

Opequon Presbyterian Church



World Communion Sunday

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
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Laurie Carver-----Nursery Supervisor
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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 7, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 am

World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *In Christ There is no East or West* (Tune: McKee) Arr. Martin
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. 613 *O Lord, Our Lord*

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, on World Communion Sunday, we remember that we are one.
Today, we celebrate the Spirit of God that moves throughout God's
people across all of creation.

We are one in Christ.

Today we remember our responsibility to bear with one another in love,
to maintain unity by the bond of peace and to be the body of Christ in
the world.

We are one body.

Today we recall that, as members of one body, we can make a
difference in a world of people in need of the hope of the love of Christ.
Today, we recognize this hope that unites us and sustains us.

We are people of one hope.

Today we celebrate our unity. We set aside the small things that can
divide us and remember that, with God, we can overcome all things.
Today we are reminded that only with gentleness and humility can we
clearly see God's plan for us.

We are people of one Lord.

Today, on World Communion Sunday, we acknowledge that we belong
to God and to each other. We share the bread and the cup of Holy

Communion. And through our gifts on this special Sunday, we seek to equip disciples of all generations to be Christ's hands, heart, and feet, around the corner and around the world.

We are people of one God who is above all and through all.

Alleluia! Amen.

†HYMN NO. 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In God, we find light for our darkness, and through that light we discover the things that separate us from God. And so we ask God to prove us and try us, and to test our hearts and minds, that we may receive forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children.

Moments of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We are children of God! 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. 515 (w. 1, 2).....*I Come with Joy*

†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 *One World, One Communion*

Pepper Choplin

Virginia Barr (8:30), soloist, LOGOS Grades K-5 (11:00), Jen Curtis, flute

One world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son. One world, one communion, and there is room for ev’ryone. Wherever people gather to share the bread and cup, though we are many, we are one in love. So much we have in common, though we are miles apart, through the Holy Spirit, we are one in heart. And so we are one world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son. Wherever bread is broken and where the cup is poured, brothers and sisters, we are one in the Lord. Though many things divide us, with great diversity, through the pow’r of love we will find unity. So help us see there’s one world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son. There is room for ev’ryone.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:18-24 Pew Bible p. 2

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 10:2-16Pew Bible p. 822

A SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN..... “All Around the World”

†HYMN NO. 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

SERMON “Living in Relationship”

Pastor David Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *A Medley from the Argentine*Arr. Heavner

†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 Hymn No. 526*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*
No. 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*
Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 317*In Christ There Is No East or West*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 765..... *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us
work for peace; singing,
share our joy with all; working, for a world that's new,
faithful, when we hear Christ's call.**

†POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Reagan Tibbs
Beadle: Heide Mohler
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Debbie & Bill Bender
Liturgist: Bill Bender
Ushers: Alyce Callahan, Vicki Schmidt Crites, Leah Rogers,
Graham Taylor, Reagan & Reese Tibbs

11:00

Acolyte: Paige Clark
Beadle: Bill Robinson
Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Kirsta Weber
Liturgist: Allison Morgan
Livestream: Susan Ritter
Nametags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Jim Butler, Ashton & Paige Clark, Vern Gamble,
Annemarie Matthews, Brooke Moses

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 7-14, 2018

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, Peacemaking Offering
9:30 am: Bread Basket Buffet—Dell Room
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour (For All Ages)
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, Peacemaking Offering
12:30 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Kerygma Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR
7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Bageant Room
God-Loving Opequon Women—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: "Dance Night"
Young Adult Bible Study—6:10 pm—Youth Spot
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Read `em & Reap—7:00 pm—Home of Tom & Rhoda Tandy
Scouting Ministry—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: WATTS Lead Volunteer Training—9:00 am
—Memorial Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Newcomers' Class—9:45 am—Memorial Sanctuary
Faith Formation Educational Hour (for All Ages)—9:45 am
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31
Sermon: "The Costly Demand of Discipleship"
LOGOS Youth Worship (11:00) & LOGOS K-5 Worship Group (11:00)

“Five Wishes” Workshop & Lunch—12:15 pm—Fellowship Hall
Presbyterian Youth Connection—12:30 pm
PS 150 Rehearsal—4:00 pm
Open Door Covered-Dish Supper—5:30 pm
Worship—6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Judy Payne	Kes Mersha	Deana Shade
Pat York	Hurricane Florence Aftermath	Cherie Wubbe
Conner/McKay Family	Heather Leake	Brenda Kerr
Susan Graybill	Lyn Warren	Teresa Ritenour
Russell Brink	Marion Schottelkorb	Ethiopia/Kes Amena
Lydia Delamatta	Mary Flagg	Larissa Strosnider
Disaster Relief Agencies	Bill Foster	Megan McCord
Indonesia	Ben Weber	Gretchen Cooley
Dave Daggett Sr	Susie Hurst	Mark Wilhelm
Terry Payne	Jack Feeney	Frances Pitcock
Matthew Chicklo	Ashley Tiberio	Phyllis Dilley
The James Ingram Family (Cathy Plumb)	Jay Horne	Jane Lewis
Denise Weidele	Patricia Ferguson	Larry Matthews
Dick Crane	Russ Cutshall	Doug Koch
Orellana Family	Martha Ryder	Illubabor Bethel Synod of Church Mekane Yesus
Margaret Fratini	Ed Duetsch	
Nathan Windle	Robbie Richman	
	Kelley Henry	

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.

