

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 Faith Formational Education 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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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

May 13, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Mothers' Day-Christian Family Sunday-Confirmation Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Songs My Mother Taught Me*..... Arr. Livingston
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. 452 *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are troubled and perplexed, anxious and discouraged, there is

One who seeks us,

One who meets us,

One who heals us,

One whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.

This One is Jesus Christ our Lord. Come, let us worship

And bow down to the Lord of our hearts, the Lord of our lives,

Jesus Christ our Savior.

†HYMN NO. 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God-lovers, let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from

God and our neighbors, that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your

mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have

wandered far from you. We have listened to voices that

distract us from your call. We have submitted to powers that

compete for our loyalty to you. We have not taken the hand

you offer to lead us out of godforsakenness and into your holy

ways. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. Forgive us. Quench our thirst for you from the Rock of our salvation and let your love well up in us unto eternal life. Speak tenderly to us of your presence. Feed us with your word. Deliver us from evil. Let us enter into your kingdom; then send us out to serve you by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 368 *We Fall Down*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

RACHEL BAYLISS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

Lloyd Larson

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord; make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord. Come into His courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew, turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew. Of your time and talents given now, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes offerings with you bring; in your work, with Christ find favor, and with joy His praises sing. Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe; worship Him with consecration, grace and love will you receive. For His grace give Christ the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and repeat the gospel story until all His name have heard. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Come all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 1Pew Bible p. 424

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23Pew Bible p. 949

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN "All for One, One for All"

†HYMN NO. 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

SERMON "God's Power at Work in Us"

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

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

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING (11:00)

Presentation of the Candidates

Words of Scripture

Profession of Faith

Promise of the Congregation

†Affirmation of Faith (Hymnal p. 35) The Apostles' Creed

†Sacrament of Baptism

Confirmation Prayer

Laying on of Hands and Candle Ritual

Charge to the Newly Confirmed and Commissioned

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. 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE..... *Lord, Be Glorified*
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**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Natalie Youngblood
Beadle: Mac McNichols
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Lisa & Bill Frye
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Edwina Johansen
Ushers: Alyce Callahan, Al Owens, Cameron &
Carson Ritter, Jim & Natalie Youngblood
Worship Assistant: Ben Winn

11:00 am

Acolyte: Anna Buonocore
Beadle: Bill Robinson
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Betty Ganoe
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin
Live Stream: Rebekah Witt
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Anna Buonocore, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,
Logan McGunnigle, Brooke Moses, Bill Robinson
Worship Assistant: Ethan Schwantes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 13-20, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Mother's Day, Honoring Graduates
9:45 am: Session Meets with Confirmation Class—Memorial Sanctuary
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Mother's Day, Honoring Graduates,
Confirmation
Fellowship Reception Follows—Gathering Area
5:30 pm: Covered Dish—Taco Bar
6:30 pm: Open Door Worship—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Christian Believer—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR
7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Adult Trip—Museum of the Bible—9:00 am
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers—10:30 am—Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
PS150 Meeting—7:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY— The Day of Pentecost

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour—9:45 am
Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: "Babble-Babel Battle"
Communion, Pentecost Offering

Remember to wear RED!

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 6TH:

8:30 am—86 Faith Formation—44 11:00 am—97

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Victoria DiSalvio
Doreen Ricard
Betty Dobler
Jim Royston
Debi Barnett Family
Jim Chandler Family
Mr. Kraemer
Tommy Edwards
Austin Schmitt Family
Debbie Sisler
Bobbie Eller
Graduating Seniors
Juanita Foster Family
Dr Steven VanderPoel
Pat York
Dick Crane
Sandy Haney
Patricia Ferguson
Georgeanne Gurko
Carol Ferrante
Brenda Kerr

Cam Keyser
Barbara Youngblood
Ginny Evans
Christine Clark
Glyn Barbour
Braden Pierson
Deidre Kriewald
Jeanette Baccary
Amy Elson
Chris Lucas
Dave Browning
Chuck Phares
Mary Ruth Joyner
Ed Duetsch
Naomi Thomas
Barbara Denmon
Laurie Carver
Teresa Ritenour
Charlie Harmon
Scott Lloyd
Kathy Milliser

Mitch Orndorff
Ethiopia
Keith McMurdo
Gary Saunders
Katie Heavner Baker
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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Church Mekane Yesus

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.

HONORING WOMEN AND MOTHERS TODAY-Happy Mother's Day!

