

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 are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
 - **Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is held at 9:45 am 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 before 12:00 pm on Friday.
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Susan Homan -----Director of Music
Patty Klinefelter -----Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard -----Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor-----Sexton
Carole Witt -----Director of Christian Education
Rebekah Witt -----Director of Youth & Young Adults



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 18, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

First Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Lenten Mediation*

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

MINUTES FOR MISSION "CAT"

Elder Mac McNichols

†GATHERING SONG (Worship Order P. 6) ... *We Love Because God First Loved Us*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

For where he is, we would be also.

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

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's bow has been hung in the clouds—a unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin. God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our

own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news!

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)..... *You Are My All in All*

†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 *Lenten Meditation*

Jay Althouse

Jesus Christ, my Savior, lived for me and died, source of my salvation, yet was crucified. Peace that knows no measure: This by faith I see. Love that knows no ending; Jesus died for me. Lord, O Lord, we renew our commitment, these forty nights and days. And Lord, O Lord, by your grace, help us change our sinful ways. Hear me now, Lord Jesus: I will never stray. I will never wander. Hear me, as I pray: Free me now from darkness. Cleanse me now from sin. Pardon my transgressions. Make me pure within. Amen.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17 Pew Bible P. 6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 1:9-15 Pew Bible P. 812

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "Rite of Passage"

†HYMN NO. 775..... *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.12, 9.14

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in people as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and each other, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation. But God's love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life.

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 NO. 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 601 *Amen*

†POSTLUDE

We Love

C Dm G7 C

We love (clap, clap) be - cause God first loved us. We

Dm G7 C

love (clap, clap) be - cause God first loved us. We

Am G C

love, (clap, clap) we love, (clap, clap) we love (clap,

Dm C G7 C

clap) be - cause God first (clap) loved (clap) us. (clap, clap)

Words: 1 John 4:19

Music: Ann F. Price

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You Are My All in All

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Dennis L. Jennigan



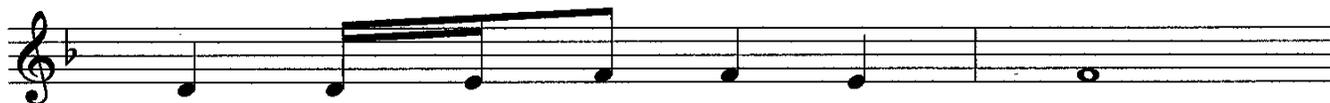
You are my strength when I am weak, You are the trea-sure that I
Tak-ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris-ing a-agin, I bless Your



seek, You are my all in all.
name; You are my all in all.



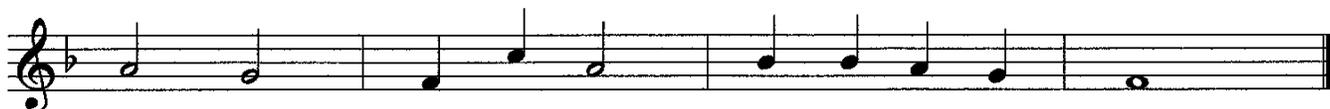
Seek-ing You as a pre-cious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a
When I fall down, You pick me up, When I am dry, You fill my



fool, you are my all in all.
cup; You are my all in all.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your Name.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 18-25, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship
4:00 pm: “Bible & Brown Bag”— Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Assembly Room

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Trustees’ Meeting—6:00 pm—David’s Office
Visioning Team—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Young Adult Gathering—7:45 pm—Greene Turtle
- Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Staff Luncheon—11:30 am
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme “Under the Sea Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm
- Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting—Tinkling Spring Church
Bill Burslem & Graham Taylor, Elder Commissioners
Butler-Jackson Wedding—4:00 pm—Sanctuary
Covered-Dish & Talent Show—5:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY—Second Sunday in Lent

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Prayer Breakfasts, Children, Youth, Adults—9:45 am—Lower Gathering
Area, Classroom 3, Assembly Room, & Fellowship Hall
Genesis 17:1-17, 15-16, Mark 8:31-38
Sermon: “Trust and Obey”
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Annual Meeting of the Congregation – 12:00 noon

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Melanie Morgan
Robyn Ervin
Florida School Shooting
Teresa DeHaven
Dan & Ellie Cammer
Todd Shenk
Margaret Dearth
Hank Agregaard
Harriet Smith
Jay Journell
Marjory Journell
Betty Dobler
Sabra Veach
Mike Fries Family
Mary Lou Thomas
Esther Larrick
June Windle
Edwina Johansen

