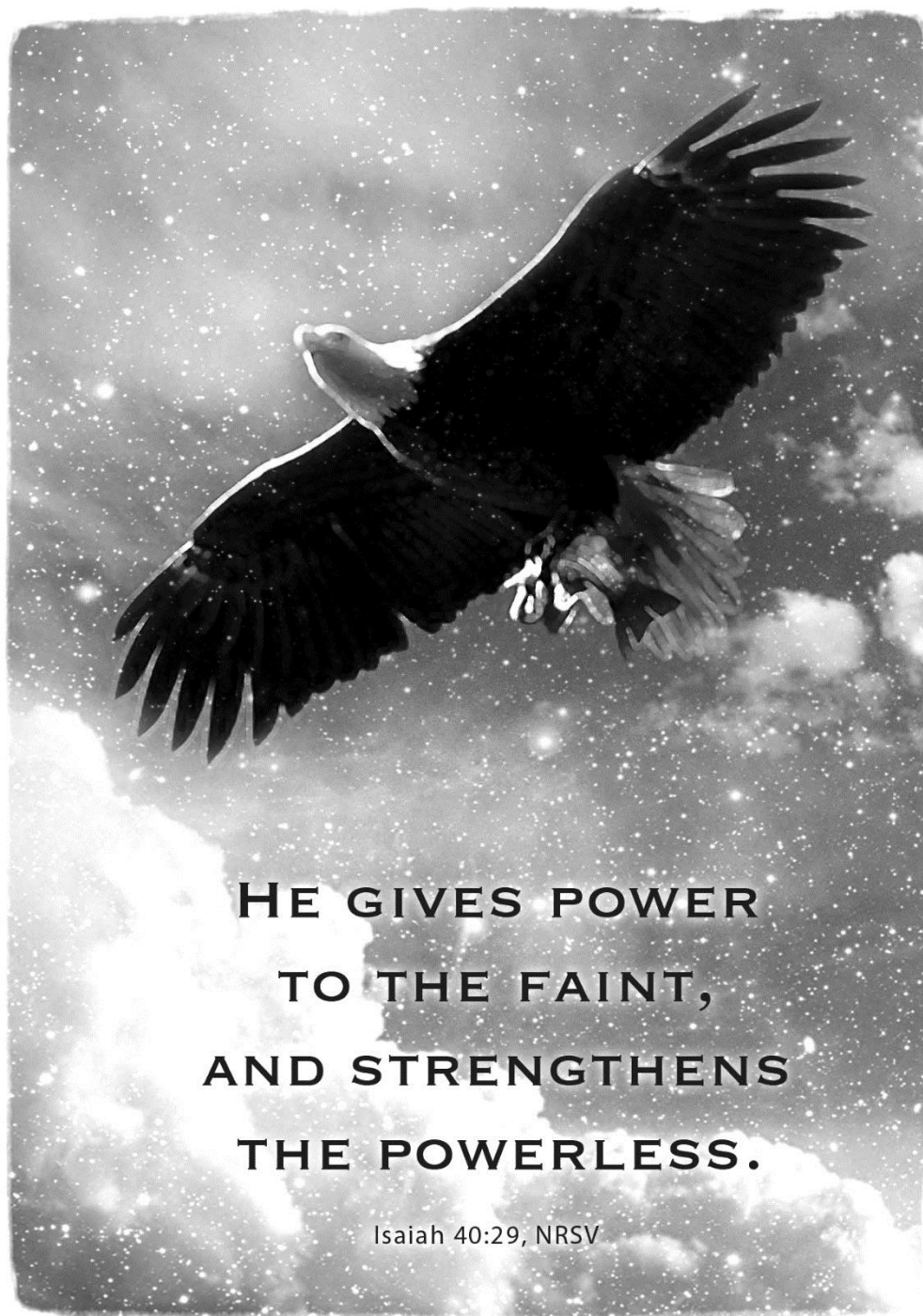


Opequon Presbyterian Church



HE GIVES POWER
TO THE FAINT,
AND STRENGTHENS
THE POWERLESS.

Isaiah 40:29, NRSV

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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David R. Witt-----	Pastor
Tracie Martin-----	Parish Associate
Laurie Carver-----	Nursery Supervisor
William Heavner-----	Organist
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 4, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

“Souper Bowl Day of Caring”

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE *Ye Banks and Braes*

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

†GATHERING SONG NO. 187 (vv. 1, 2)..... *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

†HYMN NO. No. 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God.

Therefore, let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is.

Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 187 (vv. 3, 4)

.....*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

†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 *Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace*
Stan Pethel

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, let your Spirit fill this place; Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, now we humbly come to you. With our songs and with our praise, in your presence we stand amazed. Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, let your Spirit fill this place. Let the call go out to all who truly seek the Lord, to come and join this joyous song we sing; come rejoice and lend your voice and sing in one accord the glorious songs of praise to him we bring. Lord of glory, Lord of power, be with us this very hour; we have gathered in your name, and your promises we claim. With our songs and with our praise, in your presence we stand amazed.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31 Pew Bible P. 582

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 1:29-39 Pew Bible P. 813

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

†HYMN NO. 686 *God of Our Life*

SERMON..... "Waiting for the Lord"
Rev. Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter, Shenandoah Presbytery

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Land of Rest*

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 846 *Fight the Good Fight*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 (Refrain) *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 Kitty Bird, Jackie, Shannon and families. MeMe-We miss you everyday and thank you for all your southern ways and all that you have taught us. We continue to learn and succeed with the foundation of love, kindness, caring and your special smiles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 4-11, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP, "Souper Bowl"
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP, "Souper Bowl"
12:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Refugee Resettlement Donations Committee—6:00 pm
—Memorial Sanctuary
Visioning Team—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Boyd Memorial Service—11:00 am—Sanctuary
Tech & Communications—5:15 pm—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm
Devotions—6:45 pm
Meetings—7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme "Carnival Night"
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm
- Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Read 'em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of the Tandys
- Saturday: Presbyterian Youth Connection &
Confirmation Visitation—10:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY— Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
2 Kings 2:1-12, Mark 9:2-9
Sermon: "Changed Forever!"
LOGOS K-5 Worship (11:00)
Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Covered-Dish Supper Precedes—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

John Boyd Family
Katherine Jeffries Family
June Windle
Edwina Johansen
Jack Youngblood
Wayne Orndorff
Gary Saunders
Bill Pursel
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
Peace for Middle East,
Palestine & Jerusalem
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
Al Owens
Charles Nicholson
Bruce Medcalf
Gretchen Cooley

Susan Lee
Heidi McMurdo
Jennifer O'Ferrell
Mark Wilhelm
Casey Carr
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

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

TODAY WE WELCOME BRONWEN BOSWELL TO THE PULPIT

In 1619, Englishman Dr. John Woodson arrived on the shores of the settlement of Jamestown in the Virginia colony with his wife and two sons. That was the beginning of a long line of Woodsons in Virginia into which Bronwen Woodson Boswell was born.

Bronwen grew up in Arlington, VA where Clarendon Presbyterian Church was at the center of her life. She was baptized, confirmed and ordained as both a Ruling Elder and Teaching Elder in that congregation. She learned to love the Shenandoah Valley, visiting her grandparents at their farm near Lexington. For several years she attended the Junior High Virginia Music Conference at Massanetta Springs Conference Center.

Bronwen is married to The Rev. Dr. Howard W. Boswell, Jr. who currently serves as pastor of Kenmore Presbyterian Church in Kenmore, NY. Together Bronwen and Howard have four children: Kate (age 28), Ian and Jamie (twins age 24) and Rhett (age 20). They have lived in Salina, KS, Chicago, IL and Buffalo, NY.

Music and theater are among Bronwen's passions outside of the ministry. She enjoys singing and reading and is a fan of the Chicago Cubs, the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres. Star Wars is the only movie she has stood in line for more than once.

COMMUNION TODAY

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Debbie & Bill Bender, Vicki Schmidt Crites, Dom & Joelle Cafaro, Graham Taylor and Robin Owens. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Susan Ritter, Bill Robinson, Denise Weidele, Bill Deck, Lori Jones, Keith McMurdo and Kirsta Weber.

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!

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY-Souper Bowl of Caring Collection and Hunger Meal**
Assist in collecting canned soup and money before/after both services for Highland Food Pantry. We will count the donations and see which part of the congregation won bragging rights for the most donated cans! At 12:30 pm **YOU AND YOUR FAMILY** can participate in a Hunger Meal in the Fellowship Hall as we think more deeply about how for so many people in our community and world true hunger is a reality.
- **Saturday, February 10-Visitation Day**, meet at the church 10:00 am-1:00 pm, We're bringing it back on a Saturday! It's about time for another visit to some Opequon Church members who may not be able to make it out to worship. Let's take a card and some bread as we greet our church family with smiling faces. This will be a partnered event between the youth, confirmation class, and covenant partners. All confirmation students are expected to be there. We will end our time with a meal at IHOP, which will be covered for all youth who attend.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Brayden Rockwell
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Brenda Hawkins, Heide Mohler
Liturgist: Terry Hartman
Ushers: Andrew & Vicki Crites, Dulcie Reed,
Brayden Rockwell, Graham Taylor, Reese Tibbs

