

Opequon Presbyterian Church



God chose
YOU as the first
fruits for salvation
through sanctification
by the Spirit ...

2 Thessalonians 2:13

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

November 6, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

All Saints' Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

For All the Saints Arr: Moorpark

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”

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 701 *Lord Prepare Me*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist assures us that the Lord is near to all who call on God in truth. So with that assurance of God's presence, God's steadfast love, and God's overwhelming mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before you as a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own

waters. In the name of independence, we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus has shown us God's forgiveness for our sins. Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness for all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 443 *There Is a Redeemer*

†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 *By Faith*
arr. Lloyd Larson

By faith we see the hand of God, in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear, with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls' reward; 'til the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost, to deliver captives, and to preach good news, in ev'ry corner of the earth. By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail; for we know in Christ all things are possible, for all who call upon his name.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! By faith we see the hand of God. By faith this mountain shall be moved. We'll walk by faith, and not by sight. We'll walk by faith!

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

On this All Saints' Sunday, we celebrate our great communion with the saints and especially honor the memory and lives of those who have died in the past year and joined the Church Triumphant...

Roy William Bayliss, Jr.
Robert Franklin Dobler
Edward Flagg Golightly, Jr.
Ruth Marian Patton

James Ronald DeHaven
Betty Lee Muriel Foulk
Harry Carl Nissen
George Evan Tubbs

Trijntje S. Willemsma

Almighty God, we remember before you those who have lived among us, who have directed our steps in the way, opened our eyes to the truth, inspired our hearts by their witness, and strengthened our wills by their devotion. We rejoice in their lives dedicated to your service. We honor them in their death, and pray that we may be united with them in the glory of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

On the small white cross you were given this morning, you are invited to write the name(s) of those saints living or dead whom you would like to remember. We invite you to come forward in small groups as we sing the hymn; bring that small cross forward to the larger cross and place it on a hook in a time of remembrance and thanksgiving.

HYMN NO. 326 *For All the Saints*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Haggai 1:15b-2:9.....Pew Bible p. 758

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17.....Pew Bible p. 962

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "The Family of God"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 361 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

SERMON..... "Great Things Are Going to Happen!"
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Meditation on "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*

†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 *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm
When the Saints Go Marching In*

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 307..... *God of Grace and God of Glory*

†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 Bill Hopeck in loving memory of his wife, Carol.

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: Marc DesMarais, Karen Winters, Graham Taylor, Robin Owens, Tom Tandy, Becky Proctor and Jay Tibbs. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Travis Morgan, Lynn Metheny, Nathan Windle, Pam Bayliss, Larry Donovan, Robyn Ervin and Bill Hopeck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 6-13, 2016

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP
9:45 a.m.: Newcomers' Class—Office Suite
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP
5:00 p.m.: Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12)— Youth Spot

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
LOGOS Leadership—1:30 p.m.—David's Office
Covenant Bible Study—3:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Beyond the Broken Heart—6:00 p.m.—David's Office
PS150 Rehearsal—6:30 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Election Day—Exercise Your Privilege to VOTE!
Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 a.m.—Home of the Tandys
GLOW "God-Loving Opequon Women"—7:00 p.m.
—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Annual Teacher Night,
Theme: "Royalty Night"
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Read 'em & Reap—7:00 p.m.—Home of the Tandys
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Harvest Decorations Set Up

NEXT SUNDAY—Stewardship Dedication/Veterans' Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Newcomers' Class—9:45 a.m.
Called Congregational Meeting—10:45 a.m.—Sanctuary
Psalm 116:12-19, 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Sermon: "Expanding Our Hearts, Extending Our Ministry"
Annual Stewardship Walk, Recognition of Veterans
Youth Council—4:00 p.m.
Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12)—5:00 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patricia & Ray Ferguson
Pat deButts
Janet Thompson
Patience Sydnor
Wayne Lake
Al Owens
Tom & Vicki Harman
Sarah Bauwer
Myrt Nissen
Harry Payne
Hazel Spriggs
Alice Foley
Connie Robinson
Carole Conner
Donna Coffman
Dom Cafaro
Robert Sydnor
Don Lewis

James Minor
Loretta Homan
Heidi McMurdo
Ken Johansen
Detra Michaels
Kevin Hay
Opequon Church
Tiffany Judge
Samantha, Owen & Brian Cox
Jolissa Matthews
Joe & Barbara Alderman
Carol Treece
Rebekah Witt
Kevin Paquette
Richard Young
Berlin Zirk
Ethiopia Unrest
Dorothy Rogers

Cody Monday
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Gary Snapp
Sandi Pulizzi
Lanette Orduna
Mettu, Ethiopia
Donna Klinefelter
Colleen McMurdo
Jane Lewis
Frank Vardeman
Dottie Edwards
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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.

