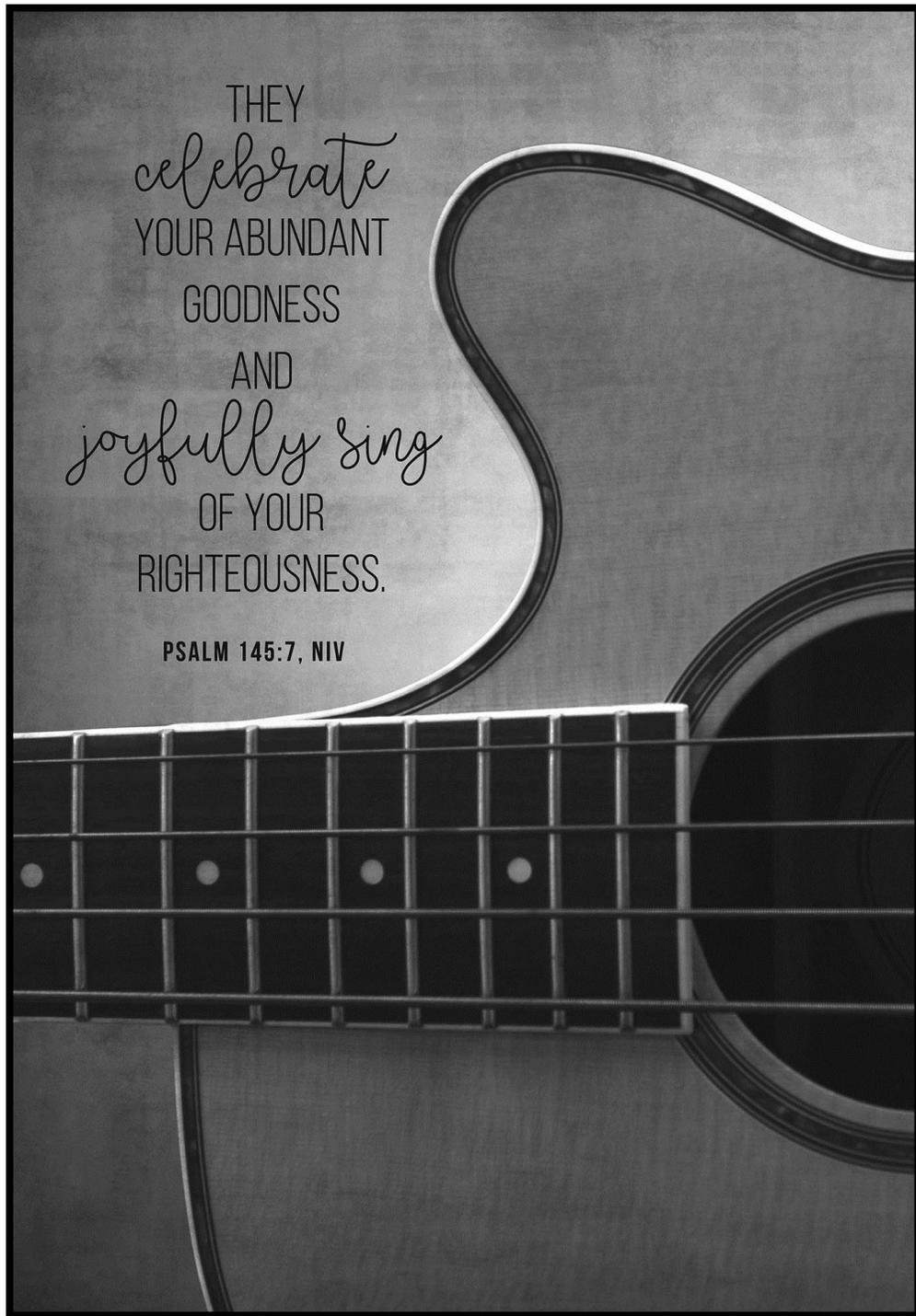


# Opequon Presbyterian Church



**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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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 24, 2018

10:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE ..... *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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. 658 (vv. 1, 2, 3) ..... *God Is So Good*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

**We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.**

We come to you, O God, to ask for help, restoration, strength and renewal.

**We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad spirits.**

Let us worship God.

†HYMN NO. 12 ..... *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our failure to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of goodness and love, your generous and ever-seeking heart is often a contrast to our chosen way. We are prone to make snap judgments, form quick opinions, rely on flimsy prejudices. We look for differences that let us exclude, rather than differences that give us cause for celebrating each other's uniqueness. We see the outside appearances and miss the deep glance into the heart. We are all too ready for others to be**

**judged and put in their own place. We are reluctant to face our own faults, to look into our own hearts. God of goodness and love, help us hear again that your desire is for the salvation of all—even ourselves and those we exclude. As you parent us, hold us with tender care, and let your mercy wash over us.**

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows that we know better. His mercy is wide, the store of his forgiveness inexhaustible. By the gift of his only Son, God has shown us to what length he will truly go to redeem us. By his Spirit working in and among us, God offers to all who truly seek it, a new and abundant life.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 659 ..... *Know That God Is Good*

†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..... *How Beautiful*  
Jenna Arnoldy

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 145 .....Pew Bible p. 506

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21 .....Pew Bible p. 991

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... “God Is So Good”

†HYMN NO. 42 ..... *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

SERMON ..... “God: So Good, Always Good, All the Time?”  
David R. Witt, Pastor

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Fantasia on "Morning Song".....arr. Lani Smith*  
(from *Kentucky Harmony*)

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

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **His love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

For the good world: for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;  
for seen and unseen splendors; **Thank you, God.**

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for  
common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

**Thank you, God.**

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for  
exchanges of good humor and encouragement; **Thank you, God.**

