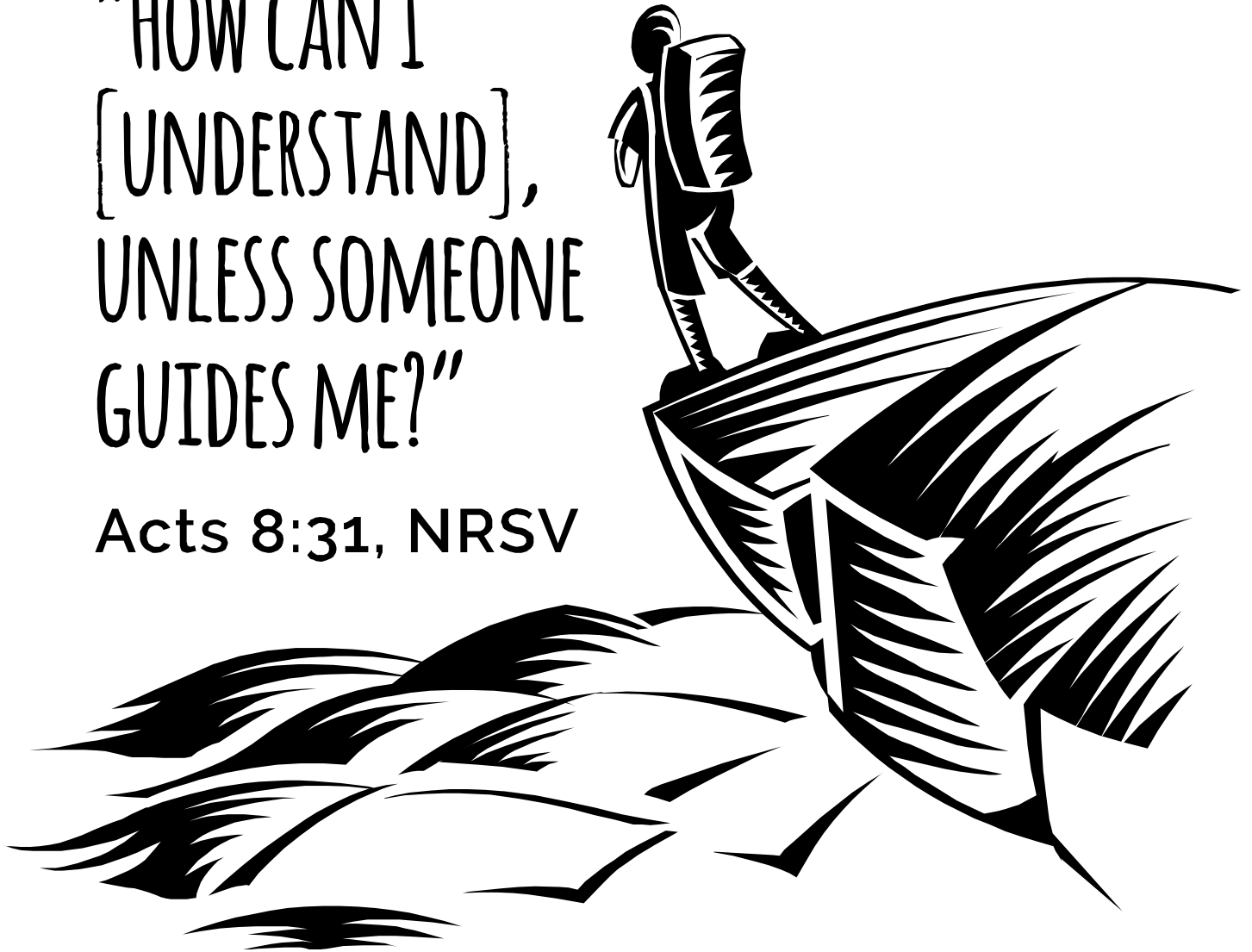


Opequon Presbyterian Church

"HOW CAN I
[UNDERSTAND],
UNLESS SOMEONE
GUIDES ME?"

