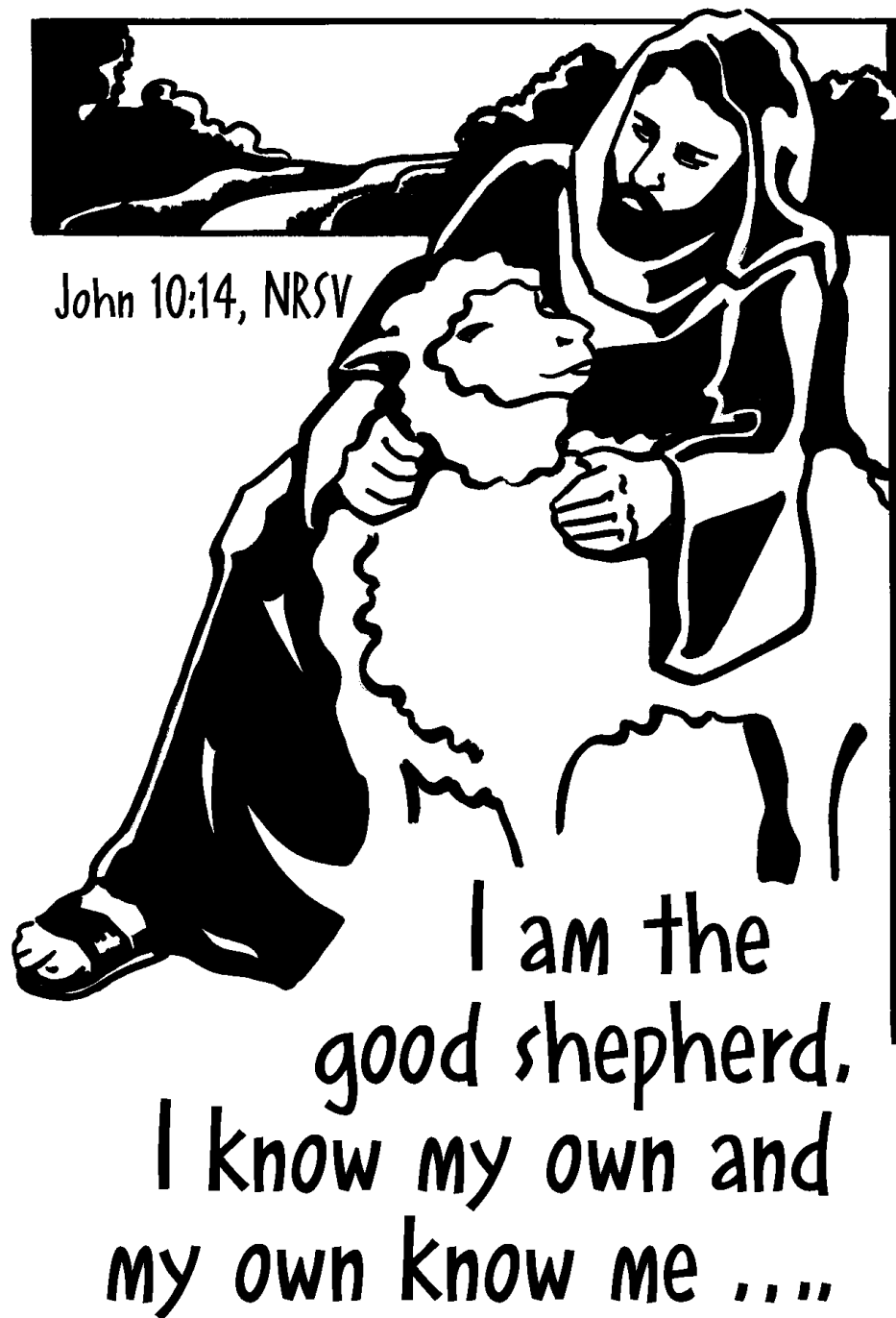


Opequon Presbyterian Church



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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Rebekah Witt -----Director of Youth & Young Adults



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 22, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Brother James Air..... Arr. Harris

(One of the many settings for the 23rd Psalm)

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

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 396 (vv. 1, 4)..... *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

†HYMN NO. 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.

We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love,

but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one

another. Forgive us, God of grace. Good shepherd, restore our

souls and lead us in right paths for your name's sake.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We seek God’s grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

†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 *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

The Lord is my Shepherd; He meets ev’ry need. The Lord is my Shepherd; I follow where He leads. To green meadowland and gently rolling stream, the Lord is my Shepherd; He meets ev’ry need. The Lord is my Shepherd; He restores my soul. The Lord is my Shepherd, my cup overflows. His love is with me wherever I go. The Lord is my Shepherd; He restores my soul. He anoints me with oil, His kindness covers me. His mercy and goodness my enemies will see. A banquet table is spread for a time of Jubilee. The Lord is my Shepherd; His kindness covers me. The Lord is my Shepherd; my home he has prepared; a home of many mansions, I will see Him there. I will live with Him forever in His care. The Lord is my Shepherd and I am in His care.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23 Hymnal No. 473

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 10:11-18 Pew Bible p. 872

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “Shepherd Me”

†HYMN NO. 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

SERMON..... “The Work of the Shepherd”
Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *He Leadeth Me*..... Arr. Krug

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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. 803.....*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 542 (v. 1)

..... *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

†POSTLUDE

GIFT EVENT THIS MORNING AT 9:45 AM!

