

# 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.
- **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 17, 2018

10:00 am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE ..... *Two Settings of "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand*

arr. Heavner

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. 319 (v. 1-Men, v. 2. Women, v. 3-All)

..... *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God is here, the One who was present at the beginning, who created all that is, including us!

**God called forth a people, a covenant community of faith, blest to be a blessing, including us!**

God is ever present throughout the generations to nurture us in faith, hope, and love, to sustain us in all times and places, to send us out for service and ministry.

**God is here! Come sing, O Church, in joy! Rise up and praise the Lord of all generations!**

†HYMN NO. 305 ..... *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you have called us to be your church, the body of Christ. We confess that we enjoy the privilege but not the**

**responsibility. We often run from commitment and turn away from opportunities that would enable our spiritual growth and build up the community of faith. We take offense when we are challenged to give priority to Christ and His Church, when we are called to be stewards of all God’s gifts. We take for granted wholesome relationships as we are loved, nurtured, and cared for by sisters and brothers in faith. Forgive us, merciful God, and let your Spirit blow through this building and through our ranks like a cleansing, life-giving breeze, so that we may leave this sanctuary today more worthy to be called your church, the body of Christ. Hear our prayer, for His sake.**

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 192 (v. 1) ..... *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

†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**

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *From A Distance*

Jennie Wright

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 .....Pew Bible p. 187

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 .....Pew Bible p. 933

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN .....“You’re on the Team!”

†HYMN NO. 301 ..... *Let Us Build a House*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Church's One Foundation*.....arr. Broughton

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

LITANY FOR CELEBRATING OUR JOURNEY AS A CHURCH

All-Knowing and All-Powerful God, our church stands poised for renewed commitment to your calling, vision, and mission, even as we commemorate 286 years of service in the name of the living Christ. Be with us as we seek to prayerfully equip disciples of all generations to be Christ’s hands, heart, feet, and mind in the world.

**For those who have come before us, for those who are joined with us, and for those who will one day be a part of us, we offer prayer and praise.**

Use our efforts to strengthen the witness of disciples, in our community and around the world. Bring us together through worship, fellowship, education, and ministry so that we might better understand your claim on our lives.

**For those who have come before us, for those who are joined with us, and for those who will one day be a part of us, we offer prayer and praise.**

Enable us to rediscover our roots by studying the biblical story and exploring more deeply our Reformed tradition. Help us to rejoice in those moments when we have been true to the gospel, and confess those times when we have missed the mark.

**For those who have come before us, for those who are joined with us, and for those who will one day be a part of us, we offer prayer and praise.**

Offer us opportunities to engage others whose faith expressions might differ from our own. Increase our sensitivities in thought, word and deed, and help us to explore ways in which we can lift up the richness of our diversity in the midst of our unity.

**For those who have come before us, for those who are joined with us, and for those who will one day be a part of us, we offer prayer and praise.**

Help us to discover, during the course of the coming year, concrete ways in which we can deepen our commitment, individually and as a community to the church of Jesus Christ.

**For those who have come before us, for those who are joined with us, and for those who will one day be a part of us, we offer prayer and praise.**

Empower us with the vision to see the world through new eyes, so that we might come to understand how our rapidly changing circumstances can provide new challenges in responsible stewardship and faithful service.

**For those who have come before us, for those who are joined with us, and for those who will one day be a part of us, we offer prayer and praise.**

Grant us a church family that is rich in its expressions of faithfulness, diverse in its heritage, united in its commitment to Jesus Christ, and expectant in its view of the future.

**This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who has bound us together through four centuries as a Presbyterian community of faith. Amen.**

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. 306 ..... *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
- †CHARGE AND BLESSING
- †CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 748..... *Go with Us, Lord*
- †POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

June 17-24, 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—Happy Father's Day/Men of Opequon

### **THIS WEEK**

- Monday: Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary  
Tuesday: LOGOS Leadership—5:00 pm—Bageant Room  
GLOW—6:00 pm—Pizza Amore  
Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline  
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
Winchester Newcomers—10:30 am—Fellowship Hall  
TVOR Lunch Bunch—12:00 Noon  
Camp Paddy Run Committee—12:00 Noon  
JWHS Reunion Group—2:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Young Adults—Ice Cream @ Cooters—8:00 pm  
Thursday: Scout Court of Honor—7:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary  
Friday: Life Goes On—1:00 pm—Firefly Café  
Saturday: Sewing Bee—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Adult Faith Formation—8:45 am—Bageant Room  
**Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY**  
Psalm 145, 1 John 4:7-21  
Sermon: "God: So Good, Always Good, All the Time?"  
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
Renewal of Vows—11:30 am  
Motel Ministry—11:30 am  
Community Garden Picnic—6:30 pm—Hedgebrook Farm

**ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>—184**

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Sandy Haney  
Family of Roy McDonald  
Dulcie Reed  
Alex Hamman  
Carol Treece  
Jack Treece  
Erica Doyle  
General Assembly, PCUSA,  
St. Louis, MO  
Cherie Wubbe  
Georgeanne Gurko  
Widespread Flooding  
Annemarie Matthews  
Edgar Tufts  
Christine Butler  
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  
Patricia Ferguson  
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  
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**

Acolyte: Adelyn Astorino  
Beadle: Leslie Tucker  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Hospitality: Robert & Ina Walker  
Liturgist: Susan Cooper  
Live Stream: Lance Astorino  
Nametags: Martha Fulton  
Ushers: Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino, Terry Hartman,  
Heide Mohler, Marj Praml, Sydney Sardelis

## **IN HONOR OF ALL FATHERS AND MEN OF OPEQUON**

The Christian Education Ministry Team honors all men and fathers of Opequon Church with the gift of new CORN HOLE BOARDS! We are so appreciative of Bill Hopeck sharing his great talent to handcraft these boards himself and help us make this gift possible. THANK YOU BILL! You can find the Corn Hole Board set out in the Gathering Area so you may admire or even try your skill.

