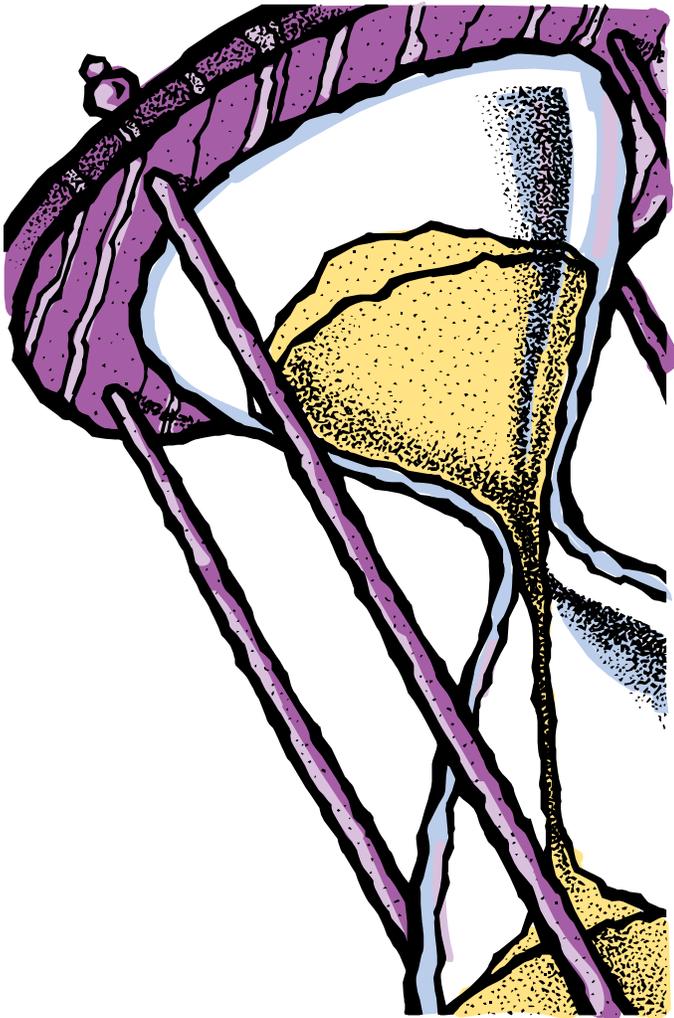


Opequon Presbyterian Church



BE QUICK
TO LISTEN,
SLOW
TO SPEAK,
SLOW TO
ANGER.

James 1:19, 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
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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

September 2, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Come, Labor On*

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. 710 *We Lift Our Voices*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Every generous act is a gift from God

Who gives birth to us through the word.

†HYMN NO. 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to our loving God who calls us close through our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.

You lavish your love upon us, yet we let our hearts grow cold.

You wash us clean in your mercy, yet we defile ourselves in sin.

Forgive us, God of grace. Give us a new religion: to love you

and one another even as you have loved us; through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has liberated us from dead tradition and made us new by the living Word, filling our hearts with God’s love.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 39 (v. 3) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

†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

ANTHEM *Make Us One with You*

Mary McDonald

In Your house, we worship You, in Your house, we voice our praise. As we gather in Your house, to You our songs we raise! In Your house, we honor You, in Your house, our voices raise. As we gather in Your house, we lift our songs of praise! Purify our hearts, O Lord, cleanse and make us new. Purify our hearts, O Lord, make us one with You. Bless us as we come to You, fill us with Your love and grace. May we seek to do Your will and follow You in faith. We have come this far by faith, though we’ve suffered through great trials. You’ve refined us by Your grace with inexpressible, glorious, wonderful, excellent joy! Purify our hearts, O Lord, make us one with You.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

EPISTLE LESSON: James 1:17-27Pew Bible p. 980

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23Pew Bible p. 818

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN “What’s in Your Toolbox?”