Acts 8:31, NRSV



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
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

August 12, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Open Now the Gates of Beauty..... Arr. Lani Smith

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. 399 *God Welcomes All*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Ephesians 4:1-16, written by the Rev. Thom Shuman,
Pastor of Opequon Church, 1987-1990)

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

**We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we
gather as God's people.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

**We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling, that life of peace grounded in the
Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we share the grace offered
to us.**

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

**We gather as God's family, beneath the Cross, at the Table, the
Font, and the pulpit, waiting to be fed by the Bread of Life.**

†HYMN NO. 401 *Here in This Place*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has given us a sign showing that love is stronger than death. The
sign of the cross points to our exodus from bondage to sin. Let us
repent, seek God's forgiveness, and enter into new life in Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven. God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the One who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son. Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

†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..... *Be Not Afraid*

Susan Homan, Jennie Wright (8:30 & 11:00), and Will Schwantes (11:00)

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you; be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

RE-AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (11:00)..... William Thomas Baker

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6:6-8Pew Bible p. 757

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 8:26-39Pew Bible p. 892

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN "Speaking the Truth in Love"

†HYMN NO. 301 *Let Us Build a House*

SERMON "Why Don't Pastors Speak Up?"

Pastors Tracie Martin & David Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Walk Worthy of the Lord* Lani Smith

†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. 749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

†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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 12-19, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Session Meeting with Newcomers—Fellowship Hall
9:45 am: Adult Faith Formation—Bageant Room
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Re-Affirmation of Baptism
5:30 pm: Church Picnic—"Southern Country Social"
—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
6:30 pm: Open Door Worship—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

THIS WEEK

- Monday: MOO (Men of Opequon)—6:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Tuesday: GLOW (God-Loving Opequon Women)—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Visioning Team—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Adult Faith Formation—9:45 am—Bageant Room
Confirmation Orientation—9:45 am—Fellowship Hall
Psalm 73, Matthew 7:13-27
Sermon: "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Carole Metheny in loving memory of husband, Jerry, and son, Kyle.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Katie Heavner Baker
Nathan Windle
Community Schools
Russ Cutshall
Flooding
Mary Anne Guard
Amber Burney
Mason Carbaugh Family
John Lown
Stella Strickler & Family
Tim Thompson Family
Melissa Madagan
Wildfires
Martha Ryder
Ed Duetsch
Nadine DeHaven
Kes Mersha
Molly
Branson Tragedy

Steve Vanderpoel
Andy Nagy
Robbie Richman
Kelley Henry
Laurie Carver
Kathy Kreitzer & Kim Dooley
Those Experiencing
Homelessness in Our
Community
Edgar Tufts
Deana Shade
Families/Communities Along the
Border
Brad Treece
Tom & Vicki Harmon
Sandy Haney
Carol Treece
Cherie Wubbe
Brenda Kerr

Cam Keyser
Jeanette Baccary
Barbara Denmon
Teresa Ritenour
Ethiopia/Kes Amena
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
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.

WELCOME INTO BAPTIZED MEMBERSHIP

William Thomas Baker, son of Shawn and Mary Katherine "Katie" Heavner Baker was baptized on Wednesday, August 8, at the Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle. Pat and Bill Heavner are proud grandparents. We will re-affirm Will's baptism this morning and invite the congregation to participate by making promises to Will and his family. May God's Spirit rest upon Will and may we, as his church family, nurture and love him.

MEN OF OPEQUON

The Men of Opequon (MOO) will have a picnic tomorrow, August 13th, at the Pitcock Memorial Shelter at 6:00 pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, along with the rolls, potato chips, condiments, and drinks. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Let's enjoy summer-time fun together. All men are invited!



SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Leslie Tucker
 Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
 Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye
 Liturgist: Melissa Youngblood
 Ushers: Alyce Callahan, Al Owens, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Beadle: Keith McMurdo
 Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Betty Ganoë
 Liturgist: Bill Deck
 Nametags: Dulcie Reed
 Ushers: Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Bill Robinson

GLOW (WOMEN'S GROUP) EVENT TUESDAY NIGHT

"God-Loving Opequon Women," known as GLOW, is the monthly women's group gathering. GLOW meets this Tuesday evening, 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room. We will be putting together TEACHER TREAT BASKETS filled with assorted items. These will be given to teachers at Orchard View Elementary School to show them support as they begin a new year with classrooms full of children. Items needed for this project include: colorful, fun pens, cube tissue boxes, cute sticky notes/notepads, small hand sanitizers, coffee packs, printer paper, and chocolates. All women are invited to contribute items from the list. You can drop items in the "ABC-1-2-3" basket in the Gathering Area or bring them with you on Tuesday evening. Come join OPC women on this Tuesday, August 14, 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room as we create the Teacher Treat Baskets for each grade level. Goodies are served, and devotions are shared.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Q: Why is it not wise to tell secrets in a cornfield? A: There are too many ears! Dealing with garden bugs is always a struggle but we are pleased with our harvest thus far. We delivered **101.25 pounds of vegetables** to the food pantry this week...we hit triple digits! The folks at the pantry were thrilled to receive such a bounty. 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: Joelle Cafaro, drhealer@gmail.com, Dana Kelly, davedana@comcast.net, or Robin Owens, robinowensopcsession@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION NEXT SUNDAY

We are about to embark on a brand-new confirmation year full of relevant lessons and interactive experiences as our new confirmands dig into exploring what FAITH is all about. Don't worry, there are lots of pleasant moments included! Youth in 8th grade or beyond and their families are invited to the Confirmation Orientation next Sunday at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Details, highlights, and plenty of information about the upcoming year will be shared.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

Youth Council will meet next Sunday, August 19 at 12:30 pm in the Bageant Room. It's time to get going with fresh ideas and hopefully, a new purpose for Youth Council. New and current members are asked to attend. We have a lot to discuss, so please make every effort to attend. Lunch and drinks will be provided!

EGG CARTONS NEEDED

Highland Food Pantry needs empty egg cartons. We invite you to bring in your empties and place them in the crate in the Gathering Area.

THE LATEST ABOUT LOGOS-LOGOS TURNS 21 THIS YEAR!

Plans are in the making for a brand-new LOGOS year set to begin on September 19. We are refreshing our whole LOGOS youth component for middle and high school young people and we have great new themes for the children to enjoy from week to week. Early bird registration has begun at a discount rate. Stop by the LOGOS registration table in the Gathering Area to register or inquire about LOGOS. WE are very excited about our 21st year of LOGOS at OPEQUON!

LOGOS LEADERS ATTENDED TRAINING EVENT

Four of our LOGOS staff members attended an all-day LOGOS training event at St. John's Church of Christ in Clear Spring, Maryland yesterday. They were immersed in experiencing the "why's and how's" of LOGOS, and learning ways to help sustain this vital ministry. Sincere thanks to Sara Birchenough, Linda & Steve Bock and Carole Witt for giving the whole day to attend this training, bringing back a continued sense of enthusiasm for our LOGOS ministry. All that they learned will benefit LOGOS here at OPC.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH: 8:30—70 11:00—97

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

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to God's call to reach out with the love of Christ?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

How do the words that come out of our mouth make a difference?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What are some different ways we speak up and act as change agents through ministry?

What do these scriptures exhort us to speak about and do?

What does inclusion look like? Where else does the Bible talk about inclusion? How does Jesus embrace inclusion?

If protest plants a seed, what comes next for Christians today?

What kind of house/home are we seeking to build at/through Opequon Church?

What did I learn today from Micah 6 and Acts 8?