

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Houses and fields and vineyards
shall again be bought in this land.

Jeremiah 32:15, NRSV

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.

Opequon Presbyterian Church

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William Heavner ----- Organist
Robert Sydnor----- Sexton
Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor
Nancy McGaughey----- Missionary to South Sudan

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 25, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Open Now the Gates of Beauty*arr: Smith
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. 627 *I Love You, Lord*

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 91:15)

“When they call to me, I will answer them,” says the Lord.

“I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.”

With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 39..... *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins, that grace might bridge, and we might cross, the great chasm between us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness, like Jeremiah, you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to other gods, enter into chaos and destruction, and ignore the cries of the needy. You lift up the lowly and fill the empty, yet we adore the high and mighty. You reach out to the poor, yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth. You talk about treasure in heaven, yet we want dollars in our accounts right now. Forgive our lack of generosity. Heal our misguided ways. Cleanse us from the assumption that all that matters is what we have and what we can get. Change our hearts so that we can tend to the things that matter and will find our life and our hope in Jesus Christ.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Through Christ we are carried away by the angels, comforted by Father Abraham, our hunger—satisfied, our agony—cooled, and our sins—forgiven.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 43 (vv. 1, 2)

..... *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

†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 *Tune Our Hearts to Sing*

(Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing), Mary McDonald

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love. May the message of Your grace flow from our hearts into this place. Till we see You face to face, Lord, tune our hearts to sing Your grace! Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood, His blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord. I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. May the message of Your grace flow from our hearts into this place. Till we see You face to face, Lord, tune our hearts to sing Your grace!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 32:1-3,6-15Pew Bible p. 643

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 16:19-31Pew Bible p. 851

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "Seeing the Needs"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

SERMON..... "Acting on the Promise"

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Who Trust in God Strong Abode*..... arr: Martin

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that in following Christ, the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others.

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. 320..... *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 600 *Amen*

†POSTLUDE

PASTOR DAVID AT CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

Pastor David will be attending the "Start with Good News Conference" at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If a pastoral concern arises during this time, please contact Stella Strickler, Lead Deacon at 540-667-5150 or Jean Steidel at 540-323-7071.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 25-October 2, 2016

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Apple Harvest Fellowship—Gathering Area
- 9:00 a.m.: Middle School Youth Conference—Massanetta Springs
- 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
- 12:30 p.m.: High School Youth Motel Ministry—Lunch & Delivery

THIS WEEK

- Monday: 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: Hands & Hearts—10:30 a.m.—Assembly Room
Newsletter Party—1:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
HH&F Class—6:00 p.m.—Highland Food Pantry
- Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—11:30 a.m.
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme:
“Bring a Friend to the Backyard Bash”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
YA Volleyball—8:00 p.m.—Body Renew
- Thursday: Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Bageant Room
Women’s Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Classroom #2

NEXT SUNDAY—World Communion Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Bread Basket Buffet—9:30 a.m.—Dell Room
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Lamentations 1:1-6, Luke 17:5-10
Sermon: “The Way of the Gospel”
CCAP, Communion
Camp Paddy Run Day—1:00 p.m.—Camp Paddy Run
Presbyterian Youth Connection—5:00 p.m.—Picnic Shelter
—Capture the Flag & Bonfire

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jackie Boyd
Ken Johansen
Detra Michaels
Kevin Hay
Opequon Church
Kraemer Family
Tiffany Judge
Samantha, Owen & Brian Cox
Jolissa Matthews
Joe & Barbara Alderman
Carol Treece
Rebekah Witt
Kevin Paquette
Larry Schryver
Richard Young
Wayne Lake
Berlin Zirk

Jane Damewood
Betty Wilson
Natural Disaster Relief
Patricia Wines
Ethiopia Unrest
Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Marj Praml
Dorothy Rogers
Cody Monday
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Peter Schieve
Gary Snapp
Sandi Pulizzi
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.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Carole Witt in loving honor and celebration of Pastor David's birthday TODAY. This is the day the Lord has made and we celebrate David's life today.

