

Opequon Presbyterian Church



Baptism of the Lord Sunday Ordination & Installation 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 a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is 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----- Youth & Young Adult Director



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
January 13, 2019
8:30 & 11:00 am
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Nettleton"*

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders - please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 479 (Refrain, v. 3-Choir, Refrain) *Ho, All Who Thirst*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

†HYMN NO. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though we have sinned, we are affirmed; though we have not loved, we are loved; though we have walked away from God’s call, we are drawn back with the promise of a new opportunity, a new hope, a new chance to show the world, and ourselves, that we are free in Christ. Thanks be to God for this inexpressible redemption. In the name of the compassionate Christ, we are grateful to say...

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 71 (Refrain, v. 1, Refrain)

..... *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those next to you)

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM **Be Not Afraid**

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you; be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o’er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o’er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7..... Pew Bible p. 585

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Pew Bible p. 834

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN “What’s New?”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 177 *You Are Mine*

SERMON..... “Reclaiming Our Baptism”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

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

COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEE (8:30)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

AND DEACONS (11:00)

Litany

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Presentation of the Ruling Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions of the Ruling Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions of the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

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. 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

(During the singing of the closing hymn, you are invited to come forward to the baptismal font and touch the water as a reminder of your belonging and calling through baptism.)

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 (Refrain) *Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 13-20, 2019

TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Renewal of Baptism
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour (For All Ages)
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Renewal of Baptism,
Ordination/Installation
11:00 am: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Church Kitchen
12:30 pm: Lunch for Youth Parents—Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal

THIS WEEK

Monday: Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR
7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Tuesday: Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Winchester Newcomers—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “Seashore Night”
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: Cub Scouts Den 1—7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Faith Formation Educational Hour (For All Ages)—9:45 am
Isaiah 62:1-5, John 2:1-11
Sermon: “Steadfast Love”
Child Safety Policy Meeting—12:15 pm—Fellowship Hall
Presbyterian Youth Connection Ice Skating—12:30-5:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH:

8:30—91 Faith Formation—47 11:00—141

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

June Windle
Brad Treece
Bronwen Boswell & Family
US Government Workers
John Carlo Family
Jenni Spielman Family
Lynne Rio Family
Dwayne
Myrt Nissen
Gil Barrington
Cherry Nickens
Crystal Nicola
Joyce Braithwaite
Families of Children, Youth &
Young Adults with Special Needs
Pat York
Rick Bean
Jim Butler
Kim Levy James

Estella Noelle James
Brad Metheny
Bob Weber
Dave Weir
Taylor Eadie & Family
Barton Goodeve
Isaiah Truman
Tamatha Hasse
Tracie Martin
Charles Thomas
Emilie Roberts
Kate Beaman
Doug Sensabaugh
Jill Waryu
Reed Dailey
Tom Ganoe
Thelma Cameron
Susan Lee
Disaster Relief Agencies

Dick Crane
Nathan Windle
Kes Mersha
Heather Leake
Mary Flagg
Ed Duetsch
Cherie Wubbe
Larissa Strosnider
Megan McCord
Frances Pitcock
Jane Lewis
Doug Koch
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesus
Rachel & Michael Weller
Doug Dicks

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

Beadle: Tom Tandy
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye
Liturgist: Pat Williams
Ushers: Alyce Callahan, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Beadle: Leslie Tucker
Hospitality: Betty Ganoe & Debi Hodgson
Liturgist: Katherine Newhouse
Livestream: Susan Ritter
Nametags: Dulcie Reed
Ushers: Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Bill Robinson

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY**-Let's make a meal! 11:00 am-1:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Make a full meal for your family during the 11 o'clock service. We will serve them when worship ends. Youth Council will meet after lunch is over.
- **January 20**-Ice Skating, 12:30-5:00 pm. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make our lunches before heading off to Hagerstown. Please let Rebekah know if you're planning to attend.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR ELECTED LEADERS

We appreciate the faithful work and devoted service of the five ruling elders rotating off the session, **Bill Burslem, Marc DesMarais, Bill Hopeck, Vicki Schmidt Crites, and Graham Taylor**; deacons **Dom Cafaro, Brenda Hawkins and Bill Martin**; and trustee **Mac McNichols**. God's blessings be with you as we serve together in new endeavors!