The Christian Education Team celebrates ALL women in our midst. In honor of Opequon women, **five brand new aprons** have been handmade by our own terrific seamstress, **Susanna Shade**, for use by all cooks and kitchen workers during the many events when we are serving great meals around here! The aprons are denim, adjustable, and have a front pocket for convenience. Thank you, Susanna, for sharing your great sewing ability to make this gift to our church kitchen possible. You can see a sample apron on display in the Gathering Area. We will be in style as we cook with a smile!

"Mother Kneaded Him"

The Pillsbury dough-boy was recently interviewed and asked how he could always maintain such a joyful disposition in spite of the fact that he was so pale in complexion and often poked in the stomach. His answer was

simple: He kept such a disposition because his mother always KNEADED him! Guess he is just a slice off the old loaf.

“Aspirin Instructions”

If you are a mother with a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: “take two aspirin” and “keep away from children.”

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

It is a privilege to honor Opequon’s High School Seniors this morning. These young people have accomplished a lot at this terrific milestone in their life. We are very proud of each of them and wish them much happiness and fulfillment in the next chapter of life. Some graduates will be honored during 8:30 am worship and others at 11:00 am worship. We express congratulations to all of them. Photos of many of the seniors are on display above the water fountains outside the sanctuary.

Kristin Blake	-----	Handley
Rachel Burton	-----	Sherando
Bailey Cooper	-----	Sherando
Jacob Gaul	-----	Millbrook
Andy Gray	-----	Sherando
Brenna Hathaway	-----	Sherando
AnnMarie Kelly	-----	Sherando
Brady Noll	-----	Handley
Erika Reed	-----	Millbrook
Fiona Schieve	-----	Handley
Joel Sherman	-----	Millbrook
Alexis Weir	-----	Millbrook
Ben Winn	-----	Sherando
Jack Youngblood	-----	James Wood

TODAY IS CONFIRMATION DAY!

Congratulations and WELCOME to the young people who are being confirmed and commissioned as members of the church today! These young people began their confirmation journey with an orientation in August 2017 and began class sessions in September. They have also had

enriching experiences beyond the classroom lessons. They are each sharing a final written paper about their personal faith and serving as Christ's disciple with the session and covenant partners this morning. Please welcome into Opequon's membership **Elise Buonocore, Cheyenne Burton, Sydney Burton, Caleb Cooper, Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Kat Kibler, Jonathan Lightcap, Lauren Moses, and Chase Pierce**. You are invited to join them and their families at the reception in their honor following the 11:00 service.

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP TONIGHT

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord!" tonight at 5:30 pm in the Memorial Sanctuary for dinner preceding casual worship at 6:30 pm. Join us for teaching, shared joys & concerns, heartfelt prayer, praise music led by PS 150, & communion! The offering at this service will go to the Baja Mission Trip. The covered-dish supper preceding worship will be a "Taco Bar". Please bring something for tacos, salad, drinks, or dessert.

MEN OF OPEQUON WELCOMES BASEBALL AUTHOR

The monthly MOO gathering will be held tomorrow night. We'll welcome Austin Gisriel, a baseball aficionado and author of the book, "Fathers, Sons, & Holy Ghosts: Baseball as A Spiritual Experience." Don't miss this timely, spring topic as we all say, "Play ball!" We are very fortunate to have Austin join us. We look forward to having a great group in attendance. We'll still gather at the Pleasant Valley Road Chick-fil-A at 6:00 pm and return to the Bageant Room of the church for our 7:00 pm gathering. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to hear our guest.

ADULT TRIP TO MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

Those adults who have signed up for the trip to the Museum of the Bible in DC this **Wednesday** need to be at church by **9:00 am**. Goody bags, water, and traveling fun will be part of the whole day as well as a lunch stop on our return trip.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIVED AND DEDICATED NEXT SUNDAY

What is the Pentecost Offering? The Pentecost Offering is received annually on Pentecost Sunday and is one of four church-wide special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The offering is received for children at risk, youth, and young adults. Opequon will retain 40% of all gifts for community programs that benefit children, youth, and young adults, which is a special focus for us. The Presbyterian Mission Agency divides the remaining 60% between ministries with youth and young adults (50%) and child advocacy (10%). Give generously and... invest in the Church's Greatest Resource: Our Youth!

HYMN SING

The congregation of Buckton Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to our second annual hymn sing on Sunday, May 20 at 4:30 pm. We will enjoy sharing hymns and short stories, and then have a light dinner of sandwiches, salad and dessert. We are located on Route 55 in Front Royal.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ Sunday, May 27-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.
- ❖ High School Seniors-All of you out there who are graduating are invited to a Senior Picnic at Rebekah Witt's home, 203 Halifax Court in Stephens City. It will be on 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.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

Saturday, May 26-Let's meet at the church to go geocaching! We will head out around 10:00 am for an adventure. Feel free to bring friends and dogs. We will finish about 12:00 pm but we may grab lunch together somewhere.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There are some food items as well as miscellaneous other supplies that are needed for Vacation Bible School week, June 10-14. These items are listed on a board in the Gathering Area. Quantities are listed for each item as well as when the item is needed. Stop by the board and see if there is anything you could provide. Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

SIGN UP AND SMILE!

