

Opequon Presbyterian Church



WE LOVE
BECAUSE HE FIRST
LOVED US.

1 JOHN 4:19, NRSV

“Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love”

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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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 25, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Second Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Bourbon"..... Arr. Heavner
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"

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

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In times of security and times of uncertainty,

O Lord, you hear our prayers.

Confident in your faithfulness,

We will ever praise your name.

Through the abundance of your steadfast love you have gathered us
into your house.

**In the holiness of your presence, we bow down to worship and
adore you.**

†HYMN NO. 49..... *The God of Abraham Praise*
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sin and
repent.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.

We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial

love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the

cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we

indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ the Lord speaks to us words of grace. Your sins are forgiven, washed away and forgotten.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 39 (vv. 1, 3) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

†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 *Lead Me, Lord*
John D. Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God’s coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world. Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied. Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace, all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16..... Pew Bible p. 11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 8:31-38Pew Bible p. 820

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN.....“God’s Promise for Us”

†HYMN NO. 718..... *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

SERMON.....“Trust and Obey”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Be Still and Know That I Am God* Giamanco

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

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. 819 *Be Still, My Soul*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION (12:00)

CIRCLE BLESSING & THE DOXOLOGY

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 601 (8:30) *Amen*

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Emma Abell

Beadle: Bud Proctor

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler

Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone

Liturgist: Terry Hartman

Ushers: Emma Abell, Jed Bell, Jordan Hartman,
Emma Roark, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

Worship Assistant: Reagan Tibbs

11:00 am

Acolyte: Kate Wilfong

Beadle: Lynn Metheny

Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly

Hospitality: Marj Praml, Kirsta Weber

Liturgist: John Sherman

Live Stream: Susan Ritter

Nametags: Kail Barbe

Ushers: Tucker Birchenough, Curt Budny, Joe Burton,
Bill Hopeck, Jaxson Hughes, Kate Wilfong

Worship Assistant: Reagan Newhouse

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)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 25-March 4, 2018

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
9:45 am: Prayer Breakfasts for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Noon: Annual Meeting of the Congregation—Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
LOGOS Leadership Team—5:00 pm—David's Office
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Tuesday: Hands, Heart & Feet—10:30 am—Assembly Room
Highland Food Pantry—5:30 pm
WATTS Operations—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Lunch Bunch—11:30 am—TVOR
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme "Turtle Time"
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm
Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY—Third Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Psalm 145:1-9, John 4:7-21
Sermon: "It's Not About Us!"
Communion, CCAP Offering
LOGOS Sunday (11:00) with Reception
"Dinner & A Movie" ("Wonder")—4:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Martha Fulton & Family in loving memory of her husband, Arthur Fulton.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH:

8:30 am—cancelled Faith Formation—cancelled 11:00 am—129

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mitch Orndorff	Betty Dobler	Don Crane
Ethiopia	Sabra Veach	Larissa Strosnider
Billy Graham Family	Mary Lou Thomas	Megan McCord
Saul Jaffe Family	Esther Larrick	Al Owens
Keith McMurdo	June Windle	Charles Nicholson
Urena Family	Edwina Johansen	Bruce Medcalf
Fitch Family	Jack Youngblood	Gretchen Cooley
Janita Giles Family,	Wayne Orndorff	Susan Lee
WV Teachers & Govt.	Gary Saunders	Heidi McMurdo
Employees	Norman & Nancy Tisinger	Mark Wilhelm
Bill Bland	Katie Heavner Baker	Donna & Terry Coffman
Melanie Morgan	Tim Thompson	Frances Pitcock
Robyn Ervin	Kevin Ganoe	Gary Strickler
Florida School Shooting	Jared Kravitz	Phyllis Dilley
Teresa DeHaven	Steve Messler	Jane Lewis
Dan & Ellie Cammer	Bill Bayliss	Larry Matthews
Todd Shenk	Tracie Martin	Doug Koch
Harriet Smith	Rachel Weller	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Jay Journell	Ann Held	Church Mekane Yesus
Marjory Journell	Paul Guevremont	

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.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ TODAY-Prayer Breakfast in the Assembly Room at 9:45 am. Eat a hearty meal, relax, and listen to Bill Burslem talk about how he has put his faith in action through mission. Your family can take part in the breakfast and then join everyone else as they listen to their own guest speaker.
- ❖ Sunday, March 4-Movie showing, "Wonder", at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family along because this is a congregation-wide event! There will be popcorn and dinner provided for this fun evening.

PRAYER BREAKFAST MORNING

TODAY is Prayer Breakfast Morning for all ages at 9:45 am! There is something terrific in store for everyone. Begin with a hot breakfast that includes various breakfast casseroles, biscuits, fruit, and cereal. 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. After getting breakfast, enjoy eating in these locations: Preschool-5th grade- Classroom 3, Youth-Assembly Room, and Adults-Fellowship Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for the annual meeting of the congregation today 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.

SPECIAL LOGOS NEWS

- ❖ The LOGOS Leadership Team will be packing the food bags for Orchard View Elementary School tomorrow at the beginning of their meeting.
- ❖ All LOGOS young people will be preparing for LOGOS Sunday during LOGOS this Wednesday.
- ❖ LOGOS Sunday is next Sunday, March 4. The LOGOS young people will be leading the 11:00 worship service. Pastor David will be preaching with his sermon title being "It's Not About Us."
- ❖ A reception will follow the 11:00 worship service next Sunday in celebration of our LOGOS Ministry.
- ❖ A *very special* LOGOS REUNION NIGHT is coming on March 7.

DINNER & MOVIE FOR ALL!

Next Sunday, March 4, 4:00 pm the great movie "WONDER" (PG) will be showing in our Fellowship Hall. This movie is based on an inspiring story of a family whose youngest son is born with facial deformities. The story unfolds

revealing that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out! It is the perfect movie for GOD's entire family! Dinner, popcorn, drinks will all be provided. Dinner menu includes sandwiches, chips, fruit, and brownies. Enjoy a great afternoon together as we are inspired and uplifted. You will be SO GLAD YOU CAME!

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.

ANNUAL POTATO BAKE LUNCHEON

Following 11:00 am worship on Sunday, March 11, Fellowship Ministry is hosting OPC's Annual Potato Bake in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a side dish or salad to share. Fellowship Ministry will provide potatoes and all the toppings, chili, rolls, drinks, and ice cream bars!

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 in the Kiosk in the Gathering Area.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Remember 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 the 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!!

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!

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.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to God's relationship with us?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

How do we respond to God's covenant promise?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What makes us uncomfortable during Lent?

What is the "fine line" we walk during this season?

What does it mean to trust and obey?

Upon what does your relationship with God rest?

When do we "surrender all?"

How will I respond to what I have learned from Genesis 17 and Mark 8?