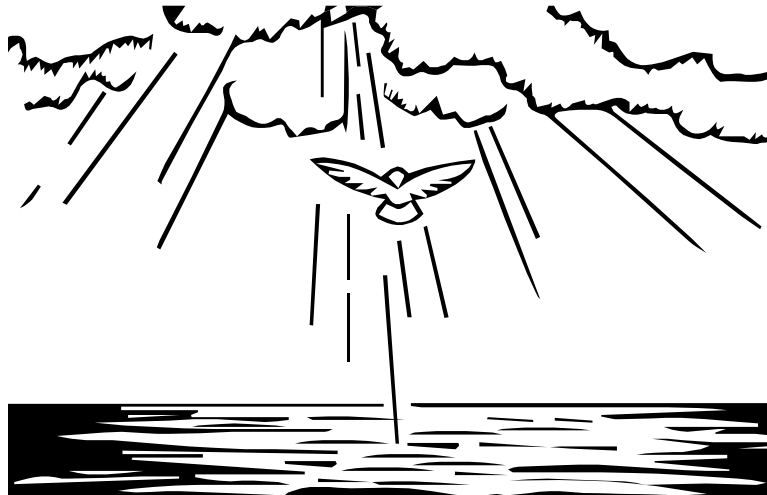


Opequon Presbyterian Church



“THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM
**I AM WELL
PLEASED.”**

MATTHEW 3:17, ESV

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.

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 8, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Hendon"*

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS
GREETINGS AND WELCOME

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 727 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)..... *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

And how, through the waters of baptism, God claims and calls us as servants of Christ our Lord.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 409 *God Is Here!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We adore the high and mighty and ignore your humble servant. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out the power of your Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us:
You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 443 (v. 2) *There Is a Redeemer*
**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and
leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those next to you)

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR TRUSTEE (8:30)

Presentation of the Trustee
Promise of the Trustee
Promise of the Congregation
Commissioning Prayer
Welcome to Ministry

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM *For Those Who Serve*

Lord, thank you for the hands, the hands that calm our fear; tender hands that hold the sick and catch the falling tear. Lord, thank you for the lips, that speak the words of grace, all those who break the bread of life and wake the world to praise. Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share

your love, Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above. Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light. Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ. Thank you for the feet of those who lead us into peace, leaving in the sands of time a path for all to see. Thank you for the arms of those who reach into the night, arms that carry those who fall and lift the cross of Christ. Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love, Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above. Thank you God.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9Pew Bible p. 584

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17Pew Bible p. 784

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Called to Serve”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 177 *I Will Come to You*

SERMON..... “Responding to Your Claim”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 691*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

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

PRAYER FOR NEW OFFICERS (8:30)

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION (11:00)

Litany

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is god’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Presentation of the Ruling Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions of the Ruling Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions of the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

- † HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*
- † CHARGE AND BLESSING
- † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*
**Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**
- † POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Emma Abell
Beadle: Bill Burslem
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: The Sousa Family
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Jim Youngblood
Ushers: Emma Abell, Pat Heavner, Graham Taylor,
Jack, Jim & Natalie Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Jack Hathaway
Beadle: Dan Cammer
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: The Batcha Family
Hospitality: Debi Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: Sarah Shade
Name Tags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Joshua Batcha, Jack & Jason Hathaway,
Andy Homan, Evelyn McCarty, Bill Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 8-15, 2017

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Worship, Commissioning Trustee, Prayer for Elders & Deacons
9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Worship, Service of Ordination & Installation, Reception
4:00 pm: Youth Council—Bageant Room
5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection Pizza & Movie Night
—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
LOGOS Leadership Team—1:30 pm—David's Office
Covenant Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Adult ESL—6:00 pm—Assembly Room
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR
7:00 pm—Youth Spot
PS 150 Rehearsal—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: "Around the World"
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Read 'em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of the Tandys
Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: GIS Covered-Dish—2:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Young Families & Adults—5:00 pm—Home of the Birchenoughs

NEXT SUNDAY—Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am

No Presbyterian Youth Connection on Sunday

(Monday, January 16—STOP Hunger Now @ SU—1:00 pm)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Melissa Ambers	Ben Weber	Ethiopia Unrest
Susan Martin	Lori Jones	Dorothy Rogers
Nancy Lewis	Lauren Armstrong	Stephanie Fitch
Art Fulton	Beth Drummonds	Phyllis Dilley
Trudie Cope	Debbie Buckley	Gary Snapp
Dobler/Hawkins Family	Nancy Simmons	Sandi Pulizzi
Lisa Wilson & Family	Paula McNichols	Lanette Orduna
Bill Klein & Family	Fire Victims	Mettu, Ethiopia
Carolyn Clemens	Gary Dove	Donna Klinefelter
Paulette Willemsen	Mollie Guthrie	Colleen McMurdo
Bob Weidele	Gene Fish	Jane Lewis
Gracyn Sharples	Elmora Golightly	Frank Vardeman
Terry Hartman	Jay Journell	Dottie Edwards
Robert Walker	Patricia & Ray Ferguson	Larry Matthews
Hazel Spriggs	Janet Thompson	Doug Koch
The Wilhelm Family	Sarah Bauwer	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Mike Fries	Myrt Nissen	Church Mekane Yesus
Dick Widell	Connie Robinson	People Looking for Work &
Cody Monday	Donna Coffman	Challenged by the Economy
Sally Nelson	Rebekah Witt	
Cherry/Cord Family	Berlin Zirk	

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, Michael White, and their families.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR ELECTED LEADERS

We appreciate the faithful work and devoted service of the four ruling elders rotating off the session, **Robin Eddy, Robin Owens, Dick Widell, and Stuart Williams**; deacons **Brenda Hawkins** and **Edwina Johansen** and trustee **Sara Birchenough**. God's blessings be with you as we serve together in new endeavors!

We congratulate our newly commissioned trustee, **George Schember**, our newly installed deacons **Dom Cafaro** and **Brenda Hawkins**, our newly ordained and installed ruling elder, **Susanna Shade**, and our newly installed ruling elders **Robin Owens, Mitch Orndorff, and Leslie Tucker**. We pray for God's grace to abundantly abide with them. May the Lord encourage and strengthen you daily as we work together!

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST: 10:00 am—119

WORM SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

TODAY we celebrate the ARRIVAL of the WISE MEN as they visited baby Jesus for the first time. It is Epiphany! All children are invited to classroom 4 for this exciting workshop at 9:45 am. The Wise Men brought special treasures to Jesus. Children will get to enjoy making their very own TREASURE BOX to take home and share words of WELCOME for our newborn King. All children are welcome.

PYC NEWS

We will be back in the swing of things tonight- it is "MOVIE and PIZZA NIGHT" in the Fellowship Hall, 5:00-7:00 pm. Come enjoy a feature presentation along with pizza, popcorn, candy, and drinks. Please bring \$2 for dinner.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

Meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room for their monthly gathering of planning and discussion. Coffee and goodies are provided. The meeting is open to any older adults who would like to participate.

"MEN OF OPEQUON" PULL IT TOGETHER

The Men of Opequon (MOO) invite all men to join them for their first gathering of the New Year. We'll first meet at Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road tomorrow for dinner at 6:00 pm. Then, we'll get back together at the church down in the Youth Spot for devotions and our planning time for monthly gatherings. So, ALL MEN: come on out and share your ideas!

HAPPY DAYS THIS WEEK

The January Happy Days gathering is this Wednesday at noon, beginning with a covered dish lunch. Following lunch, Kitty Bird Hockman will be our guest speaker, sharing about life at Hedgebrook Farm as a child, how the farm has changed over the years, and the focus of the farm today. We will be blessed by having Kitty with us!

TY HEADLEY TREE OF WARMTH FINAL REPORT

We met our goal! **\$5,000** was contributed over the past six weeks for **1,000** blankets!! All monies are donated to Church World Service as we share in "blanketing the world" in need of warmth and love. Thank you!

YOUNG FAMILY/YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

Sara and Mike Birchenough will host a Young Family/Young Adult gathering this Saturday, January 14, at 5:00 pm at their home (1945 Kathy Court, Winchester). Come out for dinner and conversation; bring a covered dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring the kids too! Contact Mike, 540-535-5329 or wvubirch@yahoo.com with questions.

OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS...

Have had a full weekend! They spent Friday evening through lunch on Saturday together for a retreat experience with their leaders. This retreat experience allows time for the students to explore faith and share in games and activities that are not possible during class time. They are back in class together this morning, reflecting on the weekend's events and continuing with new lessons. The class is a small and wonderful group. Thank you for your prayers for Paige Clark, Cameron Ritter, and Reagan Tibbs.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP INFO

- Offering envelopes are now available in the Gathering Area. If you want to use envelopes and don't see a box with your name on it, please contact Cathy, office@opequonchurch.org or 540-662-1843.
- **2017 Pledges** are still being accepted. You'll find a pledge card in the pew rack. Please return these via the offering plate.

RULING ELDERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Lance Astorino Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Mike Birchenough Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Bill Hopeck Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Lynn Metheny Christian Education Ministry

Class of 2018

Bill Burslem Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Marc DesMarais Administration Ministry, Stewardship & Finance Team
Vicki Schmidt-Crites Evangelism Team
Graham Taylor Mission Ministry

Class of 2019

Mitch Orndorff Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens Christian Education Ministry
Susanna Shade Mission Ministry
Leslie Tucker Worship Ministry

DEACONS

Dom Cafaro Congregational Care Ministry
Terry Hartman Congregational Care Ministry
Brenda Hawkins Congregational Care Ministry
Pam Orndorff Congregational Care Ministry
Stella Strickler Congregational Care Ministry

TRUSTEES

Mitch Orndorff, Chair Class of 2017
Mac McNichols Class of 2018
George Schember Class of 2019

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David R. Witt Pastor
William Heavner Organist
Susan Homan Director of Music
Carole Witt Director of Christian Education
Laurie Carver Nursery Supervisor
Patty Klinefelter Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor Sexton

