

# 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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David R. Witt-----	Pastor
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Patty Klinefelter-----	Faith Community Nurse
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Robert Sydnor-----	Sexton
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Rebekah Witt-----	Director of Youth & Young Adults



# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 5, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE            *I Come with Joy* (Tune: *Dove of Peace*).....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. 408 ..... *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Powerful Spirit, strong Wind—

**Stirring us to life, breathing hope into despair.**

Warming Spirit, dancing Flame—

**Kindling joy and filling us with courage.**

Comforting Spirit, gentle Breeze—

**Refreshing our weariness, softening our grief.**

Wise Spirit, blazing Fire—

**Illuminating our path, casting out the darkness.**

Holy Spirit, soaring Dove—

**Calling us to worship, filling us with love.**

†HYMN NO. 285 ..... *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*  
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of Truth, coming from the depths of God, you know all too well what lurks deep within us. We confess that we have**

**not loved one another as the Lord has loved us. We are quick to find fault and spread gossip, sins that undermine the whole fellowship of believers. We have left the strangers and seekers among us feeling like outsiders. We have not done our best to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ beyond these walls.**

**Forgive our casual disregard of the Lord's command to go and make disciples. We have not used faithfully the powerful gifts of love and service you gave the church at Pentecost. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may carry Christ's love and mercy from this place into our weekday community and to the world beyond. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever.**

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 288 ..... *Spirit of the Living God*

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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

"BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS" FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *We've Got the Spirit in Our Hearts*

Bill Heavner, Susan Homan, Jennie Wright, David Witt

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 143 .....Pew Bible p. 505

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 14:15-31 .....Pew Bible p. 877

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... "Filled with the Spirit"  
†HYMN NO. 286 ..... *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
  
SERMON ..... "The Presence and Essence of God"  
David Witt, Pastor

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS  
OFFERTORY            *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* ..... Arr. Hayes  
†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
  Invitation  
  The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
  The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)  
  Words of Institution  
  Sharing the Bread & Cup  
  Communion Music     *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*..... Arr. Paxton  
                                 *Sonata on "Ebenezer"*..... Arr. Thygerson  
  Communion Prayer

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 280 ..... *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*  
†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 5-12, 2018

### **TODAY**

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, CCAP, Communion,  
Blessing of the Backpacks
- 9:45 am: Adult Faith Formation—Bageant Room
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, CCAP, Communion,  
Blessing of the Backpacks
- 6:30 pm: Hymn Sing—Memorial Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm: Ice Cream Social—Front Lawn

### **THIS WEEK**

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 pm—Bageant Room  
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Sherando Administrative Commission—3:00 pm  
—Bageant Room  
Ministry Team Night—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
- Session Meeting with Newcomers—9:45 am—Fellowship Hall
- Adult Faith Formation—9:45 am—Bageant Room
- Acts 8:26-39
- Sermon: "Why Don't Pastors Speak Up?"
- Church Picnic
- "Southern Country Social"—5:30 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
- Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

### **TIME CHANGE**

- Summer Adult Education Hour
- Faith Formation Class for Adults meets in the Bageant Room  
at 9:45 am beginning today. All are welcome!!!!

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

John Lown  
Stella Strickler & Family  
Tim Thompson Family  
Melissa Madagan  
Wildfires  
Martha Ryder  
Ed Duetsch  
Nadine DeHaven  
Kes Mersha  
Molly  
Branson Tragedy  
Steve Vanderpoel  
Nathan Windle  
Andy Nagy  
Robbie Richman  
Kelley Henry  
Laurie Carver  
Kathy Kreitzer & Kim Dooley

Those Experiencing  
Homelessness in Our  
Community  
Edgar Tufts  
Katie Heavner Baker  
Matthew Lill  
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  
Patricia Ferguson

Brenda Kerr  
Cam Keyser  
Jeanette Baccary  
Barbara Denmon  
Teresa Ritenour  
Ethiopia/Kes Amena  
Larissa Strosnider  
Megan McCord  
Gretchen Cooley  
Mark Wilhelm  
Frances Pitcock  
Phyllis Dille  
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.

