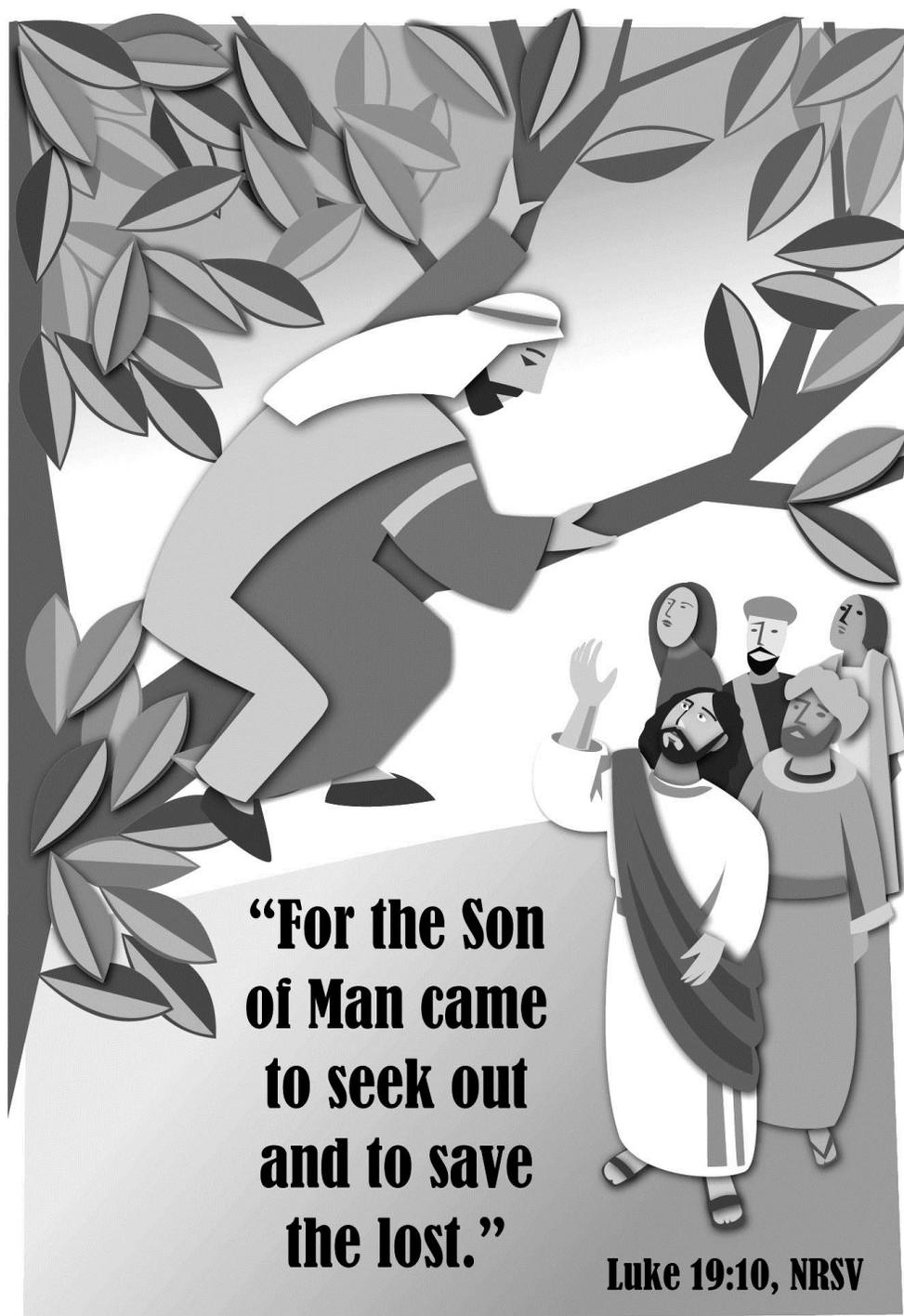


Opequon Presbyterian Church



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 30, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Ein' Feste Burg".....* arr. Purifoy
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 (Worship order p. 8, vv. 1, 3, 5)..... *Be Still and Know*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered today in search of reformation.