Wondering what "GIFT" is? SO GLAD you are WONDERING! "GIFT" stands for "Generations in Faith Together". It is an intentional time when all ages gather during the educational hour for experiences that likely don't happen in separated age-level classrooms. Participants at our most recent GIFT event expressed that the experience was WORTHWHILE, So BENEFICIAL, MEANINGFUL, AMAZING. Come see what this is all about, this morning at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The theme is "Potatoes in the Morning". We will be snacking on Tater Tots, playing that favorite old game of 'HOT POTATO', sharing in some 'Bible Babble', and nurturing one another around the tables. Let's be a family of faith learning together.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Kyle H. Metheny—a loving son and brother and an overall great human—from the Metheny family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 22-29, 2018

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
9:45 am: G.I.F.T Event—Fellowship Hall
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
12:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Motel Ministry
12:30 pm: Memorial Garden Orientation—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room
Highland Food Pantry—5:30 pm
Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—12:00 Noon
Baja Mission Trip Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:00 pm
Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Mission Sunday—9:45 am
Psalm 22:25-31, John 15:1-8
Sermon: “Pollyanna”
Habitat for Humanity “Paint Can Offering”
Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH:

8:30 am—85 Faith Formation—64 11:00 am—107

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Barbara Youngblood
Ginny Evans
Mike Shade
Christine Clark
Virginia Tech Community
Middle East Crisis
Glen Barbour
Braden Pierson
Deidre Kriewald
Jeanette Baccary
Amy Elson
Chris Lucas
Lynne Mathis
Terry Hartman
Dave Browning
Chuck Phares
Mary Ruth Joyner
Terry Coffman & Family

Ed Duetsch
Kilbourne Family
Harriet Kibler
Jared Kravitz
Naomi Thomas
Barbara Denmon
Emma Mathis
Laurie Carver
Teresa Ritenour
Charlie Harmon
Scott Lloyd
Kathy Milliser
Mitch Orndorff
Ethiopia
Keith McMurdo
Marjory Journell
Gary Saunders
Norman & Nancy Tisinger

Katie Heavner Baker
Kevin Ganoe
Ann Held
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
Al Owens
Charles Nicholson
Bruce Metcalf
Gretchen Cooley
Mark Wilhelm
Frances Pitcock
Phyllis Dille
Jane Lewis
Larry Matthews
Doug Koch
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Max Crane, Stephen Crane, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

MEMORIAL GARDEN ORIENTATION TODAY

Alan McKay, visionary behind Opequon's Memorial Garden (scatter cremains garden), will provide an orientation and respond to questions TODAY at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather for a light lunch and sharing. We may also go on a brief excursion to the garden. Please join us.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Audrey Saunders
Beadle: Bud Proctor
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Rebecca Coryell
Ushers: Mike Butler, Ainsley DesMarais,
Audrey & Camden Saunders, Sherry Schryver, John Winn
Worship Assistant: Jack Youngblood

11:00 am

Acolyte: Joseph Burton
Beadle: Bill Hopeck
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Marj Praml, Kirsta Weber
Liturgist: Robyn Ervin
Live Stream: Joel Witt
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Drew Arnoldy, Curt Budny, Joseph Burton,
Bill Hopeck, Griffin Hott, Joe Seaton
Worship Assistant: Kristin Blake

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome into the membership of Opequon Church:

Ward Edwards, upon transfer from Farnham Episcopal Church, Farnham, VA

Carole Fox, upon Reaffirmation of Faith

Clay Hughes, upon Profession of Faith and Baptism

Peggy Hughes, upon transfer from Little River Baptist Church, Aldie, VA

David Schwantes, upon Reaffirmation of Faith

Corine Fox Schwantes, upon Reaffirmation of Faith

Joe Seaton, upon transfer from Staples Mill Road Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

Chris Seaton, upon transfer from Staples Mill Road Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

Please greet everyone in the Gathering Area after worship.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- TODAY-Motel Ministry at 12:30 pm! This is one of our local outreach opportunities that you and your family can join in on any Fourth Sunday of the month. We get some food together, pack the van, and head out to the motels down the road from our church. It's a time of conversation with those who live there along with offering items to help them get through the next month. Come participate in this community mission experience.
- April 29-March Madness has passed and so it's time for some MALL MADNESS! Stay after worship or meet at Church at 12:30 pm so we

can head into town. There will be a scavenger hunt, money challenge, and “Find the Youth Leader” mission. Bring your own money to buy lunch at the food court or a brown bag lunch. We will finish back at church around 2:30 pm.

THE WITTS ON VACATION

Pastor David Witt and Educator Carole Witt will be on vacation beginning this Friday, April 27 through Thursday, May 4. If a pastoral or educational concern arises, please contact Parish Associate Tracie Martin at 304-856-2080 or 315-247-5969.

A MORNING MISSION EXPERIENCE

The Christian Education Team has dedicated the fifth Sundays of the month (there are 4 of them in 2018) to sponsoring an intergenerational, hands-on service/mission project during the morning educational hour. **NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 29** is the first of these events this year. All ages are invited to join in the project next Sunday morning at 9:45 am. Put on some old clothes and help in the efforts to repaint some of our parking lot curbing that bright yellow color. This is done for safety purposes. Watch the color come alive as we freshen up the curbing with our joint efforts. Paint and brushes will be supplied. Fruit and water will be available to nourish us during our morning work. Enjoy the fellowship as we work side by side outdoors!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE!

AHHH! Think Summer. Won't we be glad when it arrives! The Bible School Team is thinking SUMMER as we prepare for the “WHOLLOPING WHALE of A TIME” that is in store for Vacation Bible School, June 10-14, 5:00-7:30 pm each evening (dinner is included). The theme for VBS week is “Swallowed Up in God's Love.” We will be immersed in the story of Jonah! Visit the ‘whale’ in the Gathering Area to pick up registration brochures and volunteer forms. Completed forms can be placed in the ‘mouth of the whale’. Invite a friend too! When you get a friend to register, your name gets placed in the whale for a GRAND PRIZE drawing. VBS is open to 4-year-old-8th grade young people. A special track is planned for the VBS youth (5th-8th grades). A class for ADULTS will also be included nightly from 6:30-7:30 pm. Plan to join in this great kick off week to summer!

LOST AND FOUND

Are you missing any serving plates, trays or kitchen items? Please check the Lost and Found shelf near the coat rack in the Gathering Area.

NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR “OPEQUON’S 2018 OLDER ADULT”

So many of our older adults have been recognized as our “Older Adults of the Year”. We celebrate that those crowned in the past were Roy Bayliss, John Boyd, Frances Smith, Louise Duncan, Bill Robinson, Shirley and Dave Brumble, Rob MacGregor, Ty Headley, Edgar Tufts, Howard Kent, Donna Coffman, Betty Ganoë, Carol Tubbs, Graham Taylor, and Carol & Jack Treece. It is time to share nominations for this year’s older adult of the year. Who would you like to nominate? There are forms available on the Gathering Area table. Share who you nominate and WHY. Nominations are due by May 6 and they may come from anyone in the congregation. Forms may be returned to Carole Witt or dropped in the box provided on the table. The session will review the nominations and make their selection at their May meeting. The 2018 Older Adult of the Year will be announced at the Older Adult Luncheon on May 23.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let’s think about the **MUSIC** that occurs within a worship service.

- The music helps us to further express ourselves in worship.
- Music allows for US to fully participate in worship.
- Music helps us transition from one part of worship to another.
- We communicate our faith in God and our love for God through music.
- Music offers time for prayer and quiet reflection.
- Music helps set a tone or mood for different times in worship.
- Music expresses joy and is comforting within worship.
- The uses of MUSIC in WORSHIP are endless!

ADULT TRIP TO SEE “JESUS” AT SIGHT-N-SOUND

A trip to see the new show, “Jesus” at Sight-n-Sound is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, leaving at 7:30 am. The outing includes the show, buffet lunch at Bird-n-Hand Restaurant, transportation, a goody bag and great fellowship from start to finish. The shows at Sight-n-Sound are

beyond outstanding! Two spaces remain open for this trip! The all-inclusive cost is \$85 a person. The signup sheet is in the Gathering Area Kiosk. Sign up today and claim those available spots!

“DEAR PASTOR: JUST ASKIN” SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

June-July-August 2018

What questions would you like our pastors to address this summer?

- ❖ Here are a few examples...
- ❖ What do you (the pastor) do when you don't understand the Bible?
- ❖ Is God always good?
- ❖ What happens to a baby/person who dies before they are baptized?
- ❖ How does forgiveness work?

Complete a form in the Gathering Area and place it in the box.

SERVICE FOR DONNA COFFMAN

The Celebration of Life Service for Donna Coffman will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg. We will gladly provide transportation—meet here at 12:15 pm. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area to register.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music testify to God's shepherding love?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What is a shepherd?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What are the characteristics of "the good shepherd?"

How comfortable do you feel about God's provision for your life?

What is the "radical reversal" of "the good shepherd?"

Who has helped to lead you in right paths or walked with you in dark valleys? Given you comfort and calmed your fears? Show you hospitality and grace?

What is God calling you to do as you do these things for others?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Psalm 23 and John 10?