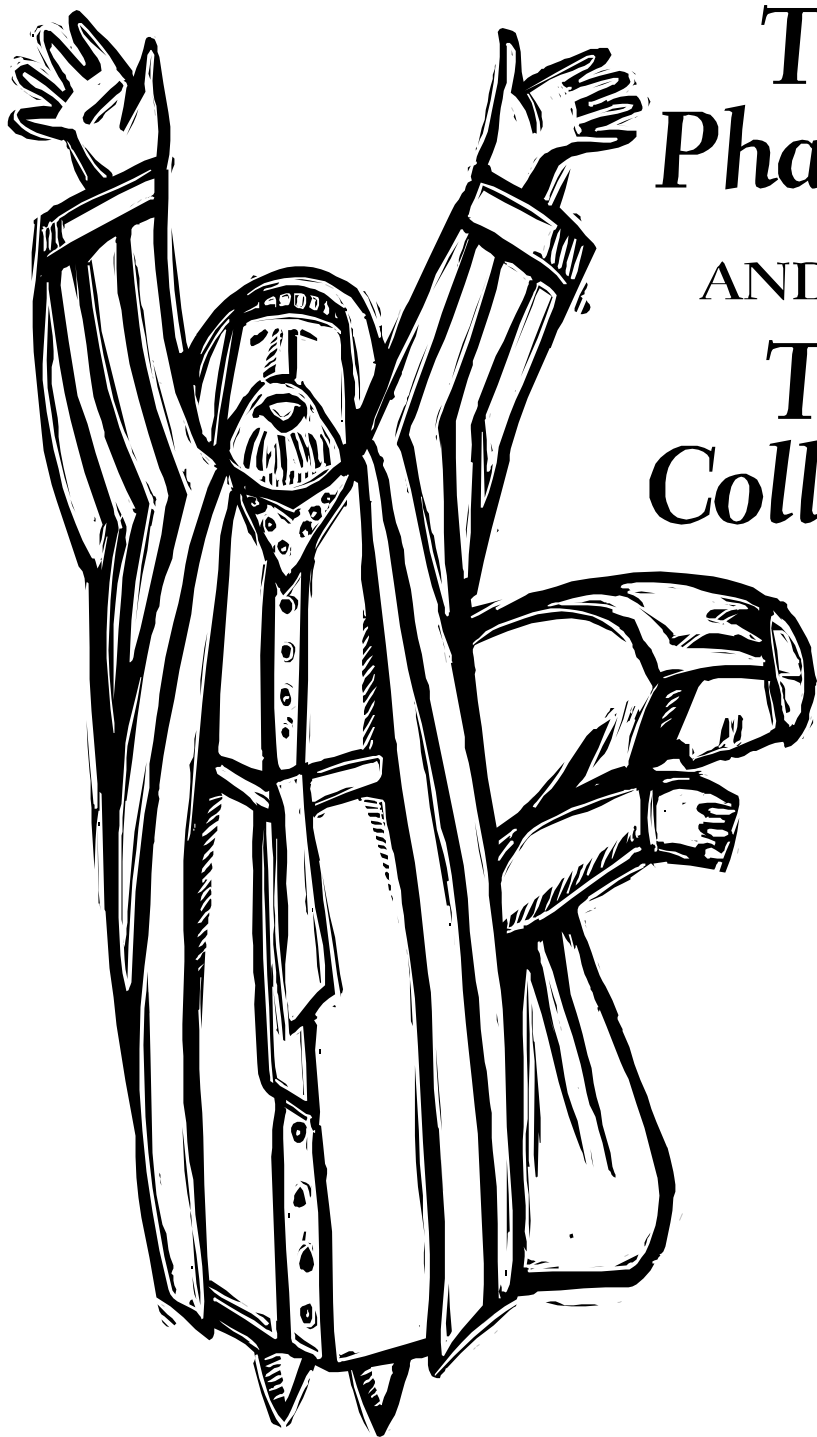


Opequon Presbyterian Church



The Pharisee

AND THE

Tax Collector

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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William Heavner ----- Organist
Robert Sydnor ----- Sexton
Laurie Carver ----- Nursery Supervisor

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 23, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father*

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. 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 65:5–8, Joel 2)

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Pour out your Spirit, O Lord.

