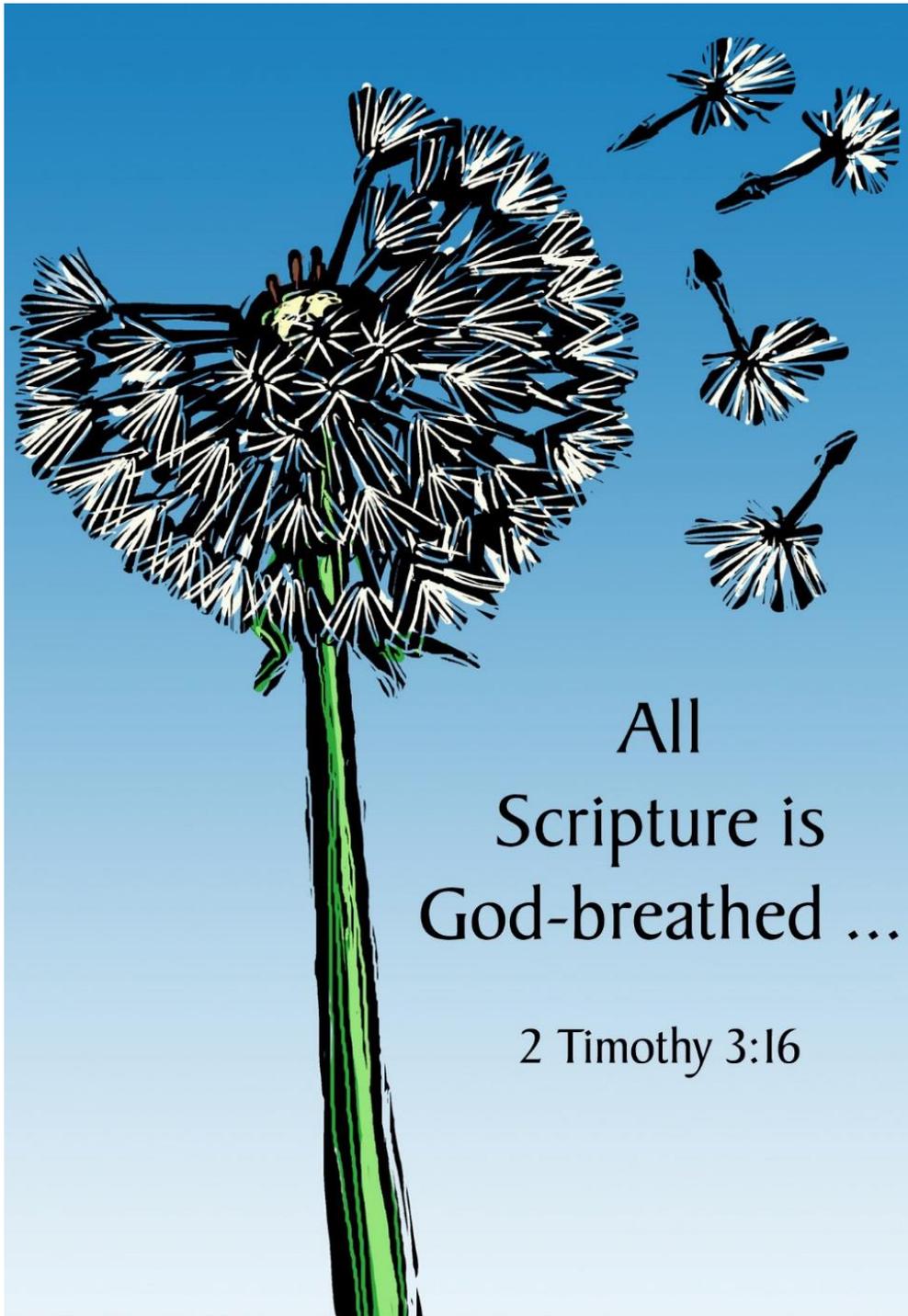


Opequon Presbyterian Church



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.
 - **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

June 3, 2018

10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

I Love to Tell the Story..... arr. Keeney

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. 458 *Thy Word*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning.

Come and gather to hear them...

To read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,

So that we may embrace and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life

And serve as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Come and worship our God of light, wisdom, and truth.

†HYMN NO. 459 *O Word of God Incarnate*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The hardness of our hearts grieves God. We prefer to follow our own counsel rather than to seek and submit to the counsel of God.

Confessing our sin, may God soften our hearts and guide our feet to walk in the way of faithfulness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, without your word, we have nothing to say.

