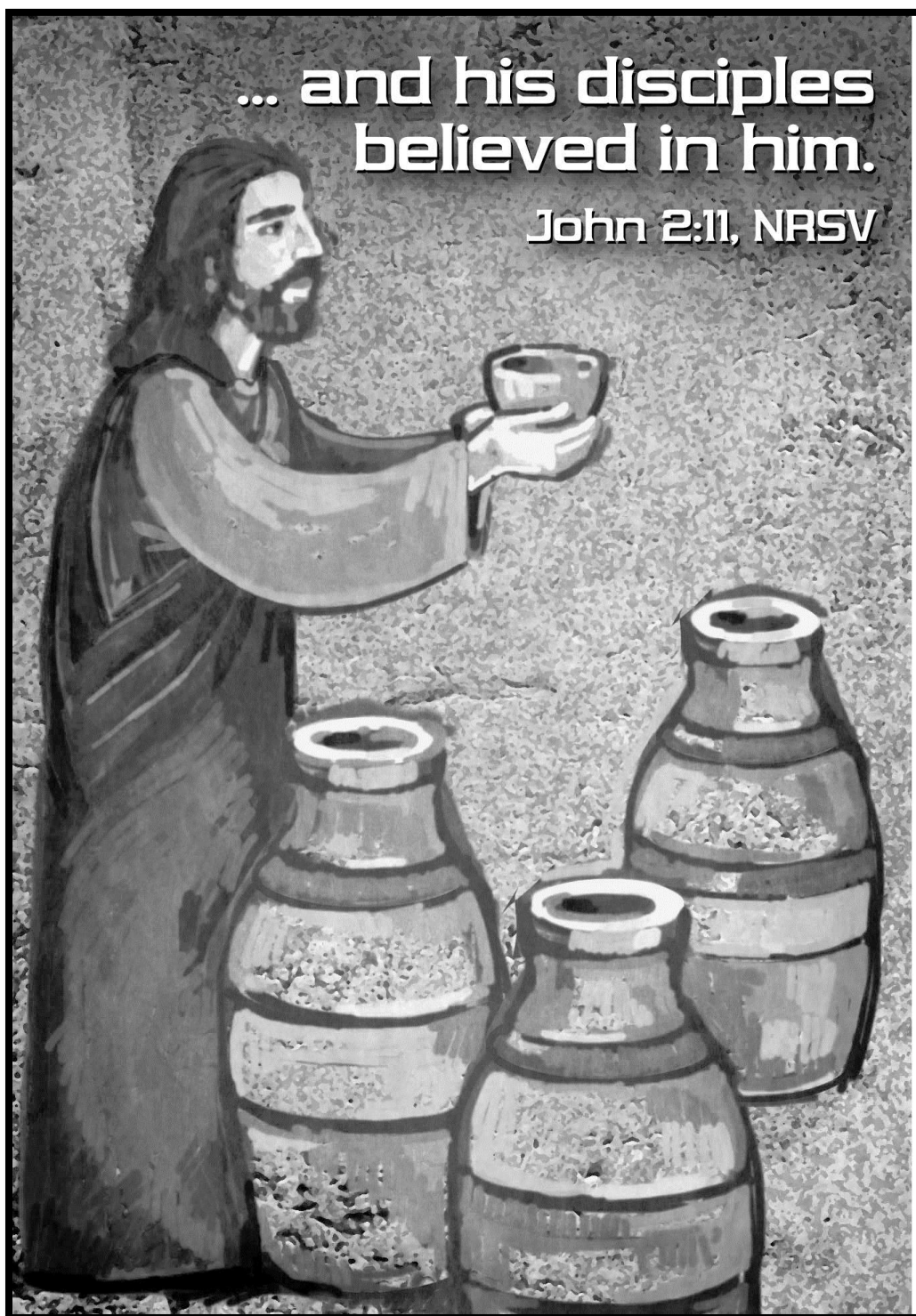


# Opequon Presbyterian Church



**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 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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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 20, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE ..... *Time for New Beginnings*

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. 300 (vv. 1, 2) ..... *We Are One in the Spirit*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**Your steadfast love finds us.**

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**Your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

