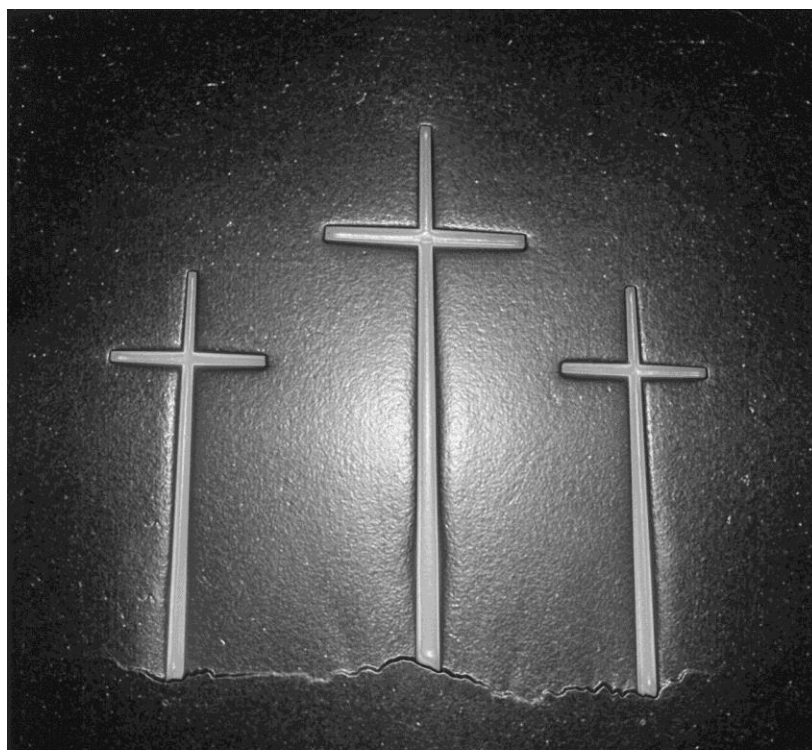


Opequon Presbyterian Church



For **God** did not
send his **Son** into the
world to condemn
the world, but to **save**
the world through **him**.

JOHN 3:17, NIV

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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Carole Witt -----Director of Christian Education
Rebekah Witt -----Director of Youth & Young Adults



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 11, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Early American Melody
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

†GATHERING SONG (Worship Order p. 6) *1 John 4:19*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Look to the Lord your God and live!

Give thanks to the Holy One, our Savior.

For though we once were dead in sin,

Now by the grace of God, we live!

†HYMN NO. 634 *To God Be the Glory*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our

foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God says to all of us and each of us, "Do not give up! I will save you. I will deliver you. I will redeem you. I will restore you. I will forgive you. I will change you. I will love you."

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 443 *There Is a Redeemer*

†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 *What Wondrous Love Is This*
Appalachian Folk Hymn
Will Schwantes, violin

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing; I will sing, To God and to the lamb I will sing; I will sing to God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9 Pew Bible p. 122

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 3:11-21 Pew Bible p. 864

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... "He Was Here...and Still Is!"

†HYMN NO. 415..... *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

SERMON..... "God's Calling Card"
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 826 *Lift High the Cross*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

†POSTLUDE



ANNUAL POTATO BAKE LUNCHEON

Following 11:00 a.m. worship today in Fellowship Hall.

There is plenty of food for all!

You don't want to miss our special presentation and a second showing of our 2017 "Year in Pictures."

1 John 4:19

We love be - cause___ He first___ loved us;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "We love be - cause___ He first___ loved us;".

5
We love be - cause___ He first loved us;

The second system of musical notation starts with a measure rest labeled '5'. The lyrics are: "We love be - cause___ He first loved us;".

10
We love be - cause___ He first___ loved us, be -

The third system of musical notation starts with a measure rest labeled '10'. The lyrics are: "We love be - cause___ He first___ loved us, be -".

cause___ He first loved us.

The fourth system of musical notation continues the lyrics: "cause___ He first loved us." and ends with a double bar line.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 11-18, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship
12:15 pm: Annual Potato Bake—Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm: Newcomers' Class—Memorial Sanctuary
5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR
7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Bageant Room
GLOW—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme “Village People Night”
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm
- Thursday: Adult Trip to Winchester Star—10:30 am
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY—Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33
Sermon: “Beyond Our Imagining”
Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall
Lenten Evening Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH:

8:30 am—75 Faith Formation—66 11:00 am—193

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Christine Clark
Alice Foley
Dantro Family
Tufts Family
Scott Lloyd
Kathy Milliser
Rebecca Coryell
Karen Dove
Susan Graybill
Jennifer Rosedale
Bill Nestor
Mitch Orndorff
Ethiopia
Keith McMurdo
WV Teachers & Govt.
Employees
Bill Bland
Melanie Morgan
Robyn Ervin