The Christian Education Team is sure this gift will offer many years of good times as all ages share in recreation and friendly competition. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

## **A FATHER'S IMAGE**

As seen by a...

4-year-old: My daddy can do anything!

7-year-old: My dad knows a lot...a whole lot!

10-year-old: My dad doesn't know quite everything.

14-year-old: My dad, he is hopelessly old-fashioned.

21-year-old: Oh, that man-he is out-of-date!

25-year-old: He knows a little bit about it.

35-year-old: Before we decide, we'll get Dad's thoughts too.

50-year-old: What would Dad have thought?

60-year-old: My dad literally knew everything!

65-year-old: I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

## **GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN**

GLOW is Opequon's multi-aged women's group that meets monthly to build friendships and enjoy heart-warming activities together. The time together brings much laughter and we leave feeling lighter! GLOW meets this Tuesday, with the women enjoying an evening of "Dinner Out" at 6:00 pm at Pizza Amore, 212 Grocery Avenue in Winchester. All ages of women are invited. The time spent at GLOW is sure to lift your spirits and put a smile on your face. Treat yourself to dinner out on this evening.

## **YOUNG ADULT NEWS (Ages 18-35)**

This Wednesday, June 20-Let's go get some ice cream! We are meeting at Cooters on 29 Weems Lane in Winchester at 8:00 pm. Enjoy the weather and fellowship with others while getting a dip of your favorite flavor.

## **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: **This 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](mailto:shadeathome@aol.com) or 540-550-7150 (call or text)  
Susan Ritter, [smatthiasritter@gmail.com](mailto:smatthiasritter@gmail.com) or 540-869-5231

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12**

Next Sunday, June 24—Motel Ministry around 11:30 am. This is one of our local outreach opportunities that you and your family can join 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.



## **PHOTO DIRECTORY MAKE-UP DAY**

We have scheduled a make-up day on Tuesday, June 26, from 2:00-9:00 pm. You may sign up directly at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycmekdz8/> or contact Debbie Bender or Becky Proctor.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS TREMENDOUS!**

The story of JONAH was the foundation for our 2018 VBS this past Sunday through Thursday nights. It has been enlightening to consider all the emotions Jonah felt as he went through a traumatic chain of events which transformed him, enabling him to start fresh right where he was! What a week we were blessed with at OPC. You may find the following tidbits about the week enlightening yourself-

- ❖ We welcomed 61 young people for VBS week, 18 of those being youth age (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade).
- ❖ 21 adults participated in an Adult VBS class.
- ❖ 38% of the children/youth participants were from outside our own church families. We made many NEW FRIENDS!
- ❖ A staff of 60 (adults and high school youth) facilitated all the 'doings' of the week!
- ❖ Well over 100 people were served dinner each night of VBS.
- ❖ Generous donations from the congregation of cookies, ice cream, watermelon, grapes, peaches, brownies, bugles, Ranch dip, pretzel rods, sponges, buckets, car wash soap, car rags, paper towel rolls, milk jugs helped to make the week very successful! THANK YOU!
- ❖ A closing celebration program was held on Thursday night in the Memorial Sanctuary which included the GREAT JONAH SKIT, a Slide Show and Snip-its from our VBS youth.
- ❖ We are blessed by this kick-off week to summer and all the life that filled Opequon Presbyterian Church during VBS!

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Q. What do vegetables wish for, more than anything else in the whole world?  
A: Peas on earth! We've had our first harvest - more than 10 pounds of radishes and broccoli! We are in the process of staking tomato cages and are thankful for the rain God is showering on the garden. Speaking of being thankful, we are grateful to the **James Wood High School GIS students** who put in a good amount of time freshening up our old garden markers and also making new ones. Additional thanks to **Bill Hopeck** for making the garden stakes for us to paint. If you'd like to help with watering and pulling weeds just sign up on the church website. For questions, just reach out to Robin or Dana ... Robin Owens at robinowensopcsession@gmail.com or Dana Kelly at davedana@comcast.net.

**After 25 Years We Still Do**

Sabra & Les Veach

Invite Us to Join Them as They Renew Their Vows

Sunday, June 24 11:30 am Sanctuary

**WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS**

**Notes on Today's Music**

How did today's music witness to the shared witness and service of the church?

**Notes on Today's Children's Sermon**

What does it mean that we are a part of "the church team?"

**Notes on Today's Prayers**

**Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon**

What are some commonly held strengths of teams?

What can we learn from teams that may be applied to Christianity?

How is Opequon church like/not like a team?

How do we live into being the body of Christ?

How are we called forth and sent out as the people of God?

What did I learn today from Joshua 24 and 1 Corinthians 12?