Worship
Assistant: Natalie Youngblood

11:00 am

Acolyte: Ashton Clark
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Martha Fulton
Liturgist: Robyn Ervin
Live Stream: Bud Proctor
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Jim Butler, Ashton Clark, Nicholas Hott,
Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan, Brooke Moses

Worship
Assistant: Brenna Hathaway

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

The Older Adult Ministry Team meets tomorrow at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. This monthly meeting is open to any older adults. The time is spent reviewing and planning for Happy Days programs, day trips and outings, and other special events for older adults. The team enjoys great fellowship and laughter during all the discussion.

BEFORE LENT BEGINS...SUNDAY OF CHRIST'S TRANSFIGURATION

February 11th – 8:30 & 11:00 am

Come Celebrate the Light of Jesus,
as we move from Epiphany toward Lent!

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE, FILL THIS LAND WITH THE FATHER'S GLORY!

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 11TH

Gather on Sunday evening in the Memorial Sanctuary for a more casual, yet praise-centered and relationship building time of worship! We truly experience community as we share in teaching, in expressed joys and concerns, in lifting our voices along with PS 150, and in coming to the Table for communion. We will focus on the light of Christ moving in us and through us to the whole world.

While worship begins at 6:30 pm, first gather around tables for a delicious meal at 5:30 pm. Bring some food to share or simply join us because there's always plenty to go around. Our fellowship is rich and uplifting.

HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS

Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire (SPYCE) is putting on a High School Lock-In at Massanetta Springs on February 23-24. You would need to be at the church by 7:00 pm on Friday night and would return to the church at 11:15 am on Saturday. There will be music, movies, midnight vespers, mission (you can earn community service hours), and a talent show. It's **FREE**, but you need to sign up with Rebekah Witt by February 15th if you are interested.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th:

8:30 am—75

Faith Formation: 67

11:00 am—122

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!

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.

WE ARE A “BUCKET FILLING” FAMILY OF FAITH

‘Bucket Filling’ is all about clothing ourselves with Christ-like qualities and then letting our actions and words reflect that. It is about showing kindness to others. We are a ‘bucket filling’ congregation as we treat each other and others as children of God and show them they are special. As we learned through the GIFT Event (Generations in Faith Together) last Sunday morning, BUCKET FILLING should be happening every day all the time. There were BUCKETS for EVERYONE at GIFT as we began to pay attention to our bucket filling behaviors. If you missed the GIFT Event, you can jump in as a BUCKET FILLER too. Pick up your own bucket from the little table in the Gathering Area-it has already begun to be filled. Share bucket filling words and actions everywhere you go!

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.

FLANNELS & FLAPJACKS

Please join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 for a pancake supper and flapjack contests. The whole congregations is invited to dine on pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and fruit in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:30 pm. You are welcome to eat anytime during that hour. The contests will be a 6:00 pm. A suggested donation of \$3 per person will be accepted.

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER & WORSHIP

You are invited to begin the journey of Lent with your church family on February 14th. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for soup and bread prior to the 6:30 pm. Ash Wednesday service. The supper is open to the entire congregation, along with our LOGOS students and staff, and will be served at 5:30 pm. Please come, have a warm meal, and share in the opportunity to fellowship together! Our annual Ash Wednesday Worship Service begins at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Evening worship will introduce our Lenten theme, "Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love," as all ages gather together. The Sanctuary Choir and LOGOS worship groups will provide special music, and the Youth Black Light Drama Team will present "Come to Jesus." Pastor David will share an intergenerational meditation focused on the Lenten theme. Please join us for this meaningful hour of praise, reflection, and prayer. Ashes will be offered, either on the forehead or the back of the hand.

BIBLE & BROWN BAG ON FEBRUARY 18TH

Adults are invited to share in a thought-provoking Lenten study facilitated by Pastor Witt on Sunday, February 18th, 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.

In Remembrance

John Richard Boyd, Sr.

June 18, 1931-January 25, 2018

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”

John 11:25-26

In Remembrance

Katherine L. Jeffries

March 17, 1922-January 26, 2018

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John 11:25-26

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 the strength and power of God made known through the various ages and stages of our lives?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What did I learn today as a child of God?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What is the ultimate source of our strength?

When has your focus on past events or ones yet to come caused an inability to perceive God's work in the present?

How can you help others see God's desire for wholeness?

How is Jesus' life revealed by Mark's Gospel?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Isaiah 40 and Mark 1?