

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

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! 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.
- **Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. There are classes for all ages and interests.
- **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

October 2, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Prelude on "St. Peter" arr: Martin

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. 401 *Gather Us In*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God!

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 317..... *In Christ There Is No East or West*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins to God, and also, to each other.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and Gracious God: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace.

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).....*Amigos de Cristo*

†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 African Psalm

arr: Victor C. Johnson

Jessica Eaton, Soloist, Cady McCarty, Cole Owens, drums; LOGOS K-1 Combined Choir (11:00)

Lift your voices to God, all ye people! Praise the Lord singing alleluia! Ev'rybody sing together alleluia!

Praise Him! Praise the Lord, sing alleluia! All creation sing together alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26Pew Bible p. 666

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 17:5-10Pew Bible p. 852

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “At God’s Table”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

SERMON..... “The Way of the Gospel”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *O God of Every Nation*arr: Krug

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

JoEllen Delamatta, David Witt, Heather Burton, Robin Owens

Dramatic Reading “The Table with No Edges”

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 Hymns

No. 515 *I Come with Joy*

No. 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 306.....*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 600*Amen*

†POSTLUDE

Portions of today’s liturgy are adapted from World Communion 2016 celebration of the Presbyterian Church USA Mission Agency as written by Matt Gaventa, pastor of the Amherst Presbyterian Church, Amherst, VA.

Amigos de Cristo

CCLI # 1622560

Refrain

A - mi - gos de Cris - to, we're friends of the Lord, A -

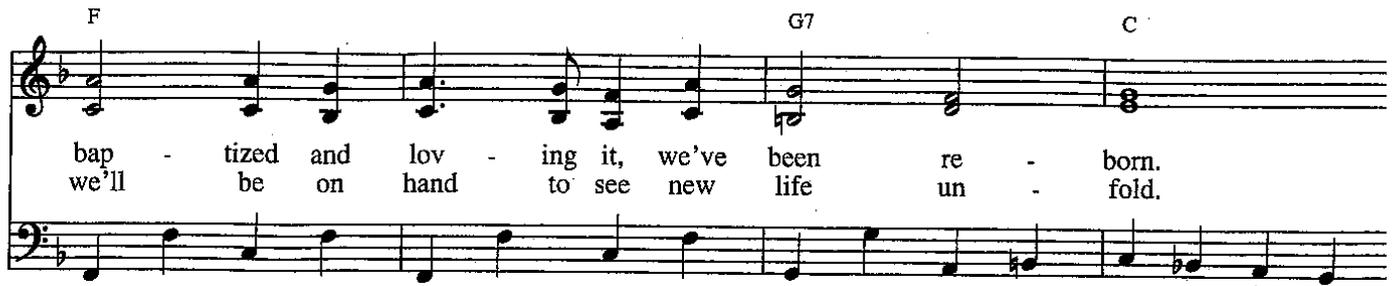
mi - gos de Cris - to, we're friends of the Lord. For we've been for -

giv - en and we've been re - stored. A - mi - gos de Cris - to, we're

friends of the Lord. Lord.

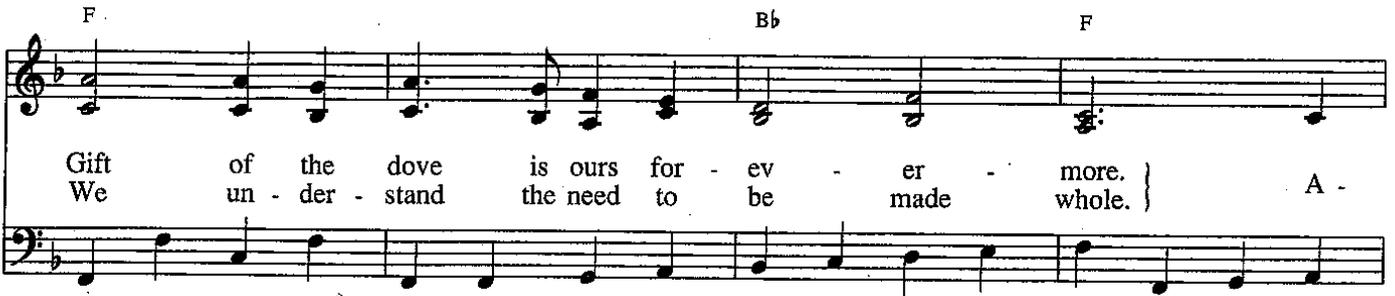
Verses

1. Friends of the cov - e - nant re - newed each morn;
2. Born of a fam - i - ly, the young and old,



F G7 C

bap - tized and lov - ing it, we've been re - born.
 we'll be on hand - to see new life un - fold.