Florida School Shooting
Teresa DeHaven
Todd Shenk
Harriet Smith
Jay Journell
Marjory Journell
Mary Lou Thomas
Edwina Johansen
Wayne Orndorff
Gary Saunders
Norman & Nancy Tisinger
Katie Heavner Baker
Kevin Ganoe
Jared Kravitz
Steve Messler
Rachel Weller
Ann Held
Paul Guevremont
Don Crane

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

Max Crane, 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".**

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- March 11-Bayliss Therapy Dogs, 5:00-7:00 pm in the Youth Spot. Come hear from Pam and Bill Bayliss about their therapy dogs and where they take them! The dogs, Buster and Baxter, will be joining us for the demonstration. Dinner provided, but please bring \$2 if you're able.
- March 18-Project Linus, 12:30-2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Like being involved in service projects? Let's meet for a provided lunch and help make tie blankets for children in the hospital. Many hands make light work, so we need you! Bring \$2 for lunch, if you are able.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Carole and David Witt in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary this Thursday, March 15th.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Audrey Saunders
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye
Liturgist: Dick Crane
Ushers: Alyce Callahan, Pat Heavner,
Audrey & Camden Saunders, Jim Youngblood
Worship Assistant: Zane Hawkins

11:00 am

Acolyte: Melanie Morgan
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: Heather & Steve Burton
Hospitality: Betty Ganoë, Debi Hodgson
Live Stream: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Kristin Blake, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,
Allison & Melanie Morgan, Bill Robinson
Worship Assistant: Breanna Daggett

MEN OF OPEQUON TOMORROW NIGHT!

The monthly MOO gathering will be held tomorrow beginning with dinner at the Chick-fil-A (PYR) at 6:00 pm; ladies are invited! Then we'll be meeting at the church at 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room. This month, we'll enjoy interactive activities led by our own Joel Witt, gamesman extraordinaire! Come along for the fun!

GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN

The Opequon's women's group, known as GLOW, will be back to their monthly gatherings of friendship, support, and spiritual nourishment after having been on break the past two months. GLOW is meeting this Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm for a terrific EASTER BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA. We will be filling baskets for children in our community. All Opequon women are invited to contribute ITEMS STILL NEEDED: Small children's books, small stuffed animals (new), Easter chocolate or candy goodies (no nuts), and springtime stickers. Let Carole Witt TODAY know if you can contribute any of these items for the Easter Baskets. (dce@opequonchurch.org) There will be goodies and drinks for the ladies too and plenty of laughter! Come on out ladies, you are invited!

HAPPY DAYS GATHERING THIS WEEK

Happy Days is a spirited, monthly fellowship gathering for adults 60 years old and beyond. The gathering is this Wednesday, beginning at noon with a covered dish lunch. Following lunch, a guest speaker from the Laurel Center will be sharing a presentation. The speaker will also be presented with a check for \$330 which came from the Happy Days Coin Jar collections in 2017. The presentation is sure to be very informative.

ADULT TRIP TO WINCHESTER STAR

Adults who have reserved a space on the trip to the Winchester Star this Thursday (March 15) need to be at church by 10:30 am. We will leave promptly for our tour that begins at 11:00. Please bring your payment for the trip and money for lunch at Piccadilly Grill.

YOUNG ADULT (Ages 18-35) NEWS

Want to participate in the March Madness competition? Print a bracket out at the NCAA website and let's see who does the best with their predictions! A prize will go to the winner. For more details, ask Rebekah Witt.

LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH

6:30 pm

MEMORIAL SANCTUARY

Join us for this contemplative experience
of music, prayer, scripture reading, and meditation.
(There will not be a SERMON!)

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. Donors don't have to be church members so ask high school friends, neighbors, and family. Good luck!!

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let's think about the SERMON, sometimes known as "Proclamation of the Word".

- After hearing readings from the Bible, we want to try to understand it. What does it mean and why does it matter in our lives today?
- The Sermon is the part of worship when teaching and explanation of the bible verses is shared. We seek to understand the bible and to be inspired by its' message for us today.
- The Sermon is when we faithfully seek to learn God's message for us.
- The Sermon can take on many different forms; it does not have to be done only by a pastor standing at the pulpit and talking. A sermon can be shared through dance, drama, stories, music, and visual arts.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express God's Deliverance and salvation?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What are the signs Jesus was here and still is?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What are some calling cards you have received?

How is Jesus God's calling card?

How does God deliver and save us?

What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Numbers 21 and John 3?