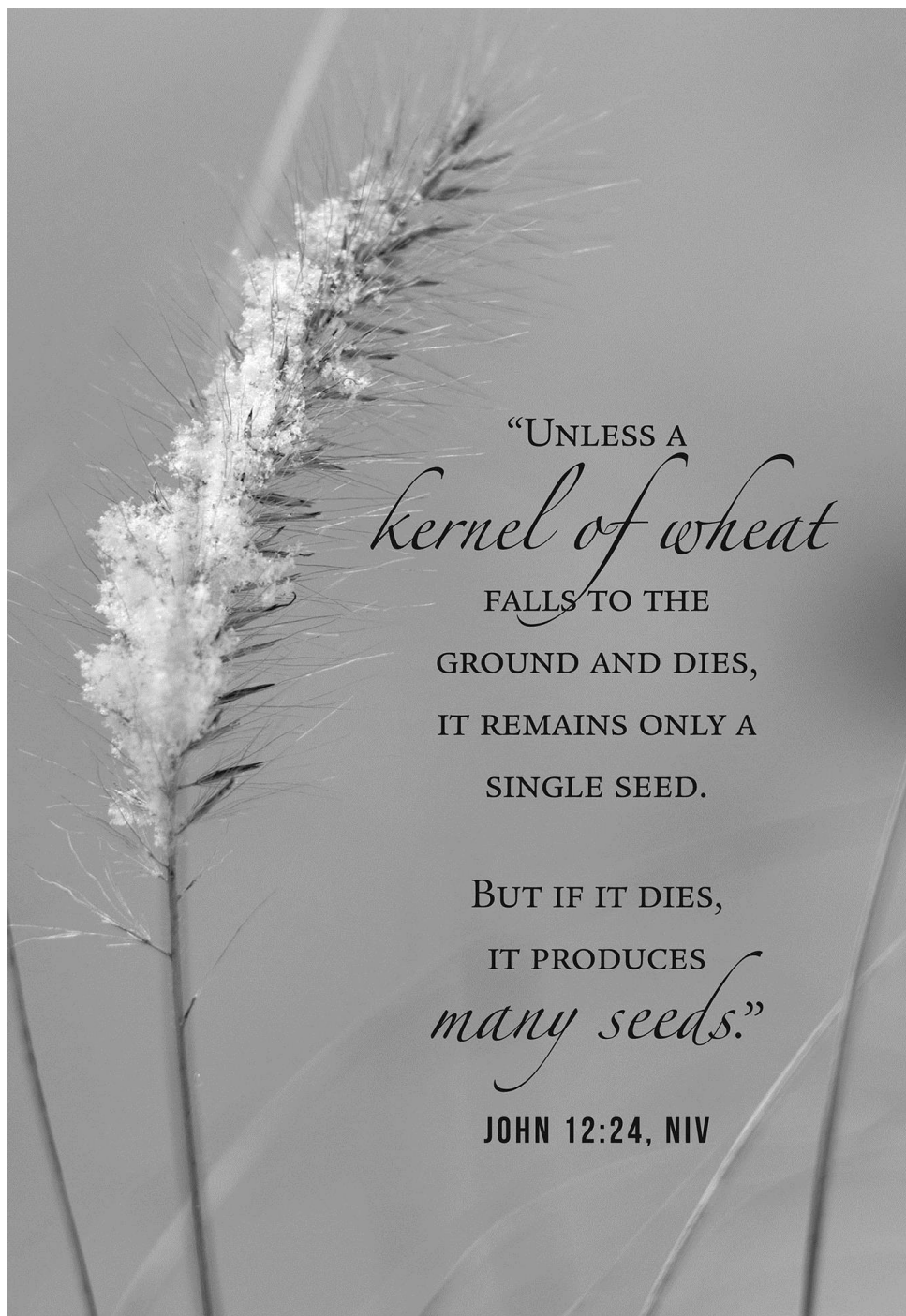


# Opequon Presbyterian Church



“UNLESS A  
*kernel of wheat*

FALLS TO THE  
GROUND AND DIES,  
IT REMAINS ONLY A  
SINGLE SEED.

BUT IF IT DIES,  
IT PRODUCES  
*many seeds.*”

JOHN 12:24, 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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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 18, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Fantasia on "Bryn Calfaria" .....* arr. Innes  
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) ..... *1 John 4:19*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

When our faith is lifted high and we move firmly in your love,

**You will be our God and we will be your people.**

When the pilgrimage is long and all our paths seem to lead to pain,

**You will be our God and we will be your people.**

When the way ahead is clear and we are surrounded by faithful  
community,

**You will be our God and we will be your people.**

When the young diminish in number and the old become discouraged in  
mind and spirit,

**You will be our God and we will be your people.**

Gather us, know us, teach us, lead us, write your name on our hearts so  
always...

**You will be our God and we will be your people.**

†HYMN NO. 63..... *The Lord Is God*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the  
One whose mercy is everlasting.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

At times our hearts are empty. We expend all of our attention at work, at school, at church, in community until we have nothing left to give and our inner beings feel like vacant shells. Hear us as we pray,

**Create a new heart in me, O God.**

(Silence)

At times our hearts burn with resentment. Life has been unfair and we rehearse the dealings of our past until forgiveness of ourselves and others is nearly impossible. Hear us as we pray,

**Create a new heart in me, O God.**

(Silence)

At times our hearts are paralyzed with fear. We wonder: Where is the safe and familiar? How will we move forward? What are we to do? Hear us as we pray,

**Create a new heart in me, O God.**

(Silence)

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God longs to place truth in our inner beings; to make our hearts beat with the love and justice of God's own heart. With the dawning of each day, God creates newness without and within and our spirits are restored with the joy of saving grace. "I am your God; you are my people" is written on our hearts. Live now in this truth!

