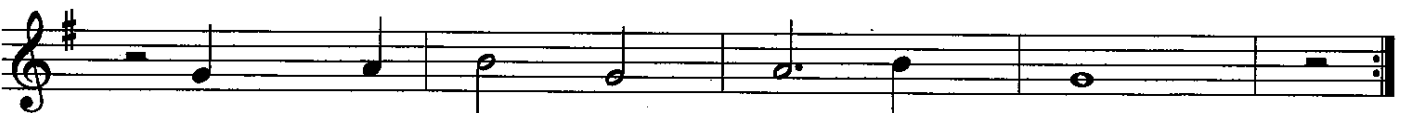
Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
I feel bet - ter, so much bet-ter.
Feel like shout-ing, "Hal-le - lu - jah!"



Since I laid my bur - den down.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 28-September 4, 2016

TODAY

- 8:45 a.m.: Spiritual Growth Class—Bageant Room
10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee,
Called Congregational Meeting Following Worship
12:00 p.m.: Youth Council & Youth Leaders' Summit—Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.: Confirmation Orientation—Bageant Room

THIS WEEK

- Monday: LOGOS Leadership Team—1:30 p.m.—David's Office
Newsletter Party—1:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary
YA Volleyball—8:00 p.m.
Friday: WATTS Happening in Old Town—5:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Bageant Room
Women's Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Room 2

NEXT SUNDAY—Labor Day Weekend

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33
Sermon: "Counting the Cost"
Communion, CCAP

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST:

10:00 a.m.—161 6:30 p.m.—31

REMEMBER: CALLING ALL YOUTH LEADERS

All youth leaders from LOGOS, PYC, Sunday School, and Youth Council are gathering today at approximately 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and conversation about plans for the upcoming youth year.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Natural Disaster Relief
Betty Dobler
Garrett Hodgson
Patricia Wines
Rhoda Tandy
Sandra McKee & family
Bob Wilson
Ethiopia Unrest
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Dino Urena
Marj Praml
Dorothy Rogers
Dr. Donald McNeill
Cody Monday
Jay Journell
Larry Schryver
Stephanie Fitch
Al Owens

Rachel Carter
Suzanne MacGregor
Robert Walker
Daniel Hanna
Jessica Trotter
Phyllis Dilley
Nancy Lloyd
Calvin McCracken
Peter Schieve
Gary Snapp
Sandi Pulizzi
Mike McKiernan
Tom Lion
John Burchett
Lanette Orduna
Donna Coffman
Mettu, Ethiopia
Donna Klinefelter

Terry & Diane Sinclair
Doug Pittsnogle
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Gretchen Cooley
Paula Tobin
Natalie Miller
Frank Vardeman
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
Michael Keister
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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.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Families of 8th grade youth (and above) are reminded of the Confirmation Orientation gathering this evening 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Bageant Room. Highlights, details, and more about the upcoming confirmation year will be shared. Pastor David Witt and Carole Witt look forward to sharing in the orientation with you.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT DINNER THIS WEEK

First Presbyterian Church of Winchester invites anyone interested in refugee resettlement to attend a dinner and program this Wednesday, August 31, at 6:00 p.m. (dinner @ 6, program @ 6:30) in Fellowship Hall. A speaker from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who focuses on refugee resettlement will be leading the program. Please RSVP to Carolyn Thalman at 540-723-0433 or First Presbyterian at 540-662-3824 so they may have an accurate dinner count.

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 garden has almost produced 1,000 pounds of produce! We have beautiful Roma and heirloom tomatoes growing like crazy. We have squash taking over the entire garden. Okra and cucumbers are beginning to be ready for harvest. The garden looks absolutely beautiful and we want you to see it! Not only that, we need your help keeping it as beautiful and productive as possible. It is quite a feat producing nearly 1,000 pounds of produce with no chemicals and just the work of God's hands and YOU are God's hands!

- We *always* need volunteers, especially as harvest season is upon us.
- We are also in need of boxes. We use the boxes to transport food to the pantry and with all of this produce we need a way to carry it. We prefer the shallow ones that can be found at Costco.
- One more volunteer opportunity - we need people to make pickles for LOGOS and/or help preserve beans. If you would like to do this, contact Clare Milburn (email below).

Please If you feel called to help, visit signupgenius.com/go/opcgarden. If you have any questions about ANYTHING, feel free to contact Clare Milburn at milburncm@appstate.edu or Leslie Tucker at lesliehtucker@verizon.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF 2016

Come enjoy the "mini 3 RING CIRCUS" time as we gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 11, 9:45 a.m. for our opening to a new Sunday School year! There will be wonderful 'acts' that will entertain, words to inspire, and some authentic circus goodies to nourish us all. Young, old, families, youth—come celebrate around the tables in this 3 Ring Circus event focusing on FAITH, FAMILY, and FUN. Following our intergenerational time together in the Fellowship Hall, there will be time for us all to go to our respective classes and WORM workshops as well. Let's send the 'ball' into the end zone for this terrific kick-off!

ADULT DAY TRIPS

There are two adult trips planned for this fall. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area kiosk. Get your name on the list to enjoy these great outings. See all the details below:

- Skyline Drive scenery and lunch at Big Meadows Lodge on Thursday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$10 plus lunch.
- “Our Christmas Dinner” Musical Show and Lunch at Bird-in-Hand Stage/Restaurant on Wednesday, December 7, 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$60 per person.

PYC News

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH KICK-OFF

Excitement is rising and building as we prepare to kick off a new year of youth ministry at OPC. It is a FAMILY EVENT for all 6-12th grade youth and their families on Sunday, September 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Pitcock Memorial Shelter. “Dinner and Doings” will be the focus of our time together. It will be a blessed time for all. Come join many others in this fantastic experience.

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.

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

WATTS Happening in Old Town—Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Will take place on Friday, September 2, 5:00-9:00 p.m. In order for “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” to be successful, we need you to come to shop and stay for dinner. The business community is enthusiastically behind the efforts of the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter to assist the homeless. 10-15% of the proceeds generated by participating businesses during this event will be donated to WATTS. Churches (including OPC!) housing the homeless during the 2016-17 season will be represented. Opequon will have a bake sale next to the WATTS tent behind the old Court House.

Contact **Ellie Cammer** at 540 667-3683 or edgukaytor3@aol.com if you can **bake** bread, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc. Please package and price and **deliver to the Dell Room by 2:00 p.m.**

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.

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!

Announcing a Shenandoah Presbytery Mission Trip to McAllen, Texas, October 8-15—Supporting PDA Ministry to Refugees. Welcome refugees from Central America who are fleeing violence and asking protection from the United States. You'll stay in the PDA Volunteer Village at First Presbyterian Church in McAllen. The cost is estimated to be \$1,000. For more information, please contact Carolyn Thalman at cjthalman@comcast.net or 540-336-1126.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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 Adults Volleyball - Sport & Social

Wednesday Nights-Come cheer us on!

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.

Next Season—All Pass Football!

In Remembrance

EDWARD “SONNY” FLAGG GOLIGHTLY, JR.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1928 – AUGUST 13, 2016

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”

John 11:25-26



reminder!

STARTING SEPTEMBER 4

TWO SERVICES

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM