

Opequon Presbyterian Church

"Expanding Our Hearts...



"Extending Our Ministry"

"Do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share."
1 Timothy 6:18

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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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 13, 2016
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Melita"*

*O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them whereso'er they go,
Thus evermore shall rise to thee Glad praise from air and land and sea*

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

VETERANS' DAY RECOGNITION

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

..... “Expanding Our Hearts, Extending Our Ministry”

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 710 *We Lift Our Voices*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The night passes; a new day dawns! Thanks be to you, O God, for your continuing care and blessings.

Another season passes; a new season dawns! Thanks be to you, O God, for your unfolding love and call.

As the sunrise brightens the morning sky, we are awakened to the journey ahead.

In the challenge of faithfulness in our time, may we find cause for celebration and hope. Instruct us so that we may learn from all that has gone before. Keep us on the road from today into tomorrow. Expand our hearts and extend our ministry as disciples and as a church.

Grant us wisdom in this hour. Grant us dedication in the year before us. Grant us vision for the journey ahead.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 712.....As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFSSION

Trusting in God's goodness to us, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESION

Generous God, you have put many valuable things into our hands, but we have so many times shown ourselves to be ungrateful and selfish with your gifts, either hoarding them or wasting them. The good land you have given us, the gift of freedom, food in abundance, our time of life, and the engaging ministry of your word have all been too carelessly received and nurtured by us. Teach us to value these things and to care for them as stewards, that we may also share them with others. Inspire our commitment, structure our priorities, expand our hearts and extend our ministry according to your will and forthright summons.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though we have sinned, we are affirmed; though we have not loved, we are loved; though we have walked away from God's call, we are drawn back with the promise of a new opportunity, a new hope, a new decision to show the world, and ourselves, that we are free in Christ. Thanks be to God for this inexpressible gift of redemption!

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 7)

.....*Lord, We Lift Your Name on High*

†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*Be the Light of Christ*

Wes Cameron

What will you give to the Savior? To the One who gave all, will you go in his name, to spread the light of truth? To the corners of the world, he has asked you to go. Will you go in his name? Be the light of Christ to the people of the world. Be the light of Christ, spread the word among God's people. Will you give help to the needy? Will you clothe and give them food? Will you give in his name, as he has given to you? Every gift is from above, and it comes to us from God. Will you give in his name? Be the Light of Christ!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 116:12-19Pew Bible p. 492

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-19Pew Bible p. 965

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "Taking Hold of Real Life"

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

HYMN NO. 716..... *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY*For the Life That You Have Given*

(Tune: *Pleading Savior*)

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

INVITATION TO DEDICATION

SILENT SELF-DEDICATION PRAYER

Almighty God, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you. Use me as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; expand my heart and extend my ministry as a disciple of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

†ACT OF DEDICATION

During the singing of the hymn, you and your family are invited to come forward to the Communion Table and to place your giving card on the table.

†HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 697 (vv. 1-5) *Take My Life*

†PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Through our dedication, strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally. Amen.

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 697 (v. 6) *Take My Life*

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte:	Zane Hawkins
Beadle:	Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer:	Mo Mohler
Greeters:	The DesMarais Family
Hospitality:	Vicky Astorino, Heide Mohler
Liturgist:	Jack Youngblood
Ushers:	Zane Hawkins, Pat Heavner, Cole Owens, Dick Widell, Ben Winn, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte:	Ben Newhouse
Beadle:	Bill Bayliss
Bell Ringer:	Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality:	Alice Foley, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist:	John Sherman
Nametags:	Dulcie Reed
Ushers:	Lauren Armstrong, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Ben Newhouse, Bill Robinson, Mitchell Skowbo

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

** You came from heaven to earth to show the way, —

— from the earth — to the cross — my debt to pay; —

— from the cross to the grave, — from the grave to the sky; —

— Lord, I lift your name on high. (**Repeat)

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH
Irregular

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 13-20, 2016

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Worship, Stewardship Dedication
9:45 a.m.: Newcomers' Class—Office Suite
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
10:45 a.m.: Called Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.: Morning Worship, Stewardship Dedication
4:00 p.m.: Youth Council—Bageant Room
5:00 p.m.: Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12)— Youth Spot

