

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 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 27, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Trinity Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

MUSICAL CELEBRATION FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Battle Hymn of the Republic *Simple Gifts*

America

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

God Bless the USA (Jessica Eaton & Lisa Hart, duet)

PRELUDE *'Til Suns Shall Rise and Set No More*

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. 1 (vv. 1, 4) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit, the Ancient of Days.

Glory to God forever. Amen.

Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit. The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit. That gift is available this day. May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine.

Glory to God forever. Amen.

†HYMN NO. 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved, and free.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 443 *There Is a Redeemer*

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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND GIVEN THEIR LIVES

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Blades of Grass and Pure White Stone*

arr. Keith Christopher

Blades of grass and pure white stones, shelter those who've come and gone, just below the emerald sod are those who've reached the arms of God. Buried here, with dignity, endless rows for all to see. Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones. Blades of grass and pure white stones, cover those who left their homes, to rest in fields, here side by side, lest we forget their sacrifice. Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8.....Pew Bible p. 553

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:12-17.....Pew Bible p. 919

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN “Send Me!”

†HYMN NO. 2..... *Come, Thou Almighty King*

SERMON “The Ancient of Days”

David R. Witt, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Reflections on the Trinity*..... Thygeron

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

(adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.07)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

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. 8..... *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 601..... *Amen*

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 27-June 3, 2018

TODAY

- 8:15 am: Patriotic Concert—Sanctuary
8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents A Meal Offering,
Fair Trade Coffee
9:45 am: G.I.F.T. Event—Fellowship Hall
10:45 am: Patriotic Concert—Sanctuary
11:00 am: Morning Worship, New Members Received,
Four Cents A Meal Offering, Fair Trade Coffee
12:30 pm: Motel Ministry—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Memorial Day—Church Office Closed
Tuesday: LOGOS Leadership Team—5:30 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—12:00 Noon
Choir Covered-Dish—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Thursday: LifeTouch Photos—12:00-9:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Friday: LifeTouch Photos—1:30-9:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Saturday: LifeTouch Photos—9:30 am-5:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

Newcomers' Class—9:00 am—Memorial Sanctuary

Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY

Psalm 119:112, 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Sermon: "Thy Word"

Communion, CCAP Offering

"Blessing of the Pets"—12:00 Noon-2:00 pm

ALL-CHURCH PHOTO

Plan to be in the Sanctuary by 9:45 am on 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!

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 20TH:

8:30 am—108

Faith Formation—39

11:00 am—88

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Stephen Bertfield
The Joyner Family
Santa Fe High School
Katie Heavner Baker
Nadine DeHaven
David Burger
Victoria DiSalvio
Doreen Ricard
Jim Royston
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
Deidre Kriewald
Jeanette Baccary
Amy Elson
Chris Lucas
Dave Browning
Chuck Phares
Ed Duetsch
Naomi Thomas
Barbara Denmon
Laurie Carver
Teresa Ritenour
Charlie Harmon
Scott Lloyd
Mitch Orndorff
Ethiopia/Kes Amena

Keith McMurdo
Gary Saunders
Kevin Ganoie
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.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Karen & Ray Jones in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on May 31st.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30 am

Acolyte: Jack Youngblood
Beadle: Graham Taylor
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
Liturgist: Edwina Johansen
Ushers: Virginia Barr, Mike Butler, Jacob Gaul,
John Winn, Jack Youngblood
Worship Assistant: Natalie Youngblood

11:00 am

Acolyte: Wyatt Deck
Beadle: Keith McMurdo
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Hospitality: Debi Hodgson, Marj Praml
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin
Live Stream: Susan Ritter
Nametags: Kail Barbe
Ushers: Curt Budny, Joseph Burton, Wyatt Deck,
Bill Hopeck, Will Schwantes, Joe Seaton
Worship Assistant: Ethan Schwantes

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome into the membership of Opequon Church:

Larry & Melissa McGunnigle upon Reaffirmation of Faith. Please greet Larry, Melissa, Logan, Aubrey & Sierra in the Gathering Area after worship.

G.I.F.T. Event TODAY- 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall

“GENERATIONS in FAITH Together”- We will all be joining together today during the morning educational hour at 9:45 am. With our theme “PLAY BALL”, we will enjoy peanuts and soft pretzels in the midst of our ‘ball park’ atmosphere. We will be considering the rules of the game along with ‘rules for our life’. ALL AGES are invited to this holiday weekend event. Wear your favorite ball cap and get ready for some serious fun this morning!

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.
- ❖ **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 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF ORIENTATION

All those who are helping in VBS are asked to attend the Staff Orientation on **Monday, June 4 at 7:00 pm**. 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.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Photo Directory: Photo sessions begin next week, but 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE FOR ONE MORE WEEK!

The weather outside has been delightful, giving us a taste of summer! 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. (Please note the modified starting time- ½ 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, along with adults of any age! 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!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There are still a few 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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Next Sunday, June 3, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OPEQUON'S OLDER ADULTS OF 2018

A total of **31** nominations were received, nominating nine different people for this honor. The session reviewed and discussed all the nominations at their meeting on May 15, unanimously selecting **Dick and Gail Crane** for this special recognition. Dick and Gail bring joy and cheerfulness wherever they are present. It is awe inspiring. They are very friendly to everyone, being very interested in meeting new people who come through the doors of the church. What devotion they have to their faith, the church, and their family. Dick and Gail are like Opequon grandparents to many young people having served as Table Parents in our LOGOS Ministry. They have both served on the Evangelism Team together which Dick continued to do while Gail moved to sharing her gifts through the Fellowship Team. They have shown love for OPC since the first time they came here. Dick and Gail are some of the kindest and most considerate people at Opequon. They make everyone feel welcome and are like ambassadors for OPC. Both Dick and Gail serve as members of the Older Adult Ministry team, with Dick having served as President of the Older Adult Fellowship group known as Happy Days. They demonstrate excellent Christian principles through their way of life. They 'do for others' even when they are not feeling well themselves. They give of themselves until it hurts! Gail spreads love in the community through her knitting, making baby sweaters and hats for those who need them. They participate in MOO (men's group) and GLOW (women's group) and are beloved members of a FEAST group. Dick and Gail contribute wholeheartedly to the spirit of OPC and are like "Mr. & Mrs. Welcome Wagon" of OPC. Many have been blessed by their joyful smiles and hospitality. It is with great joy and pride that we honor Dick and Gail as our 2018 Older Adults of Opequon!

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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Q: What kind of flower should never be put in a vase?

A: A cauliflower! 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.



BEYOND THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS JUNE 1ST & 2ND

Beyond Thoughts and Prayers is a new program offering from Massanetta Springs designed to educate and empower participants to faithfully engage some of the most relevant issues facing church and society. Our first gathering will be focused on: "Faithful responses to Gun Violence in America." Friday Evening will provide a screening and facilitated conversation of the documentary film "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence." Saturday will include a Keynote Address from Christian Iosso, Coordinator of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy for the PCUSA. Two workshop sessions will also be offered. For more information, or to register, visit the webpage at www.massanettasprings.org/conference/btp/.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to the "three-in-one, one-in-three" nature of our Everlasting God?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What did I learn today as a child of God about being sent?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What have you "overheard" about the Trinity?

What is the dilemma we face about the Trinity?

What does it mean that God is the "Ancient of Days?"

How do we worship, serve, and go out in the name, for the sake, and through the power of God the Father, Son, and Spirit?

What did I learn today from Isaiah 6 and Romans 8?