†HYMN NO. 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SERMON “When Your Faith Goes to Work”

Pastor David Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)Kennedy & Ethan Jordan

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

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 432 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468..... *Lord, Be Glorified*
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In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Through our work, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

Through our work, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Heidi & Keith McMurdo in joyful thanksgiving for their 52nd wedding anniversary on September 5th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 2-9, 2018

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, CCAP, Communion
9:45 am: Adult Faith Formation—Bageant Room
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Baptisms, CCAP, Communion

THIS WEEK

Monday: Labor Day—Church Office Closed
Tuesday: Technology & Communication Team—5:15 pm
—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Devotions—6:45 pm
Team Meetings—7:00 pm
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Sherando Administrative Commission—2:00 pm
—Bageant Room
LOGOS Staff Gathering/Dinner—5:30 pm—Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice—6:30 pm—Sanctuary
Saturday: Soup & Sandwich Supper—5:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Open Door Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Hour—9:45 am
Matthew 5:13-16
Sermon: "Let Your Light Shine!"
Baja Sunday, Reception of New Members (11:00)
LOGOS Parents'/Family Gathering—12:15 pm—Fellowship Hall
Presbyterian Youth Connection Kick-off—5:00-7:00 pm—Pitcock Shelter

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH:

8:30—81 Faith Formation Hour—55 11:00—121

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lori Stonebraker Family
McKenna Williams
Jack Feeney
Ashley Tiberio
Cora Helen Anderson
John McCain Family
Jay Horne
Baker/Heavner Family
Steve Brown
Helen Orndorff Family
Patricia Ferguson
Jil & Gregory DeHaven
Nathan Windle
Russ Cutshall
Mary Anne Guard
Amber Burney
John Lown
Melissa Madagan
Wildfires

Martha Ryder
Ed Duetsch
Nadine DeHaven
Kes Mersha
Molly
Steve Vanderpoel
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
Jeanette Baccary
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, Edison Gomez, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Michael White, and their families.

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: Paula McNichols, George Schember, Becky Proctor, Mac McNichols, Melissa Young blood, Graham Taylor and Vicki Schmidt Crites. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Jean Steidel, Kyle Homan, Robyn Ervin, Ray Jones, Ann & Ron Smith and Kirsta Weber.

THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We welcome Kennedy Layne Jordan and Ethan Charles Jordan into the baptized membership of Opequon this morning. Kennedy and Ethan are the children of Katie and Brad Jordan. May God's Spirit rest upon Kennedy and Ethan and may we, as their church family, nurture and love them.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Ushers: Vicki Schmidt Crites, Graham Taylor, Jim Tucker

11:00

Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Kirsta Weber
Livestream: Joel Witt
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Jim Butler, Annemarie Matthews, Travis Morgan

LOGOS STAFF GATHERING: "A TURNING 21 PARTY"

All LOGOS staff are invited to the "TURNING 21 Party" on **Wednesday, September 5, 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is included (Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Texas Sheet Cake), along with dinner time fun and a JEOPARDY GAME to review essential information about our LOGOS ministry. You will be well nourished through all the holy hilarity that occurs! We appreciate LOGOS staff attending this event. Childcare is available with reservations. Please contact the church office (662-1843). Let's all get ready for the "Come Along with Jesus" LOGOS year!

Join Us for
Open Door Worship
This Saturday, September 8th 6:30 pm
in the Memorial Sanctuary
Preceded by a Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30 pm

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

The Youth Kickoff is Sunday, September 9, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Pitcock Shelter! Bring your entire family and some friends as we celebrate a new year of Youth Group activities. BBQ, buns, and drinks will be provided. Come with a side dish to share. There will be a corn hole tournament, along with other yard games to play. Questions? Let Rebekah Witt know!

LOGOS PARENTS' GATHERING

A warm invitation is extended to all families who are newer at Opequon Church, new to LOGOS, and unsure just what LOGOS is all about; come to a LOGOS Parent's gathering next Sunday, 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Families are invited to come together. Lunch will be provided: Sub sandwiches, fruit, chips, and cookies. We will be sharing what LOGOS is all about and help you consider how LOGOS can benefit your family. Trying LOGOS for a brief time is an available option. We look forward to sharing our great passion for this great ministry and hope you will come along with us.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS AGES 18-35

Are you intimidated by the Bible? Do you have questions about scripture? Looking for a group to study the Bible with? If any of these questions have been on your mind, then think about coming to Young Adult Bible Study this fall! The plan is to meet on the second and third Wednesday of each month from 6:10-6:55 pm with dinner provided. Please let Rebekah Witt know if you are interested in joining or have any questions.