F Bb F

Gift of the dove is ours for - ev - er more. }
 We un - der - stand the need to be made whole. } A -



Bb F Bb F/C C7 F to Refrain

mi - gos de Cris - to, we're friends of the Lord. A -

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COMMUNION TODAY IS BY INTINCTION

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament by intinction. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread and gluten free grape juice (blue cup) are available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Please tear off a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup of grape juice, eating immediately. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Those serving today at 8:30 are: Betty Dobler, Graham Taylor, Terry Hartman, and George Schember, Vicki Schmidt and Mike Crites. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Keith McMurdo, Allison Blake, Bill and Pam Bayliss, Jason Hathaway and Denise Weidele.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2-9, 2016

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, CCAP, World Communion
9:30 a.m.: Bread Basket Buffet—Dell Room
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, CCAP, World Communion
1:00 p.m.: Camp Paddy Run Day—Camp Paddy Run
5:00 p.m.: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Picnic Shelter
—Capture the Flag & Bonfire

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Covenant Bible Study—3:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—6:30 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary
Beyond the Broken—6:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Presbytery Planning Committee—11:00 a.m.—Bageant Room
Technology & Communication—5:15 p.m.—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night—6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: “Go Bananas”
YA Volleyball Playoffs—6:00 p.m.—Body Renew
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Intergenerational Stop Hunger Now Event—10:00 a.m.-
Noon—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Luke 17:11-19
Sermon: “An Attitude of Gratitude”
Thanksgiving Boxes Available
Youth Council—12:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall, Lunch & Meeting
Open Door Worship – 6:30 p.m. – Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Sweeney Family	Jane Damewood	Donna Klinefelter
Ken Johansen	Natural Disaster Relief	Doug Pittsnogle
Detra Michaels	Patricia Wines	Colleen McMurdo
Kevin Hay	Ethiopia Unrest	Jane Lewis
Opequon Church	Patricia & Ray Ferguson	Gretchen Cooley
Tiffany Judge	Marj Praml	Natalie Miller
Samantha, Owen & Brian Cox	Dorothy Rogers	Frank Vardeman
Jolissa Matthews	Cody Monday	Dottie Edwards
Joe & Barbara Alderman	Stephanie Fitch	Larry Matthews
Carol Treece	Phyllis Dilley	Doug Koch
Rebekah Witt	Peter Schieve	Michael Keister
Kevin Paquette	Gary Snapp	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Larry Schryver	Sandi Pulizzi	Church Mekane Yesus
Richard Young	Lanette Orduna	People Looking for Work &
Wayne Lake	Donna Coffman	Challenged by the Economy
Berlin Zirk	Metu, Ethiopia	

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle:	Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer:	Mo Mohler
Greeters:	Nancy Newman, Hazel Spriggs
Hospitality:	Vicky Astorino, Heide Mohler
Liturgist:	Dave Richards
Ushers:	Vicki Crites, Dulcie Reed, Graham Taylor

11:00

Beadle:	Bill Robinson
Bell Ringer:	Kristen Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality:	Nadine DeHaven, Jack Drumheller
Liturgist:	Lance Astorino
Nametags:	Pat deButts
Ushers:	Jim Butler, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:30 a.m.—100

Sunday School—60

11:00 a.m.—98

WORM—SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

This morning children are invited to the Drama and Play workshop in the Fellowship Hall. You'll find the "feed the baby" game to be a hilarious challenge along with some volleyball fun. It all aims to help our children see the importance of being part of God's team through serving others. Preschool through 5th grade children are invited downstairs to this creative and lively educational hour. Children rotate to various workshops each week to learn the stories of faith and God's love through hands on activities. Let the children come!

PYC NEWS TODAY

- THANK YOU to the 9 high school youth who prepared food, loaded supplies and went out to the Motels last Sunday for Motel Ministry. Well done, faithful servants! We are grateful for adults who partnered with them; Mike Butler, Graham Taylor, Susan Cooper, Joel Witt, and David Witt. Thanks to Carole Witt for a warm lunch before heading out to serve.
- THANK YOU to Annette Daggett and Steve Burton for leading a group of our Middle School youth to a Middler Rally at Massanetta Springs last Sunday. So glad our youth could experience "IGNITE the Light" at Massanetta.
- TODAY all youth are invited to come out 5-7pm, joining with our friends and peers from First Presbyterian Church of Winchester for a terrific game of CAPTURE the FLAG and a bonfire. Loads of fun outdoors, topping it off with fireside s'mores! Bring \$2.00 for dinner, a friend, and your fun spirit.
- NEXT SATURDAY- Youth are invited to come out 10am-12 noon to participate in the STOP HUNGER NOW event. This will be in our fellowship hall. It is a great atmosphere and great accomplishments are made in this 2-hour time period. We want you to be a part of it.