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:30 a.m.—87

Sunday School—69

11:00 a.m.—100

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Audrey Saunders
Beadle: Dick Crane
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Nancy Grubb, David Yost
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Ainsley DesMarais, Keith McMurdo, Taylor Roark,
Audrey Saunders, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

11:00

Acolyte: Carter Cooper
Beadle: Bill Hopeck
Bell Ringer: Kristen Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Susie Cherry, Carole Metheny
Hospitality: Nancy & Richard Lloyd
Liturgist: Lauren Armstrong
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Mike Birchenough, Carter Cooper, Jack Hathaway,
Bill Hopeck, Sam Sherman, Bob Weidele

WORM—SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Listen to this! Workshops this morning at 9:45 a.m. are called Story & Snack and ART & GAMES! That sounds awesome! Preschoolers through 5th graders are invited downstairs to our 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. The focus of our workshops today is TEAMWORK—how we are all part of the body of Christ. Let the children come!

PYC NEWS TODAY

- Five of our middle school youth and two adult chaperones are away at Massanetta Springs today for a “Middler Rally” centered on the theme “IGNITE the LIGHT”. This event is sponsored by our Presbytery and is led by high school youth of our Presbytery. They will be enjoying the great outdoors, skits, music, and plenty of laughter.
- High School youth are invited to participate in our Motel Ministry today, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to have lunch (Beef-a-Roni, tossed salad, fruit, rolls, and pudding). Then we'll get sandwiches made and additional items packed to go out to the motels. We look forward to working alongside one another and being Christ's hands-heart-and-feet out in the community. The more youth, the merrier it is! Stay after worship today and then enjoy a free evening later.

WORLD COMMUNION FESTIVAL COMING NEXT SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday has become a special, celebratory festival each year at Opequon Church and it will be coming up next Sunday, October 2nd. You may anticipate uplifting, global music and creative gifts shared by our young people. As always, a variety of home-baked breads are appreciated, the differing textures, colors, shapes, and sizes representing the world-wide Christian community. **The annual “Bread Basket Buffet,” sponsored by our Christian Education Team, will also be featured over in the Dell Room following 8:30 worship.**

CAMP PADDY RUN DAY NEXT SUNDAY

Camp Paddy Run Day is next Sunday, October 2, 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!**

TRUNK & TREAT RETURNS THIS YEAR!

Have you been in the store lately and noticed that pumpkins, costumes, and fall wreaths are in full stock? 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!

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.

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>.



Please join the Mission Ministry Team on **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.

You are invited to
Ethiopian Mission Partnership Banquet

The Rev. Bill Cox
Retired Pastor

"I Never Heard That Before"

What can we receive from our Ethiopian sisters and brothers?

Celebrating the 27th Anniversary of the Partnership
between
Shenandoah Presbytery PC(USA)
and Illubabor Bethel Synod,
Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus



at
Massanutten Presbyterian Church
50 Indian Trail – Penn Laird, VA 22846

Friday, October 14, 2016

5:30-Registration 6:30pm-Banquet
7:30pm - Guest Speakers

Banquet Reservations
\$16.50 per person with PREPAID reservation
Children under 12 are free and welcome!

2016 Banquet Reservation Form

Banquet Meal Featuring Ethiopian Cuisine
Alternative Meal Will Be Offered

Please Register ALL individual and GUEST meals in ADVANCE

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Church Name _____

Group Registration-List all names-

_____ **Ethiopian Meals - Adults (age 12 and older)** _____

_____ **Children under 12 (free)** _____

_____ **Alternative Meals – Adults (age 12 and older)** _____

_____ **Children under 12 (free)** _____

Total Amount Enclosed (\$16.50 per adult) \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: "Shenandoah Presbytery"

Please mail FORM and CHECK to ARRIVE NO LATER THAN
Wednesday, October 5, 2016 to:

Partnership Banquet – Shenandoah Presbytery, 1111 N. Main St.,
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Volunteer Registration

Meeting of Presbytery at Opequon Presbyterian

Opequon Presbyterian will be hosting the Meeting of the Presbytery on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. We will need the help of many volunteers both prior to and the day of the event to make this day successful. To register to serve, please check the area(s) in which you would like to volunteer.

_____ Set-up on October 31, 2016

_____ Greeter

_____ Registration Table

_____ Lunch Server

_____ Provide/Prepare Breakfast and/or Snack Items

_____ Clean Up

_____ General Volunteer



Name _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____