RALLY DAY GRAFFITI SHEET RESULTS

While sharing the theme "Breakfast with Jesus" last Sunday morning during the grand Rally Day celebration, participants had the opportunity to express some of their own ideas on graffiti pages. There were three questions they responded to. Just for fun, here are the questions and winning responses:

- ❖ What are some of OPC people's favorite breakfast foods? Top item is EGGS, followed by CEREAL, then BACON, OATMEAL, and YOGURT. 'Fish' was not mentioned, that's what Jesus fixed for his disciples one morning by the lake.
- ❖ Who do people eat breakfast with? "With a family member" was the top response! "Alone" was the second highest response. Many others eat with "PETS" and some eat 'with crews' as they watch "Good Morning America".
- ❖ Where do people typically eat breakfast? Sensible response: Most Eat in the Kitchen! Other places mentioned were on the couch, at work, with classmates, on the porch, in the car, or at a restaurant! 'On the

beach' was not mentioned, that's where Jesus had breakfast with his disciples.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Q: What happens when you sit on a grape? A: It gives a little wine!
Another 43.5 pounds of produce was harvested and delivered to the food pantry this week. We are so grateful for the help of volunteers from the different groups within the community. Last week, twelve students from the gifted independent study group helped us on Thursday and then nineteen students from Shenandoah University helped us on Friday! If you'd like to get involved with this most important project contact one of the gardeners on call: Dana Kelly, davedana@comcast.net or Robin Owens, robinowensopcsession@gmail.com.

FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home)

FAITH5 is a simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your nightly routine for five to fifteen minutes a night. When done over time, FAITH5 carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, aid sleep, and promote mental, physical and spiritual health. The five steps are:

- ❖ SHARE your highs and lows
- ❖ READ a Bible verse

Week of September 3rd – 9th:

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

- ❖ TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
- ❖ PRAY for one another's highs and lows
- ❖ BLESS one another

THE LATEST ABOUT LOGOS-LOGOS TURNS 21 THIS YEAR!

Have you heard what kids say about their experience in LOGOS? Here it is, directly from the mouths of children: "It is a blast!", "Bring a friend and come try it, it is so much fun", and "LOGOS is the best, kids really miss out if they aren't part of LOGOS." A twist in the familiar nursery rhyme says it too: Hickory Dickory Dock, make time for LOGOS on your clock! We are

ready to open the doors on September 19 to our 21st year of LOGOS at OPC! Great things are in store for all young people ages K-12th grades. Registration continues, now at the regular rate until September 19. Stop by the LOGOS Registration table in the Gathering Area to register or inquire about LOGOS. A gathering for parents to learn more about LOGOS is scheduled for next Sunday, September 9 at 12:15 pm.

INTERESTED IN MAKING TRUNK & TREAT HAPPEN AT OPC?

WE are looking to form a coordinating team that will work to plan, organize and carry out the annual TRUNK & TREAT Event at OPC. This has been a very well-attended event around Halloween that is open to the community. It is safe, fun, creative, and a joyous time for all involved. Likely date for a Trunk & Treat event is Sunday, October 28. Information and guidance from past Trunk & Treat events is available to help the team. If you are interested in being part of this coordinating team, please reply to Carole Witt, dce@opequonchurch.org or 662-1843 TODAY.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
EVERYONE!**

**SAVE THIS DATE:
September 16**

**A potluck luncheon
following the 11:00 Service.**

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express our faith represented through our work?

Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What tools do you have that will help you serve?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What are some examples of saying one thing and doing another?

What does the book of James say about faith and works?

How has the book of James been a challenge to Christians down through the ages? How has it been a gift?

When do our words and deeds connect? When is there a disconnect?

Where and how are we putting our faith to work?