Jack Youngblood
Wayne Orndorff
Gary Saunders
Norman & Nancy Tisinger
Katie Heavner Baker
Michael Mohn
Tim Thompson
Kevin Ganoe
Jared Kravitz
Steve Messler
Bill Bayliss
Susanna Shade
Tracie Martin
Rachel Weller
Ann Held
Paul Guevremont
Don Crane
Larissa Strosnider

Megan McCord
Al Owens
Charles Nicholson
Bruce Medcalf
Gretchen Cooley
Susan Lee
Heidi McMurdo
Mark Wilhelm
Donna & Terry Coffman
Frances Pitcock
Gary Strickler
Stephanie Fitch
Phyllis Dilley
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Max & Stephen Crane, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

Sunday Morning Faith Formation Hour

9:45 am each Sunday

Preschool-5th grade children enjoy lessons and activities from WALK WITH ME.

Come on down to Room 3 and see what is happening each Sunday!

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Carole, David, Joel, Susan, Ryan, Elizabeth, and Rebekah Witt in honor of Burneice Witt, celebrating her birthday this Tuesday, February 20th.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ TODAY-GAME TIME. 5:00-7:00 pm with dinner provided. Please bring a \$2 donation. Meet in the Assembly Room for a variety of games as we play together! Who doesn't like the spirit of competition, fun, and maybe even a win??? Bring a friend along!
- ❖ February 25-Prayer Breakfast at 9:45am in the Assembly Room. Come enjoy a hot meal while hearing Bill Burslem reflect on his life, faith, and mission experiences.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Virginia Barr
Beadle: Bud Proctor
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Virginia Barr, Jacob Gaul, Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler
Worship
Assistant: Jack Youngblood

11:00 am

Acolyte: Caleb Cooper
Beadle: Lynn Metheny
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Annemarie Matthews, Susan Ritter
Liturgist: John Sherman
Live Stream: Bud Proctor
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Jason Brown, Caleb Cooper, Andy Homan,
Chase Pierce, Sam Sherman, Joel Witt
Worship
Assistant: Reagan Newhouse

BIBLE & BROWN BAG TONIGHT

Adults are invited to share in a thought-provoking Lenten study facilitated by Pastor Witt tonight from 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring a brown bag supper that we'll eat midway through our conversation; snacks and drinks will be provided. We'll be discussing "Scenes on the Way to the Cross," focusing on significant events in Jesus' life as he moves from wilderness to ministry to the final week of his life.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) NEWS:

Trivia-Round Two! Let's head to The Greene Turtle on Monday, February 19th, to test our knowledge with some new questions. Meet there around 7:45 pm so we can be ready for the game to begin!

FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENT

There are two booklets available to help us have a deeper, richer season of Lent. Practicing LOVE is a booklet of family devotions, geared specifically towards families with children at home. The readings and activities each day are rich in providing experiences for families to grow and love more fully, so that love spills out into the world where God's love is needed. The Lent Daily Prayers booklet is great for adults and youth to use each day throughout Lent. Prayer time does not need to be long or laborious. This booklet offers simple, short prayers for each day to help us in our conversations with God, leading us to pray more generously and openly to God. Pick up a copy of either booklet today from the Gathering Area or Dell Room.

5TH ANNUAL OPC TALENT SHOW—This Saturday at 5:00 pm

Please bring a main dish, side, or salad to share. Dessert will be provided. Everyone is warmly invited to participate as a member of the audience. It will be a night to remember!

PRAYER BREAKFAST MORNING

Next Sunday, February 25, is Prayer Breakfast Morning for all ages at 9:45 am! There is something terrific in store for everyone. Begin with a warm breakfast that includes various breakfast casseroles, biscuits, fruit, and cereal. Breakfast food will be set up in the Lower Gathering Area. Children will be treated to guest speakers Pam and Bill Bayliss who are bringing BAXTER & BUSTER, their trained therapy dogs, to show how they can bring cheer to someone who is sick or lonely. Youth will be treated to guest speaker Bill Burslem who will be sharing about his heart for mission and how he lives a faithful life. Adults will be treated to hearing guest speaker Alan McKay share about his life experiences and how faith has shaped him. This is a morning for EVERYONE. Don't miss out on an inspiring time.

