

Opequon Presbyterian Church

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

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! 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 25, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Palm-Passion Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Hosanna in the Highest*.....Paxton
Please use this time to prepare for the worship of God.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALAM (Mark 11:1-11)

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

CHORAL INTROIT *Palm Sunday Hosanna*
Virginia Barr (8:30), LOGOS K-5 Worship (11:00)

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT
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**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs! Fill the air with
welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

†HYMN NO. 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
(Please be seated for prayer) LOGOS Youth Worship (11:00),
Jack Hathaway, trombone; Paige Hughes, flute; Jonathan Lightcap, French horn

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and
dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in
his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand
our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in
your hand—deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Moments of silent prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps
us; who can declare us guilty? Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow
of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand
together forgiven and free.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

- †THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Worship Order p. 5)..... *Hosanna*
- †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 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*
Colvin/Strite

Sanctuary Choir (8:30), Sanctuary Choir & LOGOS K-5 Worship (11:00)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near us and far away. These are the one we should serve. These are the ones we should love, Neighbors to us and you. Loving puts us on our knees, silently washing their feet: this is the way we should live with you. Show us how to love, Jesu!

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9 Pew Bible p. 594

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 14:1-15:47 Pew Bible p. 826

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “On a Colt”

†HYMN NO. 198..... *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

SERMON..... “Love Wins!”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *What Wondrous Love Is This*..... Early American Melody

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal No. 37)

..... “A Brief Statement of Faith,” PCUSA (sections 1 & 2)

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. 197 *Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Worship Order p. 5, v. 1)..... *Hosanna*

†POSTLUDE

Hosanna

Mark 11:1-11

Liturgical Year/Palm Sunday/Christ the King

CCLI # 1622560

Words and Music by
Carl Tuttle

(C/D) G D

1. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -
2. Glo - ry! Glo - ry!

Em C D G

san-na in the high - est! Ho - san - na! Ho -
Glo-ry to the King of kings! Glo - ry!

D Em C D

san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the King of kings!

C D G C D

Lord, we lift up your name, With hearts full of praise;

G C D G D/F# Em

Be ex - alt - ed, oh Lord, my God! Ho -

C D 1. G C/D 2. G Em C

san-na in the high - est!
Glo-ry to the King of Kings! Be ex -

D G D/F# Em C D G C/G G

alt-ed, oh Lord, my God! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 25-April 1, 2018

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
9:45 am: G.I.F.T. Event—Dell Room
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
12:30 pm: PYC Motel Ministry—Dell Room

THIS WEEK

Monday: Jay Journell Visitation—10:00 am
Funeral—11:00 am—Sanctuary
Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Shenandoah Valley Chorus—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room
Hands, Heart, Feet—5:30 pm—Highland Food Pantry
Session Meeting—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Lunch Bunch—11:30 am—TVOR
Sanctuary Choir Practice—6:00 pm
Thursday: Maundy Thursday Worship—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Friday: Good Friday Worship—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
Saturday: Family Easter Event/Breakfast—9:00 am
Mission Ministry—10:00 am—Jubilee Kitchen

NEXT SUNDAY—Easter, the Day of Resurrection

Easter Sunrise Worship—6:18 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Breakfast follows in the Fellowship Hall
Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8
Sermon: “No Fooling – This Is No Joke!”
One Great Hour of Sharing, Communion
LOGOS Worship Groups (11:00)

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH:

8:30 am—80 Faith Formation—45 11:00 am—108
Evening Worship—24

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Journell Family
Barbara Denmon
Emma Mathis
Juliet Ndofor & Daniel Batcha
Laurie Carver
Teresa Ritenour
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
Marjory Journell
Edwina Johansen
Gary Saunders
Norman & Nancy Tisinger
Katie Heavner Baker
Kevin Ganoe
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
Doug Koch
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Church Mekane Yesus

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.

THE ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY

The rosebud announces the birth of Daniel Mbunui Batcha, son of Juliet Ndofor and Stanley Batcha. Daniel joins big brother Joshua at home. May God bless and nurture Daniel and his family.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers are given by Juliet, Stanley, and Joshua Batcha to celebrate the firth of Daniel Mbunui as they welcome him to their family.

G.I.F.T. EVENT- TODAY-9:45 am!-Come to the Dell Room

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 experience joys together. Families stay together, youth and adults stay together, enjoying the wisdom and wonder of each age. The theme for this 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. Come to the Dell Room area to begin. We will spread into the Bageant Room and Memorial Sanctuary for the morning activities. COME GIVE GIFT A TRY!

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ TODAY-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!
- ❖ April 1-Easter Sunday. No youth event. Enjoy the Holy Week services as we celebrate the Resurrection!

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The April-June issue of These Days Daily Devotions is available in the Gathering Area. Some of the featured topics are “Living Resurrection”, “God’s Abundant Provisions”, “Crafting Christ-like Communication”, and “Support in the Midst of Turmoil”. Feel free to pick up a copy in the Gathering Area while supplies last.

FAMILY EASTER EVENT

The Annual Family Easter Event will be held on Saturday, March 31, 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. It begins with breakfast (scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage, cereal, and fruit) followed by “The Story of Jesus” told in Easter Eggs. Children will each get their own batch of eggs, each egg containing an object that will help complete the story as they color pictures along the way; parents sitting alongside them can help with clues offered in the story. The fun will conclude with the Great Egg Hunt outside on the church lawn. Children need to bring a basket to collect eggs.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Tim Gaul
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Lisa & Bill Frye
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Dick Crane
Ushers: McKenna Bell, Mike Butler, Tim Gaul,
Carson Ritter, Sherry Schryver, John Winn
Worship Assistant: Jack Youngblood

11:00 am

Acolyte: Noah Cutrona
Beadle: Bill Hopeck
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeters: The Astorino Family
Hospitality: Marj Praml, Susan Ritter
Liturgist: Bailey Cooper
Live Stream: Rebekah Witt
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Curt Budny, Joe Burton, Noah Cutrona,
Bill Hopeck, Grace Morgan, Alex Sardelis
Worship Assistant: AnnMarie Kelly

In Remembrance

James “Jay” Journell

March 11, 1931-March 16, 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

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 the exuberance of Palm Sunday and the movement towards Jesus' passion?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What is the meaning behind "the colt?"

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Standing along the road of the Jerusalem parade, what did the crowds expect from Jesus?

What was Jesus' mission?

How do the events of this week contribute to one unfolding story?

How will this story reshape your week, your life, our world? Where will you commit to letting love win?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Isaiah 50 and Mark?