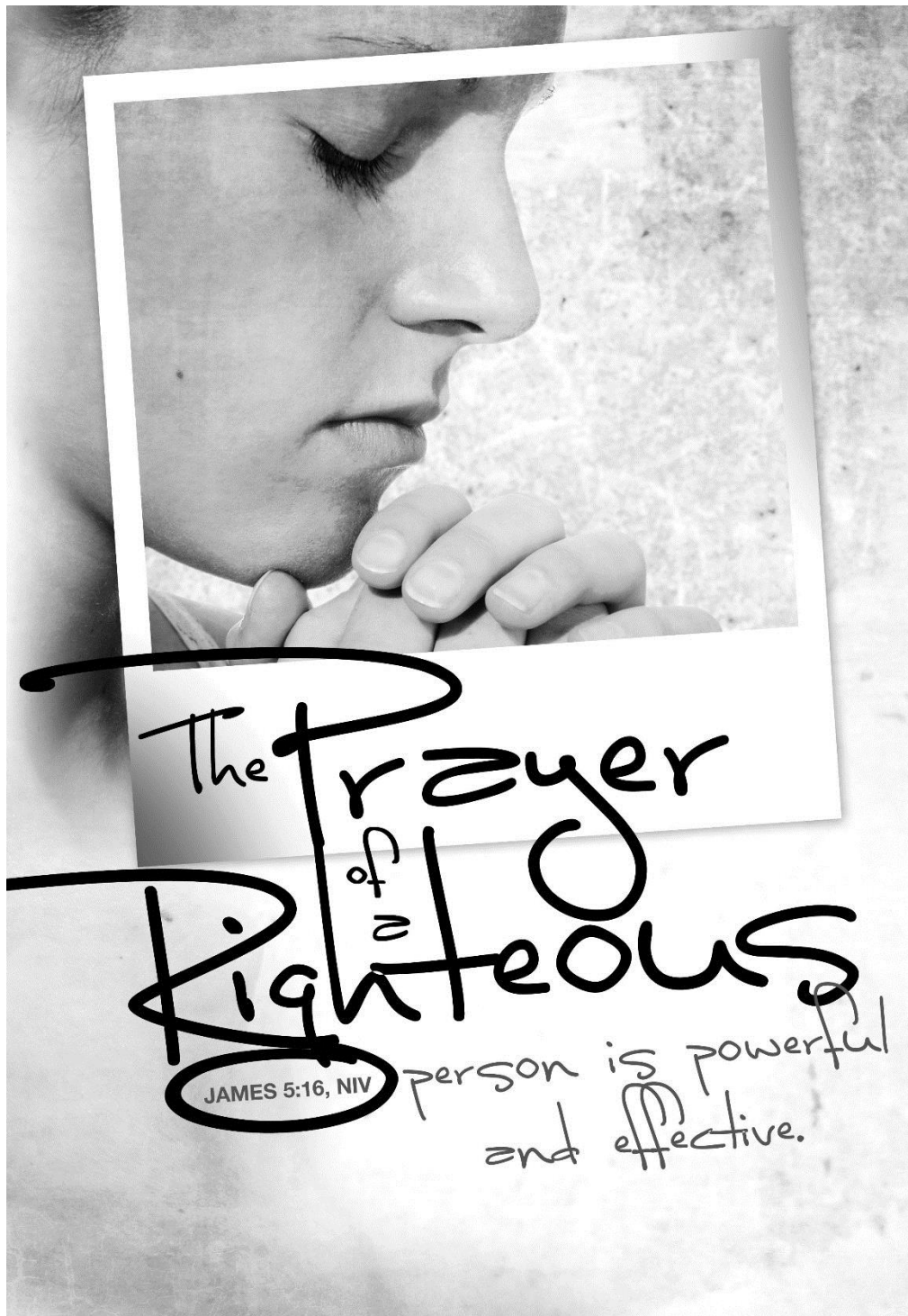


Opequon Presbyterian Church



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.
 - **Look forward to taking part in the Faith Formation Educational Hour each week.** It's held at 9:45 am each Sunday. There are classes for all ages and interests.
 - **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

September 30, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Resignation"..... Arr. Wilson

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. 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Upon this gathering of your people,

pour out your Spirit, O Lord.

Be near to us and speak to us,

and we will proclaim your glory.