We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.

We stand fearless at the edge of change.

For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.

Be still, and know that God is God.

God is our rock and our redeemer.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 275..... *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even at our most faithful, we stand in need of grace. Because of God's unfailing love, mercy is promised, even before we speak the truth. In humility, with confidence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are righteous, O God, and your law is truth. Yet we struggle to be faithful and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy. Forgive us again, O God; keep covenant with us, as you have promised,

and soothe our aching souls, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Because we have been buried with Christ in these waters, we are raised to new life in him. Forgiven and freed, live lives worthy to your call, and by the power of the Holy Spirit seek to do good.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 614 *Great Are You, 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 *Thy Word*

Michael W. Smith/Amy Grant

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear, as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. I will not forget, Your love for me, and yet, my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side; and I will love You to the end. Thy Word.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Pew Bible p. 762

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 19:1-10 Pew Bible p. 854

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "The Zacchaeus Game"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

SERMON..... "Living by Faith"

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Faith of Our Fathers*arr. Smith

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

A LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,Nicene Creed
the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints. Apostles' Creed

This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with the Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.....Scots Confession

We believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life.

..... Heidelberg Catechism

The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion of all he true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits which are freely offered through Christ..... Second Helvetic Confession

The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel, consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children; and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ; the house and family of God.

..... Westminster Confession of Faith

The visible church has the privilege of being under God's special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ, to all members of it, in the ministry of the gospel, testifying that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come unto him. Larger Catechism

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

..... Theological Declaration of Barmen

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Confession of 1967

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

..... Brief Statement of Faith

This litany for Reformation Sunday is composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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. 756..... *O God of Every Nation*

†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 Mac and Paula McNichols in memory of their parents, Charles and June McNichols and Paul and Catherine Austin.

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD:

8:30 a.m.—92

Sunday School—50

11:00 a.m.—99

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 30-November 6, 2016

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, LOGOS K-5 Worship Group,
Habitat for Humanity “Paint Can Offering”
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity “Paint Can Offering”
4:00 p.m.: Trunk & Treat—Opequon House Field & Pitcock Shelter

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Set Up for Presbytery Meeting—10:00 a.m.
—All Over the Church!
Covenant Bible Study—3:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting at Opequon —8:30 a.m.
Worship—9:30 a.m.
Presentation by Dr. John Vest—12:00 Noon
(Visiting Professor of Evangelism at Union Presbyterian Seminary)
Tech & Communication Team—5:15 p.m.—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night—6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—David’s Office
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: “Americana Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- Thursday: MVMC Pastors’ Lunch Bunch—12:00 Noon—Roma
Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Battlefield Half-Marathon for WATTS
Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Bageant Room
Women’s Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.—Classroom #2

NEXT SUNDAY—All Saints’ Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Haggai 1:15b-2:9, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Sermon: “Great Things Are Going to Happen!”
Communion, CCAP
Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us
Presbyterian Youth Connection (Gr. 6-12)—5:00 p.m.—Youth Spot
FALL BACKWARD—Set Clocks Back One Hour

Be Still and Know

Ex. 15:26; Ps. 46:10
The Word/Call to Worship/Prayer

Words: St. 1, 2 Anon.; st. 3, 4, 5 by Sylvia Washer
Music: Arr. by Lee Herrington and Tom Fettke



1. Be still and know that I am
2. I am the Lord that heal - eth
3. I nev - er shall for - sake my
4. I'll keep you in my per - fect



God. Be still and know that I am
thee. I am the Lord that heal - eth
own. I nev - er shall for - sake my
peace. I'll keep you in my per - fect



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God. thee. own. peace. 5. The