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual  
forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

**Thank you, God.**

For family; for living together and eating together; for family  
amusements and family pleasures; **Thank you, God.**

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and  
their startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

**Thank you, God.**

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-  
out values; their search for freedom; their solemn vows;

**Thank you, God.**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience;  
for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

**Thank you, God.**

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases;  
for preserving us in temptation and danger; **Thank you, God.**

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for preserving us in temptation and danger; **Thank you, God.**

For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by word and sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

**We praise you, God.**

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

**We praise you, God.**

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

**We thank and praise you, God our Father, for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **His love is everlasting.**

**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. 366 ..... *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
- †CHARGE AND BLESSING
- †CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 748..... *Go with Us, Lord*
- †POSTLUDE

**SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

- Acolyte: Cole Owens
- Beadle: Leslie Tucker
- Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
- Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone
- Liturgist: Susan Cooper
- Live Stream: Bud Proctor
- Nametags: Kail Barbe
- Ushers: Mike Butler, Samuel Edwards, Cole Owens, JT Reid, Sherry Schryver, John Winn

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

June 24-July 1, 2018

### **TODAY**

Blood Pressure Checks

- 8:45 am: Adult Faith Formation Study of "David"—Bageant Room
- 10:00 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
- 11:30 am: Renewal of Vows—Sanctuary
- 11:30 am: Motel Ministry—Dell Room
- 6:30 pm: Community Garden Picnic—Hedgebrook Farm

### **THIS WEEK**

- Monday: FEAST Group—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall  
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room  
Photo Directory Make-Up—2:00-8:30 pm—Fellowship Hall  
Highland Food Pantry—6:30 pm  
WATTS Operations Team—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Staff Luncheon—11:30 am  
Mission Event Planning Group—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Friday: Wedding Rehearsal—5:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Saturday: Cooper/Witt Wedding—1:00 pm—Sanctuary

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Adult Faith Formation—8:45 am—Bageant Room
- Patriotic Concert—9:40 am—Sanctuary
- Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY**
- Leviticus 24:1-9, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- Sermon: "Sunday Dinner"
- CCAP, Communion

**ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>—157**

### **THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Nancy Kerns in memory of Karl & Nealie Copp and in honor of Suzi & Mike White's 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Edgar Tufts  
Katie Heavner Baker  
Verity Morrow Family  
Sandy Haney  
Dulcie Reed  
Alex Hamman  
Carol Treece  
Jack Treece  
Erica Doyle  
Cherie Wubbe  
Georgeanne Gurko  
Widespread Flooding  
Annemarie Matthews  
Christine Butler  
Nancy Rodgers  
Nancy Wilson  
Stephen Bertfield  
Santa Fe High School  
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.

**After 25 Years We Still Do**  
Sabra & Les Veach  
Invite Us to Join Them as They Renew Their Vows  
Today      11:30 am      Sanctuary

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

TODAY at 11:30 am-Motel Ministry—Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in this local outreach. Help the Youth pack supplies into the van and head down the road to two neighboring motels. We will greet those we meet while offering basic necessities needed so they can get through the month. This is an opportunity to spread hospitality and love to those in our community. Meet in the Dell Room prior to leaving.

## PHOTO DIRECTORY MAKE-UP DAY

We have scheduled a make-up day this Tuesday, June 26, from 2:00-8:30 pm. You may sign up directly at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycmekdz8/> or contact Debbie Bender or Becky Proctor.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

Q. Which vegetable can't you take on a boat? A: Leeks.



## THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS

The July-August-September issue of These Days Devotionals is available in the Gathering Area. Some of the featured entries include "Grace in Unexpected Situations," "The Dog Days of Summer," "Reasons for Worship," and "Choosing Goodness." Feel free to pick up a copy while the supply lasts.

## **UNDERSTANDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Let's think about the Charge and Benediction that occurs within a worship service.

- The Charge and Benediction functions as the close of the worship service, BUT the beginning of our life lived as Christians in the world as we leave the church building.
- In the Charge and Benediction, God says to us, "GO". We are to take the Word of God out of the church.
- Often the Charge directly relates to the message shared within the worship service. It usually consists of a few short sentences that emphasizes what we are called to do and how we are guided to live.
- The benediction is the blessing that follows the charge and assures us that God goes with us on our way as we seek to live our faith in the world.

## **THE LOGOS TEAM WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU**

As the LOGOS Leadership Team works to plan, prepare, and staff all areas for our upcoming LOGOS year, we want to be sure not to miss anyone who strongly feels lead to serve in this midweek ministry with children and youth. Take a moment to glance over the yellow insert in your bulletin and consider if you can give time, talent, and love to this vibrant ministry. Drop your completed form in the offering plate and the LOGOS Team will be sure to follow up with you.

## INDEPENDANCE DAY CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Join us for a mini-patriotic concert

9:40 am

Sanctuary

*God of Our Fathers*

*Fanfare*

*God and the Nation*

*A Trilogy*

*This Is My Country* (Piano Improvisation)

*The Star-Spangled Banner* (Violin Solo)

*God Bless America* (Vocal Duet)

*Stars and Stripes Forever* (Finale)

William Heavner -----Organ/Piano

Will Schwantes ----- Violin

Susan Homan & Jennie Wright ----- Vocal

## **WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS**

### **Notes on Today's Music**

How did today's music witness to the goodness and love of God?

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

What does it mean that "God is good?"

### **Notes on Today's Prayers**

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

For what goodness do we thank God?

For what wrongs do we cry out to God?

How do we imagine God?

What are the attributes of God?

What is the basis of saying "God is good all the time; all the time God is good"?

Is there a difference between saying "God is love" and "love is God"?

What did I learn today from Psalm 145 and 1 John 4?