CAMP PADDY RUN DAY TODAY

Camp Paddy Run Day is today at 1:00 p.m. and will be sponsored by the Men of Opequon. We will leave after the 11:00 a.m. worship service and travel out to Paddy Run for fun and games, food, and getting to know one another in the glorious outdoors of a fall afternoon. Chili, soup, bread, and drinks will be provided; bring a dessert to share. THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY AND PEOPLE OF ALL AGES!

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

The Older Adult Ministry Team meets tomorrow morning, 9:30 a.m. in the Bageant Room. There is lots to talk about as we continue plans for 2017, discussing trips and Happy Days programs. It is also a time of great fellowship and laughter; a perfect way to start the day!

FOOD BAGS FOR ORCHARD VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

With the arrival of October, we will be continuing our project of filling 50 food bags each month. These are delivered to Orchard View Elementary School and sent home in children's book bags so they have food for the weekend. We are committed to providing these food bags the first Friday of each month. The OPC staff will be packing the food bags this week at their meeting on Wednesday morning. Our children's and youth Sunday School offering goes towards supporting this project along with the support from our Mission Ministry Team.



Please join the Mission Ministry Team this **Saturday, October 8**, as we package 10,000 meals to be distributed to undernourished people. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. until noon to package soy, rice and vitamins that will be shipped to hungry people around the world. For more information, please visit stophungernow.org or contact Graham Taylor gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com, JoEllen Delamatta jcdelamatta@ymail.com or Susanna Shade shadesathome@aol.com. This activity is for people of all ages—families encouraged!

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP

Next Sunday, October 9th

Memorial Sanctuary – 6:30 p.m.

Praise Music by PS 150

Teaching by Pastor David

Shared Joys, Concerns, & Prayer

Communion

Join us for an uplifting, joyous experience as we encounter Christ!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

Just because you are married does not mean you cannot and should not continue to DATE each other! Dating your mate is one of life's pleasures. Come discover how you can experience some GREAT DATES that will enrich your relationship with one another and provide wonderful time together. Throughout this year, series of two-week sessions will be offered for couples to hear how they can use dating to share phenomenal experiences and time. No need for the dates to be costly, but rather it is how you share and talk during the dates that is important. The first two-week series is October 16 & 23 at 9:45 a.m., meeting in the church office area. This is open to couples of any age. Laughter is guaranteed along with sharing hope for some great dates with your spouse!

“THESE DAYS” DAILY DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE

A limited supply of These Days devotionals for October-December are available in the Gathering Area. Please help yourself while the supply lasts. Readings featured in the next three months include ‘Walking with Jesus’, ‘Giving Thanks for God’s Love’, and ‘God with Us at Home’. Enjoy the devotional.

TRUNKERS NEEDED FOR TRUNK & TREAT—OCTOBER 30

Fall is upon us, bringing with it the return of a hugely fun event: TRUNK & TREAT! This is a safe, fun alternative for Halloween trick or treating. TRUNK & TREAT will be on Sunday, October 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m. TRUNKERS are needed! A trunker is one who brings their vehicle, opens the trunk and decorates with a theme and provides treats for children as they visit your trunk. TRUNKER forms are available in the Gathering Area by the elevator. You’ll find an example of a decorated trunk there for you to see. Can’t think of any idea for being a trunker—no worries! Simply Google “Trunk & Treat” for tons of ideas. KIDS, come on by the display too, there are treats for you! We are hoping for up to 20 TRUNKERS for this event. Please sign up today.

BREAKFAST ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY MEETING

A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area during October for those wishing to provide breakfast items for the Shenandoah Presbytery meeting being held at Opequon on Tuesday, November 1st.

CHURCH FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE

The Technology and Communication Ministry Team is in the midst of our communication update "blitz." If you are new to Opequon, visiting, or your contact information has recently changed, we ask that you please complete the bright pink card found in the back of the pew racks and drop it in the offering plate so that you can be added to our church communication registry. *If your information has not changed, you do not need to complete the card.* Thank you for your time and effort in this matter. Please do not forget to “Like” Opequon Presbyterian Church on Facebook and to check out our website at <http://opequonchurch.org>.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT—VOTING

Citizens are reminded that the deadline to register to vote in the commonwealth for the upcoming election on November 8 is October 17. For all those that have children away at college or anyone that can’t be here for election/voting day November 8th, you can complete an Absentee Ballot application online. Go to <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>. Absentee ballots will be mailed starting on September 23.