We call upon your name.

Rain down your mercy, O Lord.

We depend upon your grace.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 32..... *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We celebrate our achievements and look down on our neighbors. We boast about our virtues and deny the worth of others. We laud our own dreams and visions but minimize the dreams and visions you plant and cast before us and others. Forgive us God of Grace. Be merciful to us, for we are indeed sinners in great need of redemption. Melt, mold, fill and use us through the work of your Spirit.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it: God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 621 *I Will Call Upon 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 *As We Come Together*

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As we come together to worship Christ the Lord, let us now join hand in hand with hearts in one accord. Let us lift one mighty voice and sing to Him our praise. Let us come together and glorify His Name. For we are His children, surrounded by His love, filled with his goodness and grace from above, united in His Spirit, following His truth, let the whole world hear it, Lord, we worship You. Faith is strengthened as we find the riches in His word; sharing burdens, sharing joys in things we've seen and heard. Feeling deep within our hearts, the peace that God can give. Going forth, renewed we serve, our lives we give to Him.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joel 2:23-32Pew Bible p. 741

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 18:9-14Pew Bible p. 853

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “On the Same Level”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SERMON..... “Our Best Dreams”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY*Spirit Song*

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 38)

..... “A Brief Statement of Faith” (Nos. 4, 5, 6)

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. 643.....*Now Thank We All Our God*

†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 ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY

The rosebud announces the birth of William David Barr, son of Cody and Beth Barr. William joins older sister, Virginia, at home. He is the grandson of Dave and Laurie Yost. May God bless and nurture William and his family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 23-30, 2016

TODAY

8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal
12:15 p.m. "The Great Chili Cook-off Luncheon"
12:30 p.m.: Motel Ministry

THIS WEEK

Monday: Covenant Bible Study—3:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Beyond the Broken Heart—6:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
PS 150 Rehearsal—6:30 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary

Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 a.m.—Assembly Room
HH&F Class at Highland Food Pantry—6:00 p.m.
WATTS Operations Committee—6:30 p.m.—Bageant Room

Wednesday: Lunch Bunch—11:30 a.m.—TVOR
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: "Emoji Night"
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary

Thursday: Newsletter Party—9:30 a.m.—Bageant Room
Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room

Friday: Memory Lane Travelers—9:00 a.m.
—Woodbrook Community Center

Saturday: Jubilee Kitchen—10:00 a.m.—First Presbyterian, Winchester

NEXT SUNDAY—Reformation Sunday

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Psalm 116:12-19, 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Sermon: "Faithful Living"
Habitat for Humanity "Paint Can Offering"
LOGOS K-5 Worship Groups (8:30)
Trunk & Treat—4:00 p.m.—Opequon House Field

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Beth & William Barr	Kevin Hay	Gary Snapp
Connie Robinson	Opequon Church	Sandi Pulizzi
Carole Conner	Tiffany Judge	Lanette Orduna
Donna Coffman	Samantha, Owen & Brian Cox	Mettu, Ethiopia
Dom Cafaro	Jolissa Matthews	Donna Klinefelter
Robert Sydnor	Joe & Barbara Alderman	Colleen McMurdo
Don Lewis	Carol Treece	Jane Lewis
Charlie Clevenger	Rebekah Witt	Frank Vardeman
James Minor	Kevin Paquette	Dottie Edwards
Loretta Homan	Richard Young	Larry Matthews
Impact of Hurricane Matthew	Berlin Zirk	Doug Koch
Heidi McMurdo	Ethiopia Unrest	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Betty Lou Kelley	Patricia & Ray Ferguson	Church Mekane Yesus
Jonathan Lightcap	Dorothy Rogers	People Looking for Work &
Vicki Harman	Cody Monday	Challenged by the Economy
Ken Johansen	Stephanie Fitch	
Detra Michaels	Phyllis Dilley	