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

8:30

Beadle: Leslie Tucker  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender  
Liturgist: Melissa Youngblood  
Ushers: Vicki Schmidt Crites, Graham Taylor, Jim Tucker

11:00

Beadle: Bill Hopeck  
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Kirsta Weber  
Liturgist: Bill Deck  
Live Stream: Susan Witt  
Nametags: Pat deButts  
Ushers: Jim Butler, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

## **COMMUNION TODAY**

The bread and wine/juice are passed in the pews, and the congregation holds the elements until everyone has been served, partaking together. The wine is dark red; the grape juice is white. Gluten-free bread is available; please see an usher for assistance. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Barbara Agreggaard, George Schember, Julie Pearce, Jim Youngblood, Vicki Schmidt Crites, and Graham Taylor. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Ann Denison, Bill Robinson, JoEllen Delamatta, Bill Hopeck, Carole Witt, and Lance Astorino.

## **OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM**

Meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room for discussion and planning. Refreshments are served along with a healthy dose of laughter. The meeting is open to any older adults.

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

We will begin the bean harvest within a few weeks and we'll be looking for bean picking volunteers. Right now, though, the tomatoes are starting to ripen, and we are pleased with the size of the zucchini we are getting this year. We've also started growing buckwheat! The poblano peppers and tomatillos are looking beautiful and are a huge hit at the food pantry. We delivered just over 60 pounds of vegetables to them this week. 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.

## **HAPPY DAYS GATHERING**

Happy Days, the older adult fellowship gathering, is this Wednesday, August 8, beginning at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish item to add to all the others for a delicious potluck lunch. Following lunch together, guest speaker, Heather Foreman from KIDS CLUB will share a presentation on the work of this organization in our community. If you are able to bring a couple



rolls of toilet paper that benefits our Motel Ministry, that will be greatly appreciated.

### **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 begins today 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 21<sup>st</sup> year of LOGOS at OPEQUON!

### **LOGOS LEADERS TO ATTEND TRAINING EVENT**

Four of our LOGOS Staff members will be attending an all-day LOGOS training in Clear Spring, Maryland on Saturday. Be in prayer for Sara Birchenough, Linda & Steve Bock and Carole Witt as they experience, learn, understand and discover further the depths of how and why LOGOS ministry is so vital.

### **PREPARING FOR GLOW (WOMEN'S GROUP) EVENT**

This month Opequon women will be combining efforts to create **"TEACHER TREAT BASKETS"** filled with assorted items that 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.** Come join OPC women on **Tuesday, August 14, 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room** as we create the Teacher Treat Baskets for each grade level.

### **"SNACK CRUNCH TOUR" ADULT TRIP**

Sign up to join the tour of Snyder-Lance and Utz Quality Foods Factories in Hanover, PA. This adult trip is scheduled for October 16, leaving at 8:00 am. The cost of the trip is \$12 a person plus lunch. Enjoy free samples as we munch our way through the factories. Taste and see that the Lord is good! Sign-up sheet is available in the Kiosk.

**ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>: 146**



In Remembrance

**Charles Garland “Gary” Strickler**

**July 19, 1941-July 30, 2018**

*“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”*

John 11:25-26

It Is Well with My Soul  
Horatio G. Spafford, 1873      VILLEGEORGE, 1876      P. Bliss, 1876

**I sing, you sing,  
we all sing...**

1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,      When sor - rows like  
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come,      Let this blest as -  
3. My sin - O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought,      My sin - not in  
4. And, Lord, haste the day when faith shall be sight,      The clouds be rolled

**then ice cream!**

**DATE: TODAY**

**TIME: 6:30 p.m.**

**PLACE: Memorial Sanctuary  
and Front Lawn**



soul,      my soul,      It is well,      it is well      with my soul.

# **WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS**

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

How did today's music witness to the Holy Spirit as the presence and essence of God?

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

What do we learn from a balloon?

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

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

What words and descriptive terms have changed over time?

What did Holy Ghost mean in earlier years?

When you hear someone say, "Holy Ghost," what do you imagine? When you hear someone say, "Holy Spirit," what do you imagine?

How do the scriptures reveal the Holy Ghost as the presence and essence of God?

How does Jesus breathe new life into his followers by the Holy Spirit?

What did I learn today from Psalm 143 and John 14?