

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

October 21, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Old 113th" Arr. Walters

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. 727 (vv. 1, 5) *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Arrogance, pretense, disharmony have no place in discipleship.

Serving God means receiving each person as though they are a beloved child.

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of partnership, community, and servanthood.

†HYMN NO. 767 *Together We Serve*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our brashness, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know

your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, your sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses. Therefore, turn away from sin and obey the ways of the Lord. Be reconciled to the community in service and love.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 647*Give Thanks*

†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 Servant Song*

David Schwoebel
Jen Curtis, clarinet

If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, they shall be the last, they shall be the last; be the servant of all. We are trav’lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we’ve seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 53:4-12Pew Bible p. 596

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 10:35-45Pew Bible p. 823

A SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN..... “Me, Choose Me”

†HYMN NO. 761 *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*

SERMON “To Serve”
Pastor David Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Knowing You* Arr. Parker

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

THE GIFT OF WORDS, IN APPRECIATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

When the pastor says: "As disciples of Christ, O God, hear our prayer for others," please sing, **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve, the neighbors we have from you.**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 203 (refrain)

..... *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve,
the neighbors we have from you.**

†POSTLUDE

THE ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY

The rosebud announces the birth of Elloise Kate Kochel, daughter of Brad and Kate Kochel. She is the granddaughter of Lisa and Glenn Kochel. May God bless and nurture Elloise and her family.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH:

8:30—77

Faith Formation—60

11:00—162

Open Door—23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 21-28, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour (For All Ages)
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
12:15 pm: Chili Cook-off Luncheon—Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm: Newcomers' Class—Bageant Room
6:45 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Kerygma Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
FEAST Group—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room
Highland Food Pantry—5:30 pm
WATTS Operations Committee—6:30 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—12:00 Noon
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: "Simon Says Night"
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Scouting Ministry—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Friday: Life Goes On—1:00 pm—Firefly Cafe

NEXT SUNDAY—Reformation Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
G.I.F.T. Event—9:45 am—Memorial Sanctuary
Hebrews 11:1-3, Mark 10:46-52
Sermon: "By Faith"
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Motel Ministry/Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm
Trunk and Treat—4:00-6:00 pm—Church Field/Picnic Shelter
Officer Training—6:00 pm—Bageant Room

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kate & Elloise Kochel
Cathy Richard
Liam Guzman
Dejohn Baylor
William & Katherine Schryver Gianino
Jaclyn Drumheller Michels
Dennis Jutze Family
Hurricane Michael Aftermath
Larry Matthews
Phyllis Dilley
Ethiopian Visitation Team
Thelma Cameron
Susan Lee
Sue Correll
Elmer Denmon
Haiti
Boyce Baptist Church
Mr. Kraemer

Judy Payne
Susan Graybill Family
Russell Brink
Lydia Delamatta
Disaster Relief Agencies
Indonesia
Terry Payne
Matthew Chicklo
Denise Weidele
Dick Crane
Orellana Family
Nathan Windle
Kes Mersha
Hurricane Florence Aftermath
Heather Leake
Lyn Warren
Marion Schottelkorb
Mary Flagg

Bill Foster
Bob Weber
Ashley Tiberio
Martha Ryder
Ed Duetsch
Robbie Richman
Deana Shade
Cherie Wubbe
Brenda Kerr
Ethiopia/Kes Amena
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
Frances Pitcock
Jane Lewis
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, Katherine Tufts, Michael White, and their families.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Zane Hawkins
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Bill Bender
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Zane Hawkins, Kennedy Jordan,
Heide Mohler, Lance Pearce

11:00

Acolyte: Nicholas Hott
Hospitality: Vicky Astorino, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: Melanie Morgan
Livestream: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Cheyenne Burton, William Callanan, Andy Homan,
Nicholas Hott, Joel Witt

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ **TONIGHT**-Outdoor Movie Night on the front lawn of Opequon! This will be from 6:45-9:00 pm because of sunset. Come enjoy watching "I Can Only Imagine" with the provided pizza, snacks, and drinks. Bring a lawn chair, if you have one.
- ❖ **October 28**-Motel Ministry! Meet in the Dell Room at 12:30 pm to gather supplies, pack the van, and head down Valley Avenue to two local motels. We will greet the residents and offer them food and other necessities. Everyone from the congregation is invited to participate, so bring your family along!

LIFE GOES ON

"Life Goes On" is a small support group of people whose lives are undergoing change as the result of the death of a spouse. We invite you to join us at Firefly Cafe at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 26. We will be making plans for our November and December meetings. Come and share in conversation and lunch. Contact Martha Fulton, with questions at 540-542-6161 or fultonmartha@gmail.com.

CONCERT FUNDRAISER

Clarke County Community Band presents "Concert for Katie" on Friday, October 26, at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian at 116 S Loudoun St in downtown Winchester. This concert is to honor Katie Heavner Baker, a member of the band for 19 years, past secretary, librarian, and band fellowship leader. Donations will be taken for William Baker's 529 College Fund. We will play songs that Katie loved.