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

WORM—SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

This morning children are invited to the TERRIFIC workshops on PRAYER! You'll find yourselves enjoying games, stories, demonstrations, & skits as you learn to pray honestly, willingly, boldly, and thankfully. Preschoolers through 5th graders 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. Locations of the workshops for various ages are on the boards inside the Dell Room door and at the bottom of the steps just outside the kitchen.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

Energize your relationship! Receive huge returns on time spent with your spouse! Appreciate your differences! Balance busy lifestyles! All this is at your fingertips; it just may need a little 'tapping into'. Couples of all ages and stages are invited to these short series of gatherings that will open opportunities that can enrich your relationship. **The gatherings continue TODAY, 9:45 a.m., meeting in the church office suite.** Laughter is guaranteed, along with hope and excitement for some great times ahead with your spouse!

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Evelyn McCarty
Beadle: Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Nancy Newman, Hazel Spriggs
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Dave Richards
Ushers: Evelyn McCarty, Keith McMurdo, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

11:00

Acolyte: Sam Sherman
Beadle: Mac McNichols
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Nancy & Richard Lloyd
Liturgist: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino, Mike Birchenough,
Bill Hopeck, Sam Sherman, Bob Weidele

THANKS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

High school youth packed 50 food bags for Orchard View Elementary School this morning during their class time. Their effort and teamwork to get this done was greatly appreciated. The food bags will be delivered to Orchard View next week to go home with children who need food for the weekend. THANK YOU!

PYC NEWS TODAY

- Youth are joining efforts after worship today to make sandwiches and pack up supplies for Motel Ministry. You'll be able to grab some lunch from the Chili Cook-off in the Fellowship Hall and make sandwiches up in the Dell Room/Bageant Room area before heading out to help people in the community. Return time is about 2:30 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY youth are invited to participate or help with the TRUNK & TREAT event, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Parents, please be sure to complete the permission form that was sent out to you a week ago.

MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy hosts Medicare Part D Day every year during open enrollment to help patients find the best prescription plan for them according to their medications. It is a completely **free** service that the students provide. This Wednesday, October 26, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Health Professions Building (on the hill behind the hospital, 1775 North Sector Ct). Please bring your current Medicare card and a list of your medications.

TRUNKERS NEEDED FOR TRUNK & TREAT—OCTOBER 30TH

We are looking forward to bringing the TRUNK & TREAT event back this year! TRUNK & TREAT is a safe, fun alternative for Halloween trick or treating. If you plan to be a TRUNKER, please be sure to have communicated with Carole Witt. Imagine seeing vehicle trunks turned into a *COOKIE MONSTER*, a *PAC MAN CAVE*, a *FROG*, or a *FOOTBALL FIELD!* Tons of ideas are available online, and it doesn't take too much work to transform a trunk. Look at the "BIG MOUTH" trunk example by the elevator. Families and children are invited to come in costume to Trunk & Treat next Sunday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. and enjoy all the decorated trunks, games, and goodies. A bonfire will be available for making S'mores too! A concession area will be available with donations accepted. Bring your friends, neighbors, grandchildren, and come enjoy the fall fun. You'll see it all happening in the field by the shelter.

UPCOMING NEWCOMERS' CLASS

If you are new to Opequon and/or would like to explore membership, please plan to join Pastor David on Sundays, November 6 and 13 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.

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.

PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL PILGRIMS' FEAST!

It is that time of the year again! The annual Pilgrims' Feast is on Sunday, November 20, for our whole congregation! 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!

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>.

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 in an easy to use checklist can be found in the Dell Room or Gathering Area. Please take a few minutes to complete and return the form to the box or mail it to the church office. Completing the form does not obligate you to participate in any activity. If you need additional forms for other members of your family, send a request to Susanna Shade, shadesathome@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH:

8:30 a.m.—95

Sunday School—56

11:00 a.m.—85

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

Served at First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, November 24

Roasted Turkeys,

Baked Apple, Pecan & Pumpkin Pies,

& Volunteers Needed.

1, 250 meals were served last year.

Sign up online beginning November 1st, www.fpcwinc.org.