

Opequon Presbyterian Church



Jesus asked,
"Were not all ten
cleansed?
Where are the
other nine?"

Luke 17:17

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.
- **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 9, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Truro"*

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

..... "Expanding Our Hearts, Extending Our Ministry"

Ruling Elder Mac McNichols

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 616 *Our God Is an Awesome God*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see what God has done.

God is awesome in God's deeds.

God turned the sea into dry land.

God's people passed through the river on foot.

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name.

[Singing]

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 22..... *God of the Sparrow*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you—have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Your call has been answered. Christ has healed you and forgives your sin. With glad hearts, return praise to God.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 647 *Give Thanks*

†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 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Arr: John L. Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare? Should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ner free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7Pew Bible p. 639

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 17:11-19Pew Bible p. 852

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN.....“More Than Thankful”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 796 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

SERMON..... “An Attitude of Gratitude”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Now Thank We All Our God*

†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. 772..... *Live into Hope*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Nancy Rodgers in loving memory of family members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 9-16, 2016

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship
12:30 p.m.: Youth Council—Fellowship Hall, Lunch & Meeting
3:00 p.m.: Scouting Ministry Committee—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
6:30 p.m.: Open Door Worship—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: LOGOS Leadership Meeting—1:30 p.m.—David’s Office
Covenant Bible Study—3:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Men of Opequon “MOO”—6:00 p.m.—Chick-fil-A (PVR)
Adult ESL Planning—6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
PS 150 Rehearsal—6:30 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary
Men of Opequon “MOO”—7:00 p.m.—Youth Spot
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—Home of the Witts
God-Loving Opequon Women “GLOW”—7:00 p.m.
—Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: “Backwards Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Adult Trip to Skyline Drive—9:30 a.m.
Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
Read ‘Em & Reap—7:00 p.m.—Home of the Tandys
- Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Bageant Room
WATTS Lead Volunteer Training—9:00 a.m.
—Fellowship Hall
PYC Tailgate—11:00 a.m.—Home of the McNichols
(426 Handley Blvd., Winchester)

NEXT SUNDAY

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Jeremiah 31:27-34, Luke 18:1-8
Sermon: “Is My Heart In It?”
LOGOS Grades K-5 Worship (11:00), Blood Pressure Screenings

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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:	Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist:	Dave Richards
Ushers:	Pat Heavner, Dick Widell, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Beadle:	Mac McNichols
Bell Ringer:	Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality:	Alice Foley, Martha Fulton
Liturgist:	Lance Astorino
Nametags:	Dulcie Reed
Ushers:	Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Bill Robinson

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND:

8:30 a.m.—90

Sunday School—73

11:00 a.m.—105

WORM—SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

This morning, children are invited to the BIRTHDAY BASH workshop in the Fellowship Hall. You'll get to play a game of "Pin the Child in the Pew" along with the great game of Musical Chairs. Come hear the story of "Party for One" and learn how God celebrates each of us EVERY DAY, not just on our birthdays. Preschool through 5th grade 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

- What an incredible time we had with 35 youth from First Presbyterian Church in Winchester and 20 of our own OPC youth last Sunday evening all gathered here to play a terrific game of capture the flag, have dinner together, and then make s'mores over the fantastic bonfire! Our downtown church friends loved all our "green space" and the picnic shelter. It was a treat for them to join us here.
- **THANK YOU** to all our youth who came out yesterday morning to participate in the STOP HUNGER NOW event here at OPC. You contributed to the packing of 10,000 meals for people around the world!
- TODAY, Youth Council meets at 12:30 p.m. They will enjoy lunch together as they meet and plan for future youth events.
- NEXT SATURDAY, youth will be enjoying a Tailgate Party at Mac & Paula McNichols' home (right next to Handley H.S.) and then watching the Handley vs. Sherando football game. Watch for details to come your way this week.

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP

TONIGHT

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!

MEN OF OPEQUON TOMORROW NIGHT

MOO will gather for dinner tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at the Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road. We'll then return to the church for our monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m., which this month will feature Opequon's own, George Schember, who will share with us about Preservation Historic Winchester (PHW), which he served as president, and their current work. We'll also look at planning for our future gatherings. Come, learn, and grow in character and discipleship as we build relationships with Christ and one another.

GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN

Opequon's monthly women's group (GLOW) gathers on Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a super night of BUNCO games. Becky Proctor and Nancy Lloyd will be our BUNCO game hosts. If you have never played BUNCO before, no worries! It is a game that can be learned in a matter of minutes. Each woman is asked to bring a regular size bag of candy as part of the evening games. Treat yourself to some 'time with the girls' and join us Tuesday night.

HAPPY DAYS ON WEDNESDAY

Our monthly older adult fellowship gathering known as HAPPY DAYS meets this Wednesday, October 12 at noon, beginning with the covered dish lunch. Following lunch, Bill Bayliss will introduce his two little friends, Buster and Baxter, sharing how they serve as Therapy Dogs and showing us some of the things they can do. It certainly will prove to be an enlightening and interesting time.

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>.

ADULT CHRISTMAS TRIP

An adult trip to see “Our Christmas Dinner” show at Bird-in-Hand in Lancaster is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7. There are a few spots still available on this trip. The sign-up sheet is in the kiosk in the Gathering Area. Come join us. The cost is \$60 and includes the show, buffet lunch, transportation, gratuity, and traveling entertainment.

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!

COMING SOON:

Community Garden Work Day—Saturday, October 22

Opequon Night at Highland Food pantry—Tuesday, October 25

Please text/email Robin Owens at 540-550-4784 or
robinsttv@gmail.com if you plan to help.

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.

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>.

BID TO OWN A LIMITED KUNSTLER PRINT

Opequon recently received an *additional* print of "Southern Stars". It used to belong to George and Janet Nickels. You have a chance to submit a sealed bid on this classic snow scene by Mort Kunstler of historic Opequon Presbyterian Church in Kernstown, Virginia during the winter of 1862. It is framed, matted and signed by the artist. You will find paper and envelopes on the table under the print to submit a bid. The beginning bid is \$1,350.

In Remembrance

TRIJNTJE S. "TENA" WILLEMSMA

MARCH 25, 1923 – OCTOBER 5, 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

SHARING YOUR TALENTS

The Mission Ministry Team wants to get to know you better. As we come across needs, we want to be able to focus requests to people who have an interest or talent in that skill. For example, if a builder is needed, we don't want to bother people who are only interested in cooking. A new update of interests is included in an easy to use checklist. Please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to the box in the Gathering Area or mail it to the church office no later than October 16. Completing the form does not obligate you to participate in any activity. If you need additional forms for other members of your family, you may find extras in the Gathering Area, church office or by sending an email request to Susanna Shade, shadesathome@aol.com for an electronic copy. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

"THESE DAYS" DAILY DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE

A limited supply of These Days devotionals for October-December is 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.



Chili Cook-Off
and Luncheon
Sunday, October 23
(Following 11 a.m. Service)
Fellowship Hall

One of the **HOTTEST** events of the year!

Lunch includes all the chili you can eat (with all the toppings), cornbread, and beverages.

We are seeking 10 Cooks to have their Chili judged to determine the winner! Please e-mail Sabra Veach at sveach@su.edu or sign up in the Gathering Area.

COME ON DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN!

The poster features a green border with a red chili pepper in the top left and bottom right corners. A cartoon chili character wearing a sombrero is cooking in a pot over a flame. A green and yellow chili pepper is in the top right corner.