**Your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

**You hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

No matter our fractured paths or our fears, O God,

**You are the foundation of our courage and strength.**

†HYMN NO. 679 ..... *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we pray, we speak to God. When we pray, God speaks to us. Let us, therefore, enter into dialogue with our Creator.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess without reservation that our dialogue with you, O God, is not really a dialogue. Too often, we ask without listening, complain without**

offering thanksgiving. We pray and cannot understand why we get no response. Awaken us to wonder: If you called, would we answer, or would you get a busy signal? Would you leave a message, and get no answer in return? We confess anew our impatience and our unwillingness to sit in the holy stillness of your presence. Forgive us, loving God. Thank you for letting us try again. In this minute of silence, let us be still and listen to what you would say to us this day.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God’s grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 634 ..... *To God Be the Glory*

† 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 ..... *Walk in the Light*

Joseph M. Martin

Walk in the light of His love. Walk in the light of His Word. Walk in the light as He is in the light, walk in the light of the Lord. Walk in the light of His love. All people walk in the light as He is in the light, walk in the light of the Lord. Do not walk in darkness searching for a way. Do not walk in darkness, turn and face the day. See the dawn is breaking, come and celebrate. Jesus is the Light of the world, He is the Light of the world. Walk in the light of the Lord.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 36:5-10 ..... Pew Bible p. 443

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 2:1-11 ..... Pew Bible p. 863

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... “Surprise! Love!”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 188 ..... *Jesus Loves Me!*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Hymn to Peace* .....Paxton

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

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

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. 546 ..... *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 48 .....*Rain Down*

Rain down; rain down; rain down Your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

†POSTLUDE

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker  
Liturgist: Pat Williams  
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler, Lance Pearce

11:00

Hospitality: Jack Drumheller, Mary Himelright  
Liturgist: Katherine Newhouse  
Livestream: Susan Witt  
Nametags: Martha Fulton  
Ushers: Andy Homan, Joel Witt

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 20-27, 2019

## TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship  
9:45 am: Faith Formation Educational Hour (For All Ages)  
11:00 am: Morning Worship  
12:15 pm: Child Safety Policy Meeting—Fellowship Hall

## THIS WEEK

Monday: Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary  
WATTS Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room  
Highland Food Pantry—5:30 pm  
Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—12:00 Noon  
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: “Giraffe Night”  
Young Adult Bible Study—6:10 pm  
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary  
Thursday: Cub Scouts Den 1—7:00 pm  
Boy Scouts Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room  
Friday: Life Goes On—1:00 pm—Firefly Café

## NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am  
G.I.F.T. Event (For All Ages)—9:45 am—Fellowship Hall  
Renewal of Baptism, 4 Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
Ordination/Installation of Officers (11:00)  
Fellowship Reception Following 11:00 am Worship—Gathering Area  
Motel Ministry—12:30 pm  
Leadership Retreat—12:30-4:30 pm (Lunch Included)

## ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>:

8:30—91      Faith Formation—47      11:00—141

JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>: Snowed Out

## 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.

## CHILD SAFETY POLICY INFORMATION GATHERING TODAY

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 **TODAY 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.

## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY**-No Youth Meeting. Ice Skating is canceled.
- **January 27**-Motel Ministry! Meet in the Dell Room at 12:30 pm. Join in this community outreach effort with your whole family as we extend hospitality to those we meet at local motels.

## **STAFF SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

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

## **“FAMILY STORIES” GIFT EVENT- NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 9:45 am**

Did you read the above title and wonder, “What is a GIFT Event?” GIFT means “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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 next Sunday, 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.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS**

For packing the food bags this morning that will go to Orchard View Elementary School this week. The food bags are then sent home with students on Friday, so they have food over the weekend. Opequon contributes 62 food bags for the first Friday of each month. This special outreach project is funded by Opequon’s Mission Ministry Team, coordinated by Carole Witt, and the monthly delivery of the food bags is done by Bill Robinson. Many thanks to all who help.

## **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.



## WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

### Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our worship today?

### Notes on Today's Children's Sermon

What did I learn about love today as a child of God?

### Notes on Today's Prayers

### Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

How are love and justice intertwined? Is one essential to the other?

Would it help us as Christians if English had more than one word for love? What words would you use?

How can you help others see God's desire for people to respect each other and to work for common good?

How can you demonstrate love to those whose beliefs seem very contrary to your own?