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Harry Payne | Ken Johansen | Stephanie Fitch |
| Hazel Spriggs | Detra Michaels | Phyllis Dilley |
| Gail Crane | Kevin Hay | Gary Snapp |
| Alice Foley | Opequon Church | Sandi Pulizzi |
| Connie Robinson | Tiffany Judge | Lanette Orduna |
| Carole Conner | Samantha, Owen & Brian Cox | Mettu, Ethiopia |
| Donna Coffman | Jolissa Matthews | Donna Klinefelter |
| Dom Cafaro | Joe & Barbara Alderman | Colleen McMurdo |
| Robert Sydnor | Carol Treece | Jane Lewis |
| Don Lewis | 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 |

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

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

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Natalie Youngblood
Beadle: Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Paula McNichols, Nancy Newman
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Dave Richards
Ushers: Mike Butler, Andrew Crites, Bob Gaines,
Dave Yost, Jack & Natalie Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Jonathan Lightcap
Beadle: Paula McNichols
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Mary Himelright, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: Susanna Shade
Nametags: Nancy Rodgers
Ushers: Paige Clark, Breanna Daggett, Vern Gamble,
Jonathan Lightcap, Bill Robinson, Nick Sardelis

WORM—SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

This morning, children are invited to the TERRIFIC workshop called “THE PUMPKIN LESSON”! Children will enjoy games, the story of “Perky the Orange Pumpkin”, and watch a pumpkin carving demonstration that illustrates how Christians are like pumpkins. Their fabulous time will end with a ‘pumpkin patch snack’. Preschoolers through 5th graders are invited downstairs to this creative and lively educational hour being held in the Fellowship Hall. Children rotate to various workshops each week to learn the stories of faith and God’s love through hands-on activities.

PYC NEWS TODAY

- Youth are needed to come help with the TRUNK & TREAT event today, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the picnic shelter. Help is needed with concessions, the bonfire, and greeting families.
- NEXT SUNDAY 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.

TRUNK & TREAT EVENT TODAY, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Families and children are invited to come in costume to Trunk & Treat TODAY, 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 next Sunday, November 6th and the 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.

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation on 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 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!

AND THE WINNER OF THE GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF IS...

Denise Weidele! The Fellowship Ministry Team thanks all the chefs for their yummy chili creations. Thank you judges and everyone who helped with set up and clean up. We especially appreciate everyone who came to have a spicy good time!

REFORMATION SUNDAY—500 LESS 1

It was the last day of October; the following day would bring the Feast of All Saints. In the churches, bits of bone and other physical items associated with particular saints were laid out. In earlier times, these relics of the saints were meant to remind those still living of the holiness of those the church had named worthy of sainthood. Some in the church began to teach that these bits of bone and cloth were more than an inspiration and example, that by simply being in their presence, one could build up a credit to be used to shorten their time in purgatory.

The church of that time taught that purgatory was an intermediate state between death and heaven where a soul would undergo purification. Prayers and liturgies offered by the living for those who had died were considered to aid the soul in its transition. A living person could be proactive in anticipation of his future time in purgatory by being near and revering the relics of those recognized as holy saints. One could even buy a coupon of sorts. It was called a “plenary indulgence” but was considered a “get-out-of-purgatory-sooner” pass. Priests began to sell indulgences for money. The Pope allowed this short-cut to heaven, as long as he got a percentage of the sale. After all, he needed the money for the new papal basilica being built in Rome.

It was the last day of October in the year 1517, and one priest could no longer hold silent. He listed 95 reasons to dispute the abusive practice of some preachers who would sell plenary indulgences. Four hundred ninety-nine years ago, the Rev. Martin Luther sent those 95 theses to the Archbishop of Mainz and then published them on the door of All Saints Church, Wittenberg, Germany. Although many others had previously laid the ground work and later built on the foundation, October 31, 1517, is the date we mark as the birth of the Protestant Reformation.

Today we celebrate the 499th anniversary of our Reformed Faith. Next year, we can mark a full five centuries since a very determined man dared to confront the church of his day with the truth that salvation can be neither bought nor earned, but comes only through the gift of God's grace and our own faith in Jesus Christ.