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Covenant Bible Study—3:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
Grief During the Holidays—6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
Men of Opequon—6:00 p.m.—Chick-fil-A PVR
Adult ESL—6:30 p.m.—Assembly Room
PS150 Rehearsal—6:30 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary
MOO—7:00 p.m.—Youth Spot
- Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m.—David's Office
LOGOS—4:30 p.m.—Theme: “Light Up the Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Cub Pack 1—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
Scout Troop 1—7:00 p.m.—Assembly Room
- Friday: Set Up for Memorial Service—1:00 p.m.—Bageant Room
- Saturday: Men’s Lectio Divina—8:00 a.m.
Pilgrims’ Feast Set Up—9:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
Memorial Service for Tena Willemsma—10:30 a.m.
—Memorial Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY—Christ the King Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screenings
Sunday School Classes for All Ages—9:45 a.m.
Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:33-43
Sermon: “In the King’s Loyal Service”
LOGOS K-5 Worship & Youth Worship (11:00)
Pilgrims’ Feast—12:15 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Heal Our Land	Robert Sydnor	Dorothy Rogers
Mac McNichols	Don Lewis	Cody Monday
Cheryl DeCeault	James Minor	Stephanie Fitch
Patricia & Ray Ferguson	Loretta Homan	Phyllis Dilley
Pat deButts	Heidi McMurdo	Gary Snapp
Janet Thompson	Ken Johansen	Sandi Pulizzi
Patience Sydnor	Detra Michaels	Lanette Orduna
Wayne Lake	Kevin Hay	Mettu, Ethiopia
Al Owens	Opequon Church	Donna Klinefelter
Tom & Vicki Harman	Tiffany Judge	Colleen McMurdo
Sarah Bauwer	Samantha, Owen & Brian Cox	Jane Lewis
Myrt Nissen	Jolissa Matthews	Frank Vardeman
Harry Payne	Joe & Barbara Alderman	Dottie Edwards
Hazel Spriggs	Carol Treece	Larry Matthews
Alice Foley	Rebekah Witt	Doug Koch
Connie Robinson	Kevin Paquette	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Carole Conner	Richard Young	Church Mekane Yesus
Donna Coffman	Berlin Zirk	People Looking for Work &
Dom Cafaro	Ethiopia Unrest	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 Sandi and Jack Pulizzi with blessings and prayers for our Nation.

WORM—SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

This morning children are invited to the AMAZING workshop on called “Come Touch the Water!” Children will gain a deeper understanding of “Baptism” and what this special event means. Of course, there will be some fun water play as well as a challenge around the building. Preschool through 5th grade 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 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.

PYC NEWS TODAY

- TODAY, youth will experience “MYSTERY NIGHT”, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Dinner included (turkey, stuffing, plus more!). Bring \$2 for dinner and your adventurous spirit.
- “All hands on deck” are needed next Saturday, 9:00-10:30 a.m. to help set up the Fellowship Hall for the annual Pilgrims’ Feast. We will transform that space into a beautiful autumn dining room!

GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are often a time that we dread after we have lost a dear friend or family member. If you have lost someone close to you this year, join us tomorrow night from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall to have a conversation about grief and the approaching holidays. We will discuss the challenges facing families and loved ones as they try to move on during the holidays. We will share strategies and self-care practices, emphasizing supportive scripture and God's promises during this difficult time.

MEN OF OPEQUON

All men of Opequon Church are invited to come and eat dinner together at the Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. We will then gather back at the church at 7:00 p.m. for an informative program presented by Tim Youmans, Planning Director for the City of Winchester. Next month, we'll meet one Monday earlier than usual on Monday, December 5 and skip Chick-fil-A! It will be our Annual Christmas Gathering with Thieves' Christmas, this year at the home of Mac McNichols. Circle those dates, gentlemen!

LOGOS NEWS

We were thrilled to have 20 special guests with us at LOGOS this past Wednesday at our annual TEACHER NIGHT. We treated our teacher and administrator guests as ROYALTY. The teachers and administrators joined us for dinner and then a time of recreation and music following dinner. How terrific it was to eat, play and enjoy music together. It was a night of great celebration.

ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH:

8:30 a.m.—82 Sunday School—73 11:00 a.m.—103

PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL PILGRIMS' FEAST!

Thank you to so many of you for signing up to provide needed items for the annual Pilgrims' Feast. You are most generous! A few items still needed are cooked/sliced turkey breast, apple pie, and chocolate pie. If you can donate one of these items, please let Carole Witt know or sign your name on the chart in the Gathering Area. It is greatly appreciated. The annual Pilgrims' Feast for our whole congregation is *next* Sunday, November 20, 12:15 p.m. 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 the needed items. We hope to serve you at the table next Sunday.



120th ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Opequon Presbyterian Church

Combined Choirs singing *Autumn Carol*

Communion, Child Care Provided

Evening Offering for Local Outreach

Contact a member of the Fellowship Ministry Team if you would like to help provide refreshments such as cheese & crackers, cookies, etc. or sign-up in the Gathering Area.