ADULT TRIP TO WINCHESTER STAR

An adult trip to tour the Winchester Star is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 10:30 am. The tour includes seeing a printing press from the 1800's and other fascinating aspects of the newspaper press. Lunch will be enjoyed after the tour at Piccadilly Grill. Cost of the trip is \$12 plus lunch. A sign-up sheet is located in the Kiosk in the Gathering Area.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Reminder to sign up to donate blood for the OPC Blood Drive on Saturday, March 24, from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in Gathering Area or you can register on the Red Cross website. Patty Klinefelter has a challenge for the congregation—the person who gets the most people to sign up and show up to give will win FOUR movie tickets to the Alamo and FOUR drink/popcorn free coupons. Just put your name beside the donor's name on the sign-up sheet. Good luck!!

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH:

8:30 am—76

Faith Formation: 53

11:00 am—143

Ash Wednesday—130

PLASTIC EASTER EGGS NEEDED

The Christian Education Team is preparing for our annual Family Easter Event to be held Saturday, March 31. We are in need of plastic eggs: colorful, empty, regular size eggs (not the large size). If you are able and would like to contribute some plastic eggs, we GREATLY appreciate it. There is a lavender tub by the elevator for you to place any donated eggs. THANK YOU oodles and bunches!

MANY THANKS TO OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & COVENANT PARTNERS

Confirmation students and their covenant partners spent time last Saturday visiting some of our members who are not able to get to church. They all had terrific visits as they listened to stories and heard memories these members had to share. What a blessing to everyone involved! Happy moments were created through each visit with lasting impressions.

TAKE A BITE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS

This event is sponsored by Firefly Café & Bakery. On Thursday, February 22 from 2:00-7:00 pm you can enjoy special menu items by dining in or choosing take-out. There will be raffles, and music will be provided by Shades of Grey. Proceeds will benefit Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter. Cash donations and gift cards will also be accepted.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let's think about the Reading of God's Word/Scripture texts of the Day.

- The reading of the Bible scripture texts is the 'main event' of worship because the WORD of GOD is the basis on which everything is built.
- The Bible is the center of Christian life; it tells us who we are, who God is, what Jesus has done for us, and what God is calling us to do.
- We ought to be dependent on God's word to learn and increase our faith.
- The reading of the word is just that; a reading. It can take the form of or include liturgical movement, drama, or some type of reader's theater; however, the reading of the word is not meant to be an interpretation or proclamation.
- Often times a worship service may include more than one reading, with one of those readings being the central focus of the sermon. Both readings are of great importance.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 25 at 12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to review the written report to the congregation (one copy per family please), which includes statistical and financial reports, ministry team reports, staff reports, and the 2018 church calendar. The future purpose and use of the Memorial Sanctuary will also be on the agenda, with members invited to offer their input and insight. The congregation will be asked to elect four representatives to the church's Nominating Committee. Please come prepared to nominate four individuals. In addition, the annual meeting of the corporation – Opequon Presbyterian Church, Inc. – will occur, with a review of the trustees' work in 2017 and the corporation's and trustees' organization in the current year. The meeting will be called to order immediately following the closing hymn at the 11:00 am service; the benediction will be pronounced at the conclusion of the meeting. We invite those who normally attend the 8:30 am service to return for the meeting, entering the Sanctuary during the singing of the final hymn. The church nursery will be staffed until the conclusion of the meeting so that parents may attend. All active members of Opequon are encouraged to participate in this meeting, exercising both the privilege and responsibility of church membership.

THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown..... Clerk
David Witt..... Moderator

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

Class of 2020

Bill Hopeck..... Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Becky Proctor..... Fellowship Ministry
Susan Ritter ... Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Kirsta Weber..... Christian Education Ministry

DEACONS

Debbie Bender..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Dom Cafaro..... Class of 2018, Congregational Care Ministry
Betty Chicklo..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Brenda Hawkins..... Class of 2018, Congregational Care Ministry
June Malone..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Bill Martin..... Class of 2018, Congregational Care Ministry

TRUSTEES

Mac McNichols, Chair..... Class of 2018
George Schember..... Class of 2019
Larry Donovan..... Class of 2020

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to God's presence with us in trying times?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

How did Jesus' rite of passage prepare him?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Jesus' baptism testifies that he comes from God and belongs to God. In our baptism into Christ, we belong to God. How does our baptism claim our whole life and all our practices?

After his baptism, Jesus was tested and tempted in the wilderness. How did he survive these trying times?

How do we draw near to God in trying times, in desert seasons?

How can trying times, desert seasons, bring about new life?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Genesis 9 and Mark 1?