COMMUNION TODAY IS BY INTINCTION

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament by intinction. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread and gluten free grape juice (blue cup) are available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Please tear off a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup of grape juice, eating immediately. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Elders and deacons serving at 8:30 are: Barbara & Carroll Youngblood, Becky Proctor, Marc DesMarais, Robin Owens & Graham Taylor. Those serving at 11:00 are: Susanna Shade, Patty Klinefelter, Susan Ritter, Larry Donovan, Kirsta Weber and Keith McMurdo.

BREAD BASKET BUFFET TODAY

The Bread Basket Buffet has become an annual tradition sponsored by the Christian Education Team on World Communion Sunday. 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!

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ **October 7**-Apple Picking Adventure from 12:30-2:30 pm! 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.
- ❖ **October 14**-Youth Sunday Preparation, 12:30-2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided before we dive into planning creative worship for the first Sunday in Advent. Think about the time and talents you can offer to God!

WORLD COMMUNION A PRESBYTERIAN GIFT

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. When Donald Kerr, Dr. Kerr's son, was asked how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied, "The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread.

MEN OF OPEQUON MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

MOO will gather for dinner tomorrow at 6:00 pm at the Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road. We'll then return to the church for our monthly program at 7:00 pm, which this month will feature a representative from NW Works, who will give us insight into the mission of this wonderful community organization. We'll also begin to look at plans for next year. Come learn and grow in character and discipleship, as we build relationships with Christ and one another.

GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN MEET THIS TUESDAY

GLOW meets this Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room/Dell Room Area for a night of BUNCO! Never played before, NO WORRIES. It is simple, easy and quick to learn. If you can roll dice and like to laugh, this is a perfect game for you. Each player is invited to bring a set of clear, glass SALT & PEPPER shakers as your 'ticket to play'. These will be donated to our church kitchen for use at many events. Treat yourself to some 'time with the girls' and join us on Tuesday. Refreshments are provided!

HAPPY DAYS GATHERING

Happy Days (the older adult fellowship group) meets this Wednesday, October 10th at noon. The theme this month is "B DAY". BURGERS on BUNS will be served along with the covered dish items you bring. You are encouraged to bring items that start with B; such as broccoli, Brussel sprouts, beans, brownies, bread, and more. A list of "B food ideas" is on the Older Adult bulletin board near the elevator. Look for the BLUE piece of paper! Following our "B meal", we will enjoy a Bounty of Blessings as we Blow Bubbles, Bite Bugles, Balance Balloons, and 'Beaucoup' other things! It won't be Boring!

YOUNG ADULT NEWS AGES 18-35

October 10-Bible Study from 6:10-6:55 pm in the Youth Spot. Dinner, dessert, and drinks are provided. We are using The Wired Word and Faith Questions for discussion.

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)

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

The Garden Team has applied for the annual "Gardens for Good" grant where we have the opportunity to receive as much as \$13,000. We need your help. To qualify, we must be one of the top nine gardens that receives the most votes. We ask that everyone please vote. Then, after you vote, share the link on your social media channels and through email to encourage all your connections to vote for us as well. The voting period is from NOW until October 15th. You will need to share your email address and then confirm the vote in the subsequent email you will receive. Thank you! To vote, go here:
<https://www.naturespath.com/en-us/gardens-for-good/#opc-communty-garden>.

"FIVE WISHES" WORKSHOP NEXT SUNDAY

Directly after the 11:00 service, Patty Klinefelter and Bill Martin will lead a workshop about the "Five Wishes." It is the only advance directive that deals with spiritual matters when making end of life decisions. The "Five Wishes" are:

Wish 1: The Person I Want to Make Care Decisions for Me When I Can't

Wish 2: The Kind of Medical Treatment I Want or Don't Want

Wish 3: How Comfortable I Want to Be

Wish 4: How I Want People to Treat Me

Wish 5: What I Want My Loved Ones to Know

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH:

8:30—88

Faith Formation—58

11:00—121

LET'S PLAY- LET'S GIVE!

Adelyn and Aubrey Astorino shared heartwarming words with us last week in worship as they brought attention to our new playground and soon to be 'Basketball Court'. This whole recreation spot out on the grassy area is perfectly located for hours of enjoyment by a wide range of ages. Have you noticed the new play equipment outside the windows of the back hallway? As part of this church community, we are a big family helping one another in raising and loving children and youth. 'PLAY' is an important part of growing up. 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. Please make checks payable to OPC, notation: Playground Fund.

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!

Open Door Worship

Next Sunday, October 14, 6:30 pm

Preceded by 5:30 pm Covered-Dish Supper

Teaching, Conversation, Prayer & Communion

Offering for Highland Food Pantry