†HYMN NO. 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In faithful prayer there is power to save the sick; anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore let us confess our sins and pray for one another so that we may be healed.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our strength and Savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

My brothers and my sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. Rejoice! You have been brought back by the redemption of God and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior. You can live in peace.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 792 (v. 2) *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

†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 *The Place of Prayer*

Mock & Koerts

When your cross seems heavy and the pathway steep, and the night grows dreary and the shadows deep, there's a refuge open and a haven fair; there's a blessing waiting at the place of prayer. Come one come all, both great and small: there is joy beyond compare, a balm for sorrow, a rest from care. There is perfect peace at the place of prayer. When the old time power seems forever gone, when the world forgets you as it rushes on, when you fast are sinking in such deep despair, there's a blessing waiting at the place of prayer. Jesus wants to take you in His arms of love, from the lonely valley to the heights above. You will find sweet comfort in His presence there; there's a blessing waiting at the place of prayer.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Esther 7:1-6,9-10.....Pew Bible p. 390

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: James 5:13-20.....Pew Bible p. 983

A SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN..... "Kum ba Yah"

†HYMN NO. 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

SERMON "A Balm for Sorrow, a Rest from Care"

Pastor David Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Sweet Hour of Prayer*..... Arr. Dale Wood

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

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

MINUTES FOR MISSION..... "Let's Play – Let's Give"
Adelyn & Aubrey Astorino

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. 74..... *When God Restored Our Common Life*

†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.

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Emma Abell
Beadle: Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Gail & Dick Crane
Ushers: Emma Abell, Bob Gaines, Jordan Hartman,
Lance Pearce, Emma Roark

11:00

Acolyte: Kat Kibler
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Mary Himelright
Livestream: Lance Astorino
Ushers: Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Vern Gamble,
Kat Kibler, Nick Sardelis, Chris Seaton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 30-October 7, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering,
Fair Trade Coffee
- 9:45 am: Youth Council—Youth Spot
- 9:45 am: Mission Morning —Fellowship Hall
- 10:45 am: Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering,
Fair Trade Coffee
- 1:00 pm: Camp Paddy Run Fellowship
- 4:00 pm: Communion Education Event—Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm: Youth Progressive Dinner—Dell Room

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Kerygma Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Technology & Communication—5:15 pm—Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm—Devotions
7:00 pm—Team Meetings
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: "Lion King Night"
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Scouting Ministry—7:00 pm—Assembly Room

NEXT SUNDAY—World Communion Sunday

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am

Bread Basket Buffet—9:30 am—Dell Room

Faith Formation Educational Hour (for All Ages)—9:45 am—Fellowship Hall

Genesis 2:18-24, Mark 10:2-16

Sermon: "Living in Relationship"

Communion, Peacemaking Offering

All LOGOS Worship Groups, K-5 & Youth (11:00 am)

Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm

PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dave Daggett Sr
Terry Payne
Matthew Chicklo
The James Ingram Family
(Cathy Plumb)
Denise Weidele
Rena Harris & Family
Russ Jones
Dick Crane
Jody Rosenberry Family
Orellana Family
Margaret Fratini
Nathan Windle
Kes Mersha
Judy Payne
Carol Tubbs
Reed Dailey
Vanderpoel Family
Carole Sacco
Bridgeforth/Waldruff Family
Funkhouser Family
Hurricane Florence Aftermath
Heather Leake
Lyn Warren

Samantha & Liam Pingley
Melissa (Myers), Carter, Emma
Nancy Grubb & Family
Lisa Callanan & Family
Hilda Zalonis & Family
Brenda Kain Family
Marion Schottelkorb
Mary Flagg
JoEllen Delamatta & Family
Bill Foster
Ben Weber
Susie Hurst
McKenna Williams
Jack Feeney
Ashley Tiberio
Jay Horne
Baker/Heavner Family
Patricia Ferguson
Jil & Gregory DeHaven
Russ Cutshall
Mary Anne Guard
Amber Burney
John Lown
Melissa Madagan

Martha Ryder
Ed Duetsch
Robbie Richman
Kelley Henry
Deana Shade
Brad Treece
Sandy Haney
Cherie Wubbe
Brenda Kerr
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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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.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning, are given by Cora Helen Anderson in memory of her husband, James Guthrie Anderson, Sr.

MISSION MORNING EXPERIENCES TODAY AT 9:45 AM

Come join in some unique hands-on activities alongside each other as we do some things that will benefit others, brighten lives of others, and bring glory to God. It is a MISSION MORNING, 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. There are no age limits, no restrictions, no prerequisites. Take a break from the hurry and flurry all week long and move about freely to the options of experiences available; fill food bags for Orchard View Elementary School, do some painting, assemble birthday bags for Highland Food

Pantry, make some blessing bottles, or write an encouragement card. The choices are YOURS!

GO TO CAMP PADDY RUN TODAY!

After 11:00 am worship

Soup, sandwiches, and drinks are provided.

THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY
AND PEOPLE OF ALL AGES!