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH:

8:30 a.m.—94

Sunday School—59

11:00 a.m.—74

WORM—SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

This morning, children are invited to the TERRIFIC workshop called “Come Taste the Bread!” Children will gain a deeper understanding of “The Lord’s Supper” and what is going on as we share communion together in worship. Of course, there will be some delicious bread to taste along with games and other great activities. Preschoolers through 5th graders are invited downstairs to this creative and lively educational hour being held in Classroom #3.

NEWCOMERS’ CLASS TODAY

If you are new to Opequon and/or would like to explore membership, please plan to join Pastor David today and next Sunday, November 13th at 9:45 a.m. in the office suite area of the church. We will talk about who we are at Opequon and who we are as Presbyterians, as we discuss our beliefs, government, mission, and ministry.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Reagan Tibbs
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: The DesMarais Family
Hospitality: Brenda Hawkins, Dom Cafaro
Liturgist: Jack Youngblood
Ushers: Vicki Crites, Dulcie Reed, Cameron & Carson Ritter,
Graham Taylor, Reagan Tibbs

11:00

Acolyte: Bailey Cooper
Beadle: Bill Bayliss
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper
Hospitality: Nadine DeHaven, Jack Drumheller
Liturgist: John Sherman
Ushers: Jim Butler, Bailey Cooper, Annemarie Matthews,
Travis Morgan, Reagan Newhouse, Erika Reed

PYC NEWS TODAY

- Thank you to the youth who helped with Trunk & Treat last Sunday as “Trunkers” or with concessions and the bonfire! You are appreciated!
- TODAY youth will experience “Cell Phone Play”, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Dinner included (TACOS). Bring \$2 for dinner and your cell phone.
- Parents: please be sure to complete the permission form that was sent out to you a week ago.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

The Older Adult Ministry Team meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Bageant Room. Come join us as we make plans for trips and programs for 2017 and simply enjoy great fellowship together. Morning refreshments and coffee are served.

GLOW (GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN)

Opequon's women's group meets this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Bageant Room. The theme for this month is "**1000 Thanks**". Let's see if we can meet the challenge. Put your name in to win the "Great Thanksgiving Bag"; and everyone will take home a token to help 'pay it forward' with their own thanks. It will prove to be a night you will be thankful for, as we enjoy this special time together.

LOGOS NEWS

This Wednesday is our annual TEACHER NIGHT at LOGOS. The theme this year is "ROYALTY NIGHT". We love welcoming teachers, coaches, and mentors of our young people as they play important roles in their lives and we hope to show them how important they are to us. Teachers will come for dinner, followed by some recreation time with the children, and then musical presentations will be shared by the LOGOS young people. It will be a night to celebrate!

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation next Sunday, November 13, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee and then proceed to elect four ruling elders, three deacons, and one trustee. The committee will at that time nominate **Mitch Orndorff, Robin Owens, Susanna Shade, and Leslie Tucker** to serve as ruling elders; **Brenda Hawkins** to serve as deacon; and **George Schember** to serve as trustee. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the prior consent of the person nominated. Please be present to actively participate in the life and governance of your church.

PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL PILGRIMS' FEAST!

It is that time of the year again! The annual Pilgrims' Feast for our whole congregation is in two weeks, on Sunday, November 20! This event is a terrific time to gather around tables in thanks for all the people that make OPC what it is! The youth host this annual event and appreciate your help in donating some needed items. Please sign up to provide something out of the many items needed. The sign-up board is in the Gathering Area. Stop by there today and sign up. THANKS!

WMC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Winchester Medical Center Volunteer Services Department is currently looking for a few new faces to make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families. Contact Doris Trant of Volunteer Services at 540-536-8156 or dtrant@valleyhealthlink.com.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in hosting Shenandoah Presbytery this past Tuesday. It was an outstanding day! We all worked together as a strong team in extending hospitality and making each person feel welcome. As pastor of Opequon Church, I was very proud of all we did to make it such a fulfilling and enjoyable experience.—Pastor David Witt