

# Opequon Presbyterian Church



**F**OR I AM CONVINCED  
THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR  
LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR  
DEMONS, NEITHER THE  
PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE,  
NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER  
HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR  
ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL  
CREATION, WILL BE ABLE  
TO SEPARATE US FROM THE  
LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN  
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

R O M A N S 8 : 3 8 - 3 9

**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  
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Rebekah Witt-----Director of Youth & Young Adults



# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 15, 2018

10:00 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* .....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. 1 (vs. 1,4) ..... *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this sacred space to worship God

**Whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.**

Come into this holy place to worship God

**Whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear; whose judgments are true.**

Come with holy fear — to be given life and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

**Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to your will, O God, Our Rock and our Redeemer**

†HYMN NO. 625 ..... *How Great Thou Art*  
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Holy Spirit, who moves subtly and secretly in our midst, catch us off guard and illumine the rough edges and the hidden corners of our prideful and anxious lives. Release us from the**

**illusion that we can have life all neatly boxed and wrapped. Release us from faulty notions and early learned preconceptions of who you are and how you work in this world. Free us to experience your holy Presence, wide-eyed and eager like a newborn child. Kindle in us new visions for faithful living, through Christ our Lord, in whom we find our rest and courage.**

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, we have this assurance of God's forgiveness: While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Because we have received God's mercy, we are called to grant mercy to those who have wronged us through this same Jesus Christ.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 630 ..... *Fairest Lord Jesus*

†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..... *Concerto No. 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement*  
Susan Homan-pianist, Will Schwantes-violinist

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 90:1-6, 16-17 .....Pew Bible p. 476

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:35-39 .....Pew Bible p. 919

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

†HYMN NO. 687 ..... *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

SERMON ..... "Karma Can Be Tough"  
Tracie Martin, Parish Associate

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* ..... Arr. Hayes

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 35) ..... The Apostles' Creed

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. 804 ..... *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

**Go with us, Lord and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in your spirit, strong and true,  
Our lives may be our gift to you**

†POSTLUDE

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Acolyte: Lucas Brown

Beadle: Mike Butler

Bell Ringer: AnnMarie Kelly

Hospitality: Debra Hodgson, Annemarie Matthews

Liturgist: Cora Helen Anderson

Live Stream: Susan Ritter

Nametags: Martha Fulton

Ushers: Jason & Lucas Brown, Noah Cutrona, Wyatt Estep,  
Andy Homan, Bill Robinson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

July 15-22, 2018

### **TODAY**

8:45 am: Adult Faith Formation Study of "David"—Bageant Room  
10:00 am: Morning Worship

### **THIS WEEK**

Monday &  
Tuesday: Gathering Area Floors Waxed—Entry Prohibited  
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary  
WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline  
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Adult Faith Formation—8:45 am—Bageant Room  
**Morning Worship—10:00 am ONLY**  
Psalm 127, Acts 4:32-35  
Sermon: "We are the Church Together"  
Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
"Lemonade in the Lobby"—11:15 am  
Motel Ministry—11:30 am—Dell Room

### **WITTS ON VACATION**

David and Carole Witt are on vacation through Friday, July 20. If a pastoral concern arises during this time, please contact Tracie Martin, Parish Associate, at 304-856-2080, 315-247-5969 or [tracie-martin@juno.com](mailto:tracie-martin@juno.com).

**ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>: 129**

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Kelley Henry  
Gary Strickler  
Laurie Carver  
Kathy Kreitzer & Kim Dooley  
Nathan Windle  
Those Experiencing  
Homelessness in Our  
Community  
Edgar Tufts  
Katie Heavner Baker  
Matthew Lill  
Al Owens  
Nancy Carr  
Madison Poteat  
Marlene Groff  
Deana Shade  
Families/Communities Along the  
Border

Brad Treece  
Tom & Vicki Harmon  
Sandy Haney  
Dulcie Reed  
Alex Hamman  
Carol Treece  
Erica Doyle  
Cherie Wubbe  
Georgeanne Gurko  
Christine Butler  
Nancy Rodgers  
Nancy Wilson  
Stephen Bergfield  
Nadine DeHaven  
Patricia Ferguson  
Brenda Kerr  
Cam Keyser  
Jeanette Baccary

Barbara Denmon  
Teresa Ritenour  
Ethiopia/Kes Amena  
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.

