

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."

Jeremiah 18:2

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. 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, 540-662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 4, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Bourbon"*

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. 701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you search us and know us.

We praise you, O God, our Maker.

You are the potter; we are the clay;

We are the work of your hands.

Let us worship God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 5..... *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the sound of love poured out: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of the Christ, I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 695 *Change My Heart, O God*

†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 *Let the Church Say "Amen"*

Andrae Crouch

Let the church say "amen," let the church say "amen." God has spoken. Let the church say "amen."

Amen, amen, amen, amen. Say amen, say amen, say amen, amen.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11 Pew Bible p. 629

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 14:25-33 Pew Bible p. 850

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "God Reworking Us"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN (Worship Order p. 6)..... *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

SERMON..... "In the Potter's Hands"

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Potter's Hands* arr. Larson

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Meditation *I Am Thine, O Lord*..... arr. Paxton

Knowing You.....arr. Parker

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION (Worship Order p. 7)

.....*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 600*Amen*

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Natalie Youngblood
Beadle: Dick Crane
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Cole & Robin Owens
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Dom Cafaro
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Andrew & Vicki Crites, Dulcie Reed,
Graham Taylor, Jack & Natalie Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Sydney Burton
Beadle: Bill Robinson
Bell Ringer: Kristen Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Susie Cherry, Carole Metheny
Hospitality: Nadine DeHaven, Jack Drumheller
Liturgist: Heather Burton
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Adelyn Astorino, Cheyenne & Sydney Burton,
Jim Butler, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902

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ADELAIDE: 5. 4. 5. 4. D.
George C. Stebbins, 1907

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the
2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and
3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound-ed and
4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my

Pot - ter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me Aft - er Thy
try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just
wea - ry, Help me, I pray! Pow - er— all pow - er— Sure - ly is
be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it Till all shall

will, While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still.
now, As in Thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow.
Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - iour di - vine!
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! A-MEN.

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He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

From Psalm 23
Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862

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HE LEADETH ME: L. M. with Refrain
William B. Bradbury, 1864



1. He lead-eth me: O bless-ed thought! O words with heav-en-ly com-fort fraught!
2. Some-times 'mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re-pine;
4. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic-tory's won,



What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
By wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis His hand that lead-eth me.
Con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.



REFRAIN



He lead-eth me, He lead-eth me; By His own hand He lead-eth me:



His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me. A-MEN.



ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 4-11, 2016

TODAY

8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP

THIS WEEK

Monday: Labor Day—Church Office Closed
Tuesday: Technology & Communications Team—5:00 p.m.
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Devotions—6:45 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Team Meetings—7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary
YA Volleyball—8:00 p.m.—Body Renew
Thursday: Read ‘em & Reap—7:00 p.m.—Home of the Tandys
Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
Mountain-Valley Mission Community—7 p.m.
—Second Opequon
Saturday: “The BIG Event”—Massanetta Springs

NEXT SUNDAY—Christian Education Sunday

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School Kick-Off—9:45 a.m.
Sunday School Classes for All Ages
LOGOS Staff Training—12:15 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Presbyterian Youth Connection Kick-Off—4:00 p.m.—Pitcock Memorial
Shelter

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The arrangement in the Sanctuary this morning is given by Heidi and Keith McMurdo in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on September 5th.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patrick Lanaghan
Berlin Zirk
Connie Robinson
Jane Damewood
Betty Wilson
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
Larry Schryver
Stephanie Fitch
Al Owens
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
Doug Pittsnogle
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.

COMMUNION TODAY

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Debbie & Bill Bender, Barbara Agreggaard, Graham Taylor, Vicki Schmidt Crites, Dom and Joelle Cafaro. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Dorothy Walker, Bill Robinson, Stella Strickler, Lance Astorino, Leslie Tucker, Alan McKay and Carole Witt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF 2016

Come enjoy the “mini 3-RING CIRCUS’ time as we gather in the **Memorial Sanctuary** next 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 provided. Young, old, families, youth, come celebrate in this 3-Ring Circus focusing on *Faith, Family, & Fun*. Following our intergenerational time together in the Memorial Sanctuary, there will be time for us all to go to our respective classes and WORM workshops as well. Let’s send the ‘ball’ through the RINGS during this terrific kick-off!

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH: 10:00 a.m.—215

LOGOS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

A NEW LOGOS year is right around the corner, set to begin September 14. Our EXPRESS REGISTRATION for LOGOS is available and 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 thought to how this ministry can be a most cherished part of your lives. Please try to register by next Sunday, September 11.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION KICK-OFF EVENT

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; 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. Roasted chicken, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Youth families are invited to bring a side dish (salad, vegetable) or a dessert to share. There will be an official Corn Hole Tournament happening along with some 4-Square fun and Kan-Jam challenge. It is an evening of enjoyment for all. Come join many other youth families in this great time together.

BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART

How do you understand grief when your heart is broken by the death of a loved one? To survive and live forward, those who grieve must find answers. Beyond the Broken Heart is a support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one and are in need of a community to share the loneliness of grief. Scriptural wisdom will be used to explore the issues of grief and offer spiritual encouragement for a life of renewed hope and joy. Each participant will be required to purchase a workbook from the church for a cost of \$10. The group will also offer some specific coping strategies to guide the way back to fullness of life. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please join us on the journey through grief. We will meet on Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 24, 31 and November 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Bageant Room. To sign up, please contact: Patty Klinefelter, OPC Faith Community Nurse, 540-869-6080, pklinefe@valleyhealthlink.com or Lori Henley 585-943-3159, lhenley@rochester.rr.com.

Stroke Prevention/Awareness

September 18, 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Presenter: Laurie Schutz, RN,

Valley Health Neuroscience Program Coordinator

Lunch Provided

Sign-up Sheet is on the Nametag Table in the Gathering Area

COMMUNION EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A communion education workshop for children age 4 through 5th grade is being offered on Sunday, September 18, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This time is led by David and Carole Witt and includes stories, visual illustrations, and hands-on opportunities as we explore the meaning of celebrating the Lord's Supper. Parents are invited to stay with their children and be part of this time as well. This workshop is meant to prepare our children so that they better understand this special sacrament and can enjoy it with you during worship.

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.

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!

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!

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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.