We congratulate our newly commissioned trustee, **Mac McNichols**, our newly ordained deacons, **Alyce Callahan and Graham Taylor**; installed deacon **Bill Martin**, our newly ordained ruling elders **Carole Fox, Al Owens, Lance Pearce** and installed ruling elders, **Bill Deck and Jim Youngblood**. We pray for God's grace to abundantly abide with them. May the Lord encourage and strengthen you daily as we work together!

MEN OF OPEQUON

After a big turnout for our annual Christmas Party, the Men of Opequon (MOO) invite all men to join them for their first gathering of the New Year. We'll first meet at Chick-fil-A on Pleasant Valley Road tomorrow night at 6:00 pm. Then, we'll get back together at the church in the Bageant Room to hear from Bill Burslem about his recent trip to Ethiopia and all that is developing there as the church faithfully witnesses and grows. We'll also share devotions and look over plans for our monthly gatherings. So, **ALL MEN**: come on out and share your ideas!

STAFF SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Pastor David Witt will be away beginning Thursday, January 17 through Wednesday, January 23 for Vacation/Continuing Education. If a pastoral concern arises, please call Rev. Tracie Martin, Parish Associate, at 304-856-2080.

CHILD SAFETY POLICY INFORMATION GATHERING

We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children, youth, and adults who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. With that commitment, Opequon Church adopted and approved a Child Safety Policy in 2004. Over the years, informational gatherings have been held to educate the congregation on the background and contents of the Child Safety Policy. As we begin 2019, an intentional informational gathering to review our Child Safety Policy is scheduled for next **Sunday, January 20 at 12:15-1:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. *If you are involved in any roles where you work with children or youth at Opequon and have not yet attended one of these gatherings in the past, you are encouraged to attend this informational time.* If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Carole Witt.

“FAMILY STORIES” GIFT EVENT—Sunday, January 27, 9:45 am

Did you read the above title and wonder, “What is a GIFT Event?” GIFT stands for “Generations in Faith Together.” It is a wonderful way to have ALL AGES come together for a fun educational time on Sunday morning. GIFT events occur on the 4th Sunday of the month, each one having a unique theme that the morning events are centered upon. YES, all ages can benefit from being together. Each of us can learn from those younger and older than us. The theme on January 27 is FAMILY STORIES. We all have treasured stories of times with our families. This GIFT event provides an opportunity to share fun family stories in a comfortable environment. Find some family photos that you could bring as well. The ‘Family Stories’ GIFT event will also include some morning treats of cereal, fruit, yogurt and granola. Your presence is the most important part of GIFT Events. Come see what it is all about for yourself. We will be in the Fellowship Hall.

GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN (GLOW)

The OPC women’s group does not meet in January and February. We will be back together on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 pm for a FONDUE PARTY. More communication to come later.

2019 FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for this year is now available on the CCAP table just outside the Sanctuary doors. Sign up to provide flowers to enhance worship on a special Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one.



THE CROSS



THE PULPIT



THE DOVE



THE FISH



THE CUP



THE FIRE



THE BOOK



THE TRINITY

The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown Clerk
David Witt Moderator

Class of 2019

Mitch Orndorff Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens Mission Ministry
Susanna Shade Mission Ministry
Leslie Tucker Worship Ministry

Class of 2020

Lance Pearce Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Becky Proctor Fellowship Ministry
Susan Ritter... Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Kirsta Weber Christian Education Ministry

Class of 2021

Bill Deck Christian Education Ministry
Carole Fox Administration Ministry, Finance Team
Al Owens Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Jim Youngblood Administration Ministry, Finance Team

DEACONS

Debbie Bender Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Alyce Callahan Class of 2020, Congregational Care Ministry
Betty Chicklo Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
June Malone Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Bill Martin Class of 2020, Congregational Care Ministry
Graham Taylor Class of 2020, Congregational Care Ministry

TRUSTEES

Larry Donovan Class of 2020
George Schember Class of 2019
Mac McNichols, Chair Class of 2021

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did the music this morning express our belonging and calling through baptism?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

What's new through baptism?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What are some images and effects of water?

How is water related to God's renewing work?

At this time in your life, where and when do you need to remember God's words, "I will be with you?" (Isaiah 43:2)

How does baptism give us identity?

In these unsettling times, how does "remember your baptism" affirm both our belonging to God and our calling by God?