A "GIFT" EVENT NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

GIFT stands for "Generations in Faith Together" and it truly will be a gift to have all ages together during the morning Faith Formation educational hour at 9:45am. The theme of our time together will be "A Pumpkin Party," focusing on how we are to be salt and light of the world as we look at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. There are no age requirements in being able to follow these instructions of Jesus, so this is relevant for all ages! There will be pumpkin cookies, pumpkin muffins, and pumpkin painting! Enjoy conversation, listening and laughing with others and creating your own pumpkin face. Let this be an enriching time for you. Come to the pumpkin party in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday at 9:45 am.

TRUNK AND TREAT

On Sunday, October 28 from 4:00-6:00 pm enjoy a safe, trick or treating alternative at Opequon Church. Put on your costume and join us for an afternoon of family fun! Come "Treat" among the "Trunkers" from our congregation.

Games ~ Candy ~ Concessions ~ Fun

Trunkers are needed...please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. Need an idea? Take a look at the pictures around the sign-up sheet. So much fun!

BANANA BOXES HAVE ARRIVED!

Crisp air is to autumn like a banana box is to Thanksgiving. Say what?! It's time for one of OPC's favorite mission projects—filling Thanksgiving food boxes for families in need within our community. A banana box can hold enough food for a Thanksgiving meal. There is enough room for breakfast and snack items too! The built-in handles make carrying the box very easy. This year someone has graciously donated aluminum turkey roaster pans! All you need to do is provide food items from the list included in each box; Mission Ministry will provide a turkey. Please keep in mind that no perishables can be accepted. All boxes need to be returned by **Sunday, November 11th**.

FUEL THE SCHOOL!

We have begun our 4th year of providing food bags for Orchard View Elementary School that go home in student's backpacks on the first Friday of each month. We are currently packing **60** food bags for students. This outreach project is mostly funded through our Mission Ministry budget with supplements from Faith Formation offerings. The average cost per food bag ranges from \$3.75-\$4.50. Various groups of OPC assist in packing the food bags from month to month. We have a challenge before us; LET'S FUEL the SCHOOL! You are invited to help our efforts in providing for the food bags by providing something from the following list. (Please ONLY provide items listed below as the items for the food bags are very specific) If you are able, purchase something from the list and place it in "THE SCHOOL" located in the Gathering Area. Can we fill the "SCHOOL" by the end of October?

Items needed: Individual applesauce cups/peach cups/pear cups
Individual single-serve cereal boxes/bags
100% juice boxes or pouches (MUST be 100% juice)
Pudding or Jell-O Cups
Single-serve Mac-n-Cheese bowl (microwavable)
Individual oatmeal packets (flavored ones are good)

LET'S PLAY- LET'S GIVE!

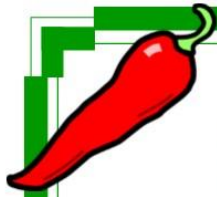
The basketball court and playground area are just about finished! Have you noticed them on the lawn outside the back-hallway windows? Imagine the hours of enjoyment by a wide range of ages that will take place in this area for years. 'Play' is an important part of growing up for our children and youth. In aiming to complete the funding for this recreation area, there is an October project called "WALL OF ENVELOPES." This is located on a wall within the Gathering Area. The way it works is simple: if you would like to contribute to this project, take an envelope still available on the wall, fill it with the designated amount of \$ and return it to the box on the table adjacent to the wall of envelopes. We thank you tremendously! You are making a difference in the lives of young people. We are over 50% of the way to our goal! Please make checks payable to OPC, notation: Playground Fund. The Wall will be up through October.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SEWING BEE FOR BAJA

On Saturday, November 3, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall to make dresses for little girls in Baja, Mexico. Men, women, youth ages 10 and up, guests who are not from OPC, or people seeking fellowship all can help to set up at 9:00-10:00 am, clean up from 2:00-3:00 pm or sew! Please bring a brown bag lunch, a snack to share, and a sewing machine if you have one. Drinks will be provided. For more information, please call, text or email Susanna Shade at 540-550-7150 or shadesathome@aol.com To help with set up or clean up, please contact Graham Taylor at 540-247-4663 or gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com.

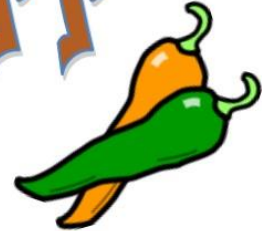
MEN ON A MISSION

Tickets are still available for Highland Food Pantry's Men on a Mission fundraiser. The event will be held Saturday, November 3, at 5:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. This fun evening for adults and children 12 and older features 30 community "chefs" who will prepare their favorite dishes for you to taste. Tickets to attend and eat are \$30 each with all proceeds going directly to the Pantry to purchase food. Expect a great night of fun, food, and fellowship! Contact Ruth or Dave Richards at ruthanddave.richards@gmail.com for tickets.



Chili Cook-Off

and Luncheon



TODAY

at 12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

One of the **HOTTEST** events of the year!

Lunch includes all the chili you can eat (with all the toppings), crackers, and beverages.

Who will the judges select for this year's best chili; who will you select for the "People's Choice Award;" and who will be OPC's Volunteer of the Year?



COME ON DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN!

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music express God's call to serve?

Notes on Today's Conversation with the Children

How are we like James and John?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Scripture

How might the question, "How can I help you?" open opportunities for service?

What are James and John seeking?

What does it mean to share in Christ's glory?

How does Jesus say we can "live into greatness?"

How can I be a better servant?

What did I learn from Isaiah 53 and Mark 10?