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTIONS GRADES 6-12:**

Bible Study for youth entering middle school, current youth, and those who just graduated high school will be at 7:00 pm on the following dates: Tuesday, July 17; Tuesday, July 24; & Tuesday, July 31. Come to Rebekah Witt's house at 203 Halifax Court in Stephens City to study the book of Malachi. Snacks and drinks will be provided. If you can't come every week, then just come when you can! Let Rebekah know if you need a ride or have questions.

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Q: What did the banana in the sun say to the other banana in the sun?

A: I don't know about you but I'm starting to peel! The garden is growing by leaps and bounds. We sent just over 28 pounds of vegetables to the food pantry this week which included Swiss chard, cucumbers, onions, zucchini, yellow squash, cauliflower and cabbage. We are in need of more volunteers for watering the gardens. Can you lend a hand for a few days? You can easily sign up by going to the church website - just look for the Sign-Up Genius icon located on the front page of the site. For more information, contact one of the gardeners on call: Robin Owens - robinowensopcsession@gmail.com, Joelle Cafaro - drhealer@gmail.com, or Dana Kelly - davedana@comcast.net.

## **GET YOUR HANDS WET AND MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY—JULY 29**

COME HELP OUT at A CAR WASH IN THE COMMUNITY! The Christian Education team is committed to sponsoring an intergenerational service/mission-oriented project on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in months when it occurs. The first of these type events was held back on April 29 when the parking lot curbing got repainted by a team of 20 helpers! It just so happens that our next intergenerational service project will occur 3 months after the first one- **July 29 is the day!** We have all the supplies ready! YOU are the most important part of this- we need all ages to come help as we offer to wash cars for anyone in the community for FREE. **This event is taking place at FIRST BANK on Valley Avenue, 12:00-2:00 pm.** All helpers—please wear 'close-toed' shoes. Let's share Opequon's spirit of caring out beyond our church building and make others smile.

## **FLAT, FULL-SIZED SHEETS NEEDED**

24 full-sized, flat sheets are needed for the WATTS 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Colored sheets are fine. They will be used for tablecloths. If you have some to donate, you can leave them in the Dell Room by August 1<sup>st</sup>.



## **JUST FOR FUN- "Sizzling Summer Statistics"**

- ❖ The DOG DAYS OF SUMMER refers to the hot sunny days of July & August, named after the dog star Sirius in Canis Major. The ancient Greeks blamed Sirius for the hot temperatures, drought, and discomfort during summer.
- ❖ Watermelon is often known as the tastiest vegetable for summer.
- ❖ Summer is by far the busiest time at the movie theaters. Some of the most famous summer blockbusters have been Jaws, Star Wars, Jurassic Park and The Dark Knight.
- ❖ In the summer heat, the iron in the Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.
- ❖ Popsicles, a summer treat for kids, were accidentally invented by an 11-year-old boy in San Francisco in 1905. He left a glass of soda sitting outside and by the next morning the soda had frozen. He began selling them at an amusement park in New Jersey. Cherry is the #1 flavor in the US.
- ❖ Scripture verses for SUMMER-
  - Psalm 74:17 "It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth- you made both the summer and winter."
  - Proverbs 30:25 "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer."
  - Proverbs 10:5 "A sensible person gathers the crops when they are ready in summer. It is a disgrace to sleep through the time of harvest."

### **SAVE THESE AUGUST DATES:**

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – Hymn Sing/Ice Cream Social – 6:30/7:30 pm  
Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – Church Picnic/Open Door Worship Outdoors –  
5:30/6:30 pm

# Lemonade in the Lobby!



**Sunday, July 22**  
following the  
**Church Service**

**Stop by for some fresh lemonade and  
homemade lemon desserts.**



## **WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS**

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

How did today's music witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our worship today?

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

What did I learn today as a child of God?

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

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

Am I a carrier of the Good News? Do I communicate my faith appropriately?

When has your focus on being right caused an inability to perceive or to share God's work in your life or in the lives of others?

How can you help others see God's desire for people to respect each other, even when they disagree?

How can we work with those whose beliefs seem very contrary to our own? What did I learn today from Psalm 90 and Romans 8?