We are updating our Pictorial Directory and asking all members and friends of Opequon to schedule your photo appointment online at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycmekdz8/> or find the link on our OPC site: <http://opequonchurch.org/>. Additionally, we will be available in the Gathering Area on Sundays between both services to assist you with scheduling your photo appointment. Please bring any canned food item for the Highland Food Pantry to your Church Directory Photo Session and you will receive a coupon for \$5.00 off any photo purchase.

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 each evening. (Please note the modified starting time- 1/2 hour later than past years. YES, Dinner is still 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 grade) as well as adults (6:30-7:30 pm class). Plan to join in this great kick off week to summer! BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/YOUTH and ADULTS TOO BY JUNE 3. Get your friends on board too!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- The community garden is accepting garden glove donations. If you'd like to contribute, please place them in the garden box located in the Gathering Area.
- Volunteers of all sorts are needed this gardening season. Green thumbs are welcome but not necessary as there are many tasks to accomplish that require different talents. For more information, contact Dana Kelly: davedana@comcast.net; Robin Owens: robinowensopcsession@gmail.com or Joelle Cafaro: drhealer@gmail.com. You can also sign up on the church's website using sign-up genius. Hope to see ya soon at the garden!

"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.

SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 23, 2018

There will be a Sewing Bee for Baja on Saturday, June 23, 10:00 am–2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be creating curtains and sundresses for Baja. All who want to help are encouraged to come, no skills needed! Come when you can and leave when you must. Contact Susanna Shade at shadesathome@aol.com or 540-868-1248 with questions.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

(highlighting a different part of worship each month)

Let's think about the Affirmation of Faith that occurs within a worship service.

- When we say the Affirmation of Faith in worship, we are expressing what we believe.
- The Affirmation of Faith allows us a way to respond to all that God has done.
- It might feel like we are being moved to stand up and shout AMEN.
- There are many official CREEDS available to use; they are found in the Book of Confessions.
- We can write our own affirmation of faith, which is often done by youth for special services.
- In saying the affirmation of faith, we are unified as a church community, as a whole-sharing what we believe.
- Often an Affirmation of Faith may state what is believed about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

G.I.F.T. EVENT SUNDAY, MAY 27, 9:45 AM

The morning's intergenerational event will take on the theme "PLAY BALL"! It will be almost like going to the ball park as we enjoy peanuts and soft pretzels along with a little bit of ball playing. All ages are invited to come out for this morning as we consider 'rules of the game' along with 'rules for our life'. Grow in your faith through some serious fun at GIFT on May 27.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Sunday, May 27th

Join us for a mini-patriotic concert

by William Heavner

8:15 or 10:45 am

Sanctuary

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

How do we pull together as a team in following Jesus?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

How is your sight functioning, the "eyes of your heart?"

How is God's Power working in you?

What would our lives be like, what would our world be like, if we all visited our Creator before heading out into the world each day?

Rather than being a final culmination, how are both graduation and confirmation/commissioning a launch into the future?

Where is the Holy Spirit kicking our mission into high gear?

How will I respond to what I have learned from Ephesians 1?

THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown..... Clerk
David Witt..... Moderator

Class of 2018

Bill Burslem..... Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Marc DesMarais..... Administration Ministry, Stewardship & Finance Team
Vicki Schmidt-Crites..... Evangelism Team
Graham Taylor..... Mission Ministry

Class of 2019

Mitch Orndorff..... Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens..... Christian Education Ministry
Susanna Shade..... Mission Ministry
Leslie Tucker..... Worship Ministry

Class of 2020

Bill Hopeck..... Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Becky Proctor..... Fellowship Ministry
Susan Ritter ... Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Kirsta Weber..... Christian Education Ministry

DEACONS

Debbie Bender..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Dom Cafaro..... Class of 2018, Congregational Care Ministry
Betty Chicklo..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Brenda Hawkins..... Class of 2018, Congregational Care Ministry
June Malone..... Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Bill Martin..... Class of 2018, Congregational Care Ministry

TRUSTEES

Mac McNichols, Chair..... Class of 2018
George Schember..... Class of 2019
Larry Donovan..... Class of 2020