## 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) ..... *Glorify Thy Name*

†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 ..... *Lamb of God*

Twila Paris/Lloyd Larson

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side, to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble King, they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;

I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood, till I am just a lamb of God.

**THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34 .....Pew Bible p. 641

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 12:20-33 .....Pew Bible p. 875

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN.....“Remind Us of These Words”

†HYMN NO. 692 ..... *Spirit, Open My Heart*

SERMON..... “Beyond Our Imagining”  
Pastor David R. Witt

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ..... *Be Thou My Vision*

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal No. 35) .....The Apostles’ Creed

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. 546 ..... *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468 ..... *In My Life*

**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.**

**In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.**

**In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

†POSTLUDE

# 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;".

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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.". It ends with a double bar line.

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# Glorify Thy Name

Father, glorify Your name! John 12:28

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

*Optional segue to "Majesty."  
No transition is needed.*

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TEXT: Donna Adkins

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GLORIFY THY NAME  
Irregular meter

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 18-25, 2018

## TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship  
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour  
11:00 am: Morning Worship  
12:15 pm: Baja Mission Trip Meeting—Bageant Room  
12:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm: Lenten Evening Worship—Memorial Sanctuary

## THIS WEEK

Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary  
WATTS Board of Directors—7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme “Up, Up & Away/Family Night”  
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:30 pm  
Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room  
Saturday: Red Cross Blood Drive—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall

## NEXT SUNDAY—Palm/Passion Sunday

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am  
G.I.F.T. Event—9:45 am—Memorial Sanctuary  
Isaiah 50:4-9, Mark 11:1-11, Mark 14:1-15:47  
Sermon: “Love Wins!”  
LOGOS Worship Groups (11:00)  
Procession of the Palms, Special Music  
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
PYC Motel Ministry—12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall

## ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>:

8:30 am—67      Faith Formation—43      11:00 am—138



## **THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers today are in honor of Carol and Jack Treece for their many years of faithful service to the Fellowship Ministry.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Teresa Ritenour  
Mary Henneman Family  
Sarah Bower Family  
Charlie Harmon  
Christine Clark  
Alice Foley  
Scott Lloyd  
Kathy Milliser  
Karen Dove  
Susan Graybill  
Jennifer Rosedale  
Bill Nestor  
Mitch Orndorff  
Ethiopia  
Keith McMurdo

Bill Bland  
Melanie Morgan  
Robyn Ervin  
Harriet Smith  
Jay Journell  
Marjory Journell  
Edwina Johansen  
Gary Saunders  
Norman & Nancy Tisinger  
Katie Heavner Baker  
Kevin Gano  
Ann Held  
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  
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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-5<sup>th</sup> grade children enjoy lessons and activities from  
"WALK WITH ME".**

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12**

- TODAY-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! Contribute \$2 for lunch, if you are able.
- March 25-Motel Ministry at 12:30 pm in the Dell Room. We will pack the van for our community outreach opportunity at the local motels. Just down the road from the church are people you can enjoy conversation with as we serve spaghetti and pass out toiletries. Bring your family along!

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

**8:30 am**

Acolyte: Addison Williams  
Beadle: Heide Mohler  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeters: Lisa & Bill Frye  
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender  
Liturgist: Dick Crane  
Ushers: Samuel Edwards, Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler,  
JT Reid, Addison Williams, Pat York  
Worship Assistant: Zane Hawkins

**11:00 am**

Acolyte: Jonathan Lightcap  
Beadle: Bill Robinson  
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly  
Greeters: Kirsta & Ben Weber  
Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Annemarie Matthews  
Liturgist: Bailey Cooper  
Live Stream: Susan Cooper  
Nametags: Martha Fulton  
Ushers: Jason Brown, Andy Homan, Jonathan Lightcap,  
Rowan Lynch, Joel Witt

### **LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP**

TONIGHT—6:30 pm

MEMORIAL SANCTUARY

Join us for this contemplative experience  
of music, prayer, scripture reading, and meditation.

(There will not be a SERMON!)

“Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love”

### **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.

## **UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE**

Remember to sign up to donate blood for the OPC Blood Drive this 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!!

## **TERRIFIC THANKS TO...**

- ❖ The Confirmation Class for packing the food bags this morning that will go to Orchard View Elementary School and then sent home in children's bookbags to provide food for the weekend.
- ❖ Opequon Women for generously donating items and helping to fill fifteen Easter Baskets for children at Orchard View Elementary School.

## **G.I.F.T. EVENT- NEXT SUNDAY MORNING—9:45 AM!**

It really is WORTHWHILE and ENJOYABLE to have all ages gather together for a purposeful time! GIFT stands for "Generations in Faith Together"- a time that young and old together experience joys. Families stay together, youth and adults stay together; enjoying the wisdom and wonder of each age. The theme for next Sunday morning is "Be Brave about Praying" with oodles and bunches of simple, fun, easy ways to guide us in talking to God about what is going on in our lives. We could all use some intentional time to focus on being in conversation with God. Warm, fresh cinnamon buns, coffee and juice will be served. GIFT is meeting in the Memorial Sanctuary and we will also be using the Bageant Room and Dell Room areas too as we spread out for the morning activities. COME GIVE GIFT A TRY!

## **UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let's think about the SERMON, sometimes known as "the 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 how God transforms us, from the inside out?

### **Notes on Today’s Children’s Sermon**

What does the prophet Jeremiah remind us?

### **Notes on Today’s Prayers**

### **Notes on Today’s Scripture and Sermon**

Do we “keep score?”

What clutters your heart, making it unavailable for love?

What is beyond our imagining?

What can we learn from the seed?

What might God be up to within us? Within our church?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Jeremiah 31 and John 12?