Directions to Camp Paddy Run:

Camp Paddy Run is halfway between Strasburg, VA and Wardensville, WV. To reach the camp, turn south from VA-55 onto Route 604 just west of Cedar Creek (the Shenandoah County Line). This is 8.8 miles from I-81 (exit 296) and 4.9 miles from Lebanon Church. Immediately after crossing Cedar Creek, turn left on Star Tannery Road. In about a mile it turns slightly left at Brill Road and becomes Gravel Springs Road. In about another mile (at intersection with Pifer Road) it becomes Oates Road (Rt. 600). Stay to your left at the 'Y' in the road—you will see 'Star Market' just up ahead on your left. You will pass 'Star Market' on your left and go another mile to the intersection with Paddy's Run Road (Rt. 602). Turn left onto Paddy's Run Road—look for a field that has recently been cleared with horses and signs that say "Orndorff Corner." This is a gravel road—PLEASE DRIVE SLOW. It's a mile and a half to the camp from that turn. You'll go up a steep hill, the woods will clear, there is a field on your right with a fence, a sign and a gate. Turn right through the gate.

COMMUNION EDUCATION WORKSHOP TODAY

A communion education workshop for children age 4 through 5th grade is being offered **TODAY, 4:00-5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.** This time is led by David and Carole Witt and includes stories, visual illustrations, and hands-on opportunities as we explore the meaning of celebrating the Lord's Supper. Parents are invited to stay with their children and be part of this time as well. This workshop is meant to prepare our children so that they better understand this special sacrament and can enjoy it with you during worship.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ **TODAY-LET'S EAT!!!** It's the Annual Progressive Dinner where we will travel to three different church members' homes for appetizers, a main course, and dessert. We will leave the church by 4:30 pm and return around 7:30 pm. Make sure you're on time and a parent has filled out a year-long permission form.
- ❖ **October 7**-Apple Picking Adventure from 12:30-2:30pm! Meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch before we go to the Orchard. Bring \$5 to help with the cost of picking your own apples. If you want to buy anything else at Marker Miller, please bring along some extra money.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD:

8:30—79

Faith Formation—41

11:00—119

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

Meets tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in the Bageant Room. This team shares in the planning of Happy Days programs, events, trips, and outings. Trip and outings throughout the year, and other special events for older adults. The meeting is open to any older adult who would like to join in. Coffee and morning goodies are served.

THESE DAYS DAILY DEVOTIONALS

The October-December issue of "These Days" daily devotionals is available in the Gathering Area. Some of the featured topics include "A Chaplain Reflects," "God's Surprises," "Rest for the Weary Souls," and "Advent Hopes." Help yourself to one of the devotionals while the supply lasts.

BREAD BASKET BUFFET NEXT SUNDAY

The Bread Basket Buffet has become an annual tradition sponsored by the Christian Education Team on World Communion Sunday, October 7. You are invited to taste a wide variety of breads set out for you in the Dell Room after 8:30 worship. Spread some butter or jelly on it, and OH how yummy! Come help yourself to a tasty treat and learn some tidbits about 'bread' as you roam around the table checking out all the different choices!

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

The annual Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received and dedicated on World Communion Sunday, October 7th. 25% will be retained by Opequon Church for us to carry the hope of peace to places around the corner and around the globe. 75% will support programs of our denomination that work to restore communities and help make our world more just and peaceful through Christ. Give the gift of peace. Give generously.

SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 14

Directly after the 11:00 service, a presentation on “Five Wishes” will be given by Patty Klinefelter and Bill Martin. More than just an advance directive, “Five Wishes” brings a holistic approach to a living will by including an individual’s care and comfort choices. It provides a means to legally document your choices for medical treatment, comfort, and care wishes. Lunch will be provided.

LOOKING AHEAD: NEWCOMERS’ CLASS

Sunday, October 14—9:45 am

Sunday, October 21—5:00 pm

Memorial Sanctuary

All who are new to our church and community: come join us!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

PDA urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by the storm on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months. The storm's path is cutting across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the psalmist says, "a river whose streams make glad the city of God."

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain — providing spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to address the unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts, we draw hope out of the chaos.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to **DR000169**, which supports the church's response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made out to Opequon Presbyterian Church, memo: Hurricane Florence.

Act: Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources and share updates with your congregation.

Pray: For those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs emerging in the wake of the storm.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express our need for prayer?

Notes on Today's Conversation with the Children

What does "kum ba yah" mean? When and where do we most need the Lord to come?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture

How does "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" capture your thoughts and feelings?

What are some ways people suffer?

How can prayer help us through suffering?

Can suffering and cheerfulness co-exist? How can I be a friend to those who hurt?

What does it mean to be on the Lord's side?

What did I learn from Esther and James this morning?