Without your living Word, Jesus Christ, we have no one to

follow. Yet, we do listen, speak, and follow competing voices

who offer us the world's alternatives; and, we sadly discover

that we are constantly searching for something more as we stumble and fall. Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our hands, hearts, feet and minds to your Spirit that we may be one with Christ, may be nurtured in faith, and may grow in discipleship.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Jeremiah 31:33 NRSV)

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 188*Jesus Loves Me!*

†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

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 119:97-112Pew Bible p. 495

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:10-17Pew Bible p. 967

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN“The B-I-B-L-E”

†HYMN NO. 460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

SERMON “Thy Word”

David R. Witt, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Celebration on “Every Blessing”* arr. Purifoy

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Anthem..... *In the Bread Broken*

Mary Kay Beall

In the bread broken, in the wine poured, in the word spoken, we meet our living Lord. Hungry souls are satisfied, wounded hearts are healed, restored. In the word we meet our living Lord. In our need, in our care, fellowship is sweet; for in the bread and the wine, we are made complete. In the bread broken, we seek his face, we taste his grace, in the word spoken, we meet our risen Lord.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God:

It is right to give our thanks and praise!...

Sanctus #552

...with believers in every tongue and land, singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Memorial Acclamation #553

Great is the mystery of the faith:

...Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Amen #554

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Spirit, in your church, now and forever:

...Amen. Amen. A-men.

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

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music *Contemplation on "Tie that Binds".....* arr. Janzen

*Sonata on "Ebenezer".....*arr. Thygerson

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN *Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written*

**Thanks to God whose word was written, in the Bible's sacred page,
Record of the revelation, showing God to every age.
God has spoken, God has spoken; Praise God for his open word.**

**Thanks to God whose word is published, in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished, by the change of time or place.
God has spoken, God has spoken; Praise God for his open word.**

**Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate, heights and depths of life did
share.
Deeds and words and death and rising, grace in human form declare.
God has spoken, God has spoken; Praise God for his open word.**

**Thanks to God whose Word is answered, by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured, life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking, God is speaking; Praise God for the living Word.**

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 748..... *Go With Us, Lord*

†POSTLUDE

ALL-CHURCH PHOTO

Plan to be in the Sanctuary by 9:45 am next Sunday, June 10th for an all-church photo that will be the cover of our new church directory! All smiling faces welcome! Don't miss this great photo op!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 3-10, 2018

TODAY

- 8:45 am: Adult Faith Formation Study of "David"—Bageant Room
9:00 am: Newcomers' Class—Memorial Sanctuary
10:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP Offering
12:00-2:00 pm: "Blessing of the Pets"

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
VBS Orientation—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday: Kitchen Equipment Training—3:30 pm
Technology & Communication—5:15 pm—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Devotions—6:45 pm
Meetings—7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
LifeTouch Photos—2:00-9:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Baja Paint Nite—7:00 pm—The Greene Turtle
- Thursday: LifeTouch Photos—2:00-9:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Opequon At Winchester Royals—6:00 pm
- Friday: High School Senior Picnic—6:00 pm—Home of Rebekah Witt

NEXT SUNDAY—Choir Recognition Sunday

- Adult Faith Formation—8:45 am—Bageant Room
Newcomers' Class—9:00 am—Memorial Sanctuary

Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY

- Psalm 100, Hebrews 10:19-25
Sermon: "Come All You People"
"ABUG Training"—11:15 am—Sanctuary

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 27TH: 8:30 am—84 11:00 am—114

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pat Burslem & Family
Linda Clem & Family
Annemarie Matthews
Edgar Tufts
Christine Butler
Craig, Angelie, & Robert Grubb
Nancy Rodgers
Nancy Wilson
Stephen Bertfield
Santa Fe High School
Katie Heavner Baker
Nadine DeHaven
David Burger
Victoria DiSalvio
Doreen Ricard
Tommy Edwards
Debbie Sisler
Bobbie Eller

Dr Steven VanderPoel
Sandy Haney
Patricia Ferguson
Georgeanne Gurko
Carol Ferrante
Brenda Kerr
Cam Keyser
Glyn Barbour
Braden Pierson
Jeanette Baccary
Chris Lucas
Dave Browning
Chuck Phares
Ed Duetsch
Barbara Denmon
Laurie Carver
Teresa Ritenour
Charlie Harmon

Scott Lloyd
Ethiopia/Kes Amena
Keith McMurdo
Gary Saunders
Kevin Gano
Ann Held
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
Bruce Metcalf
Gretchen Cooley
Mark Wilhelm
Frances Pitcock
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 & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Beadle: Leslie Tucker
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Susan Cooper
Live Stream: Susan Ritter
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: MacKenna Bell, Tucker Birchenough, Dulcie Reed,
Graham Taylor

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 are:

Lynn & Jerry Metheny, Betty Chicklo, Nick Sardelis, Becky Proctor, Graham Taylor and Kirsta Weber.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Today, 12:00 Noon until 2:00 pm, pets and people of all faiths are invited for drive-thru pet blessings without leaving your car. We welcome pets of all sizes and shapes. Walk-ins are welcome, on leashes or in carriers please.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH TODAY!

Vacation Bible School week is a perfect way to kick off the summer season! REGISTER TODAY to be a part of the "WHOLLOPING WHALE of A TIME" June 10-14, 5:00-7:30 pm each evening. Visit the 'whale' in the Gathering Area to complete a registration brochure. Completed forms can be placed in the 'mouth of the whale'. VBS is open to 4-year-old-8th grade young people and adults. A special track is planned for the VBS youth (5th-8th grade) and adults (6:30-7:30 pm). Plan to join in this great kick off week to summer! Registration closes **today**, so don't delay any more!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF ORIENTATION

All those who are helping in VBS are asked to attend the Staff Orientation tomorrow evening, **Monday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** During this important gathering, the VBS Leadership Team will get staff members on track for our sensational VBS week. Instructions, schedules, guidelines, tips, etc. will all be at your fingertips in preparation for the 'Swallowed Up in God's Love' week, June 10-14. The Leadership Team appreciates your presence at the orientation.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

Meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. This meeting is open to any older adults who would like to be part of the planning and discussion for Happy Days programs and future day outings. Coffee and refreshments are provided along with a dose of laughter!

PAINT NITE TO BENEFIT THE BAJA MISSION TRIP

There is a Paint Nite scheduled this Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 pm at the Greene Turtle Restaurant to benefit the Baja Mission Trip. The cost is \$35 per person and promises to be loads of fun. Please consider attending and talk it up among your friends and neighbors. Tickets will be on sale after worship today!

MOO SPONSORS ROYALS BASEBALL ADVENTURE

The Men of Opequon invite women and men, girls and boys to the Winchester Royals game on Thursday, June 7th at Bridgeforth Stadium in Jim Barnett Park. The cost for the evening is \$15 per person and will cover dinner (\$10 Royals concession food voucher and provided "sides") and admission. We have a reserved area for dinner, behind home plate. The picnic dinner begins at 6:00 pm. The first pitch is 7:00 pm. Contact Mike Butler with questions and to register at 540-523-1239 or mbutler57@outlook.com. It will be a blast! This is the best buy ticket in town!

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **High School Seniors**-All of you who are graduating are invited to a Senior Picnic at Rebekah Witt's home, 203 Halifax Court in Stephens City. It will be this Friday, June 8 at 6:00 pm. No need to bring anything except for yourself! There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni and cheese, chips, drinks, dessert, outdoor games, etc. Come hangout to celebrate all that you've accomplished so far.
- **Wednesday, June 13**-Come help out at the Car Wash from 5:00-7:00 pm during a VBS night. (You don't have to be attending VBS to help with this Car Wash. We need all Youth!) All proceeds will support a SUMMER MIDNIGHT GLADNESS Event to be held in August. Dinner will be provided to all Car Wash workers. Show up, soap up, eat up, and help out with this summer event.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Photo Directory: Photo sessions continue this week, and there is still time to sign up. It's easy! Please go to the following link to sign up: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycmekdz8/> We will be available in the Gathering Area today between both services to assist you with scheduling your photo appointment. If you haven't received your reminder

card or photography guide, please see Debbie Bender or Becky Proctor. Please bring any canned food item for the Highland Food Pantry to your church directory photo session and you will receive a coupon for \$5 off any photo should you make a purchase.

ARE YOU A BUG NOW? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A BUG?

There will be mandatory training for everyone who fulfills the role of Acolyte, Beadle, Usher or Greeter on Sunday, June 10 @ 11:15 a.m.—Sanctuary. If you are interested in learning more about serving as an Acolyte, Beadle, Usher or Greeter, you are cordially invited to join us! Training will be led by the Worship Ministry Team & Pastor David. Oh no! There will also be an added invasion of bugs, those we call “Hospitality Greeters.” Please join us so you will be trained and prepared as well.

BAJA BEE

What: Sewing simple curtains and children’s clothes for folks in Baja, Mexico.

Who: Caring people ages 10 and up. No skills necessary.

When: Saturday, June 23, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Come when you can, leave when you must.

Where: OPC Fellowship Hall

Provided: Everything needed plus a taco bar

Bring: Hands, heart, and feet. Friends are welcome.

RSVP: Susanna Shade

shadeathome@aol.com

540-550-7150 (cell, call or text)

Susan Ritter

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540-869-5231



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Q: Why were the strawberries so upset? A: Because they were in a jam! We’ve been busy over at the community garden. We are excited and looking forward to sharing these bountiful blessings with those in need. Speaking of needs...we now need people to begin signing up to help with watering and pulling weeds. Signing up is easy - just go to the church website. Questions? Reach out to Robin or Dana ... Robin Owens at robinowensopcsession@gmail.com or Dana Kelly at davedana@comcast.net. SAVE THE DATE: Community Garden Picnic is Sunday, June 24, at 6:30 pm.

HEALTHY MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT HEALTH FAIR

Kernstown UMC will offer health screenings, health information, seated massages and more at its free Health Fair on Saturday, June 9, 10:00 am-12:00 Noon. There will be lots of door prizes.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to the gift of the scriptures?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

How is the Bible a "light for my path?"

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What impact has the Bible had through history?

What does the word "Bible" mean? What does the word "scripture" mean?
What does the word "canon" mean? How is the Bible a unique book?

What does it seem people are indifferent about the Bible and aren't that interested in reading it? What power does the Bible offer?

What is the best way to use the Bible for daily life and guidance?

What did I learn today from Psalm 119 and 2 Timothy?