

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

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! 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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Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 21, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 am

The Day of Resurrection

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Fanfare & Prelude for The Day of Resurrection*

Arr. Glynn Cannon

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

CHORAL INTROIT *Hear the News This Easter Morn*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Rejoice and be glad:

Come to the garden, touch the stone that was rolled away, hear the story of our living Lord.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

†HYMN NO. 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

(Please be seated for prayer)

†RESURRECTION DAY MORNING PRAYER

God of new beginnings and new life, how magnificent this gathering place is today. The flowers that grace our worship area shout the good news of new life. Their colors and shapes dance with joy at the news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We also rise in hope and celebration at this good news. The journey has been long, and it does not end here, but rather we are given new “marching orders” to go forth with trust in

God, to witness to the good news of the resurrection and the power of God's love in Jesus Christ. We are called to be bearers of light and hope to areas in which darkness still stands. Keep us open to the needs and hearts of other people. Help us not to be so quick to condemn as we are to love. Help us to reach out in kindness and compassion whenever and wherever we can for healing and hope. Remind us again of the many ways in which you have and continue to bless our lives.

For we ask these things in the name of the Resurrected Christ. Amen.

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*
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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
*You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high. (Repeat *)

† 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 *Run with Me to the Garden*
Douglas Nolan
Paige Hughes, flute

Run with me to the garden. See the place where the Lord was laid. Run with me to the garden. Christ is risen as He said. Behold the empty grave. Rejoice! The stone is rolled away. Run with me, run with me, come and see. Come with me to the garden. Alleluias awake to life. Come with me to the garden. Come and join the morning cry. Raise high the triumph song. The Son is risen with the dawn. Come with me, come with me, come and see, Jesus is risen indeed. Great joy is sweeping over all creation. New hope is waking with the dawn. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Let hills and valleys ring. Give glory to the King of kings. Gloria, gloria alleluia! Jesus is risen indeed. Go with me from the garden. Go and tell what our God has done. Go with me from the garden. Share the news with ev'ryone. Christ opened paradise, He is the everlasting life. Run with me to the garden. Hail the day that sees Him rise. Go with me.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25 Pew Bible p. 607

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 20:1-18 Pew Bible p. 882

"Growing in God's Love" Story Bible p. 262

"The Action Bible" pp. 642-643

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN.....“The Easter Egg Story”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 241 *Woman, Weeping in the Garden*

SERMON“Draw Me Nearer to the Garden”

Pastor David R. Witt

“He Spoke”

Rebekah Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Christ the Lord is Risen Again*.....Arr. Martin

Tune: Christ Ist Erstanden (12th Century Bohemian)

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility. We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter the dance of life. We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomblike safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully. We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice kindness, encourage beauty and work for justice and freedom. We believe we are an Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music No. 248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

No. 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 240 ... *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

†POSTLUDE

COMMUNION TODAY

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Those serving communion today at 8:30 are: Lance Pearce, June Malone, Jim Youngblood, Mary Elson, Al & Robin Owens. Those serving communion today at 11:00 are: Bill Deck, Carole Fox, Jason Hathaway, Susan Ritter, Nick Sardelis, and Kirsta Weber.

THE ROSES IN THE SANCTUARY

The rosebuds announce...the birth of Luca Everett Deptula, son of Nick and Erin Bender Deptula and grandson of Debbie and Bill Bender. Luca was born Thursday, April 11 weighing 8 lbs. ...the adoption of Bryson Paul Ming Clark by Christine and Paul Clark. Bryson was born on June 1, 2014. He joins older siblings, Jordan, Madison, Ashton and Paige. May God bless and nurture Luca and Bryson and their families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21-28, 2019

TODAY

- 6:00 am: Easter Sunrise Worship—Pitcock Memorial Shelter,
Breakfast Following in the Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, One Great Hour of Sharing
- 9:45 am: Faith Formation Education Hour (For All Ages)
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, One Great Hour of Sharing

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Church Office Closed—Easter Monday
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Highland Food Pantry—5:30 pm
- Wednesday: Choir Trip to Riverside Theater, Fredericksburg—9:30 am
TVOR Lunch Bunch—12:00 Noon
No Choir Practice This Week
- Thursday: Cub Pack #1—7:00 pm
Scout Troop #1—7:00 pm
- Friday: Life Goes On—1:00 pm—Perkins Restaurant
- Saturday: Church Work Day—9:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY—2nd Sunday of Easter

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
- G.I.F.T. Event (For All Ages)—9:45 am—Fellowship Hall
- Psalm 150, Acts 5:27-31, John 20:19-31
- Sermon: “Rising Up!”
- Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Motel Ministry—12:30 pm
- OPC Fabricators—12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall
- Christian Coffee House—6:00 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Juliet Ndofor & Family
Ed & Esther Duetsch
Charlie San Filipo
Thomas Shade
Paige Rodgers
Helen
August
Jerry Moore
Carole Metheny
Joe Lingo
Carlene Lemasters
Cathy Albright
Denise McPherson
Hunter Franks
Paula McNichols
Laura & Baby Trengove
Tyler Robinson
Linda Gibson & Family
Cooper Fitch

Marty Schoenbauer Family
Alyce & Mike Callahan
Steve Bock
Frances Pitcock
Warren & Donald Shiffer
Grace Eadie
Jim Horner
Pastor Brad Reaves
Women & Children of Domestic
Violence
Mary Ann Guard
Marjory Journell
Allison Brown
Jeanette Baccary
Brad Treece
Myrt Nissen
Families of Children, Youth &
Young Adults with Special Needs
Jim Butler

Kim Levy James
Estella Noelle James
Tamatha Hasse
Reed Dailey
Tom Ganoe
Susan Lee
Disaster Relief Agencies
Nathan Windle
Kes Mersha
Heather Leake
Megan McCord
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, Andrew Crane, Stephen Crane, Thomas Crane, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Katherine Tufts, Michael White, and their families.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH:

8:30–104

Faith Formation–37

11:00–152

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Joseph Burton
Beadle: Bud Proctor
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Communion
Stewards: Emma Roark, Taylor Roark, Emma Abell
Greeter: Ken Johansen, Sheryl Massey
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Jack Youngblood
Ushers: Hannah & Joseph Burton, Terry Hartman,
Heide Mohler, Lance Pearce, Reagan Tibbs
Worship
Assistant: Reagan Tibbs

11:00

Acolyte: Paige Clark
Beadle: John Hess
Bell Ringers: Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Kat Kibler
Communion
Stewards: Wyatt Deck, Jack Hathaway, Reagan Newhouse
Greeters: Carole Fox, Stella Strickler, Lyn Warren
Hospitality: Betty Ganoe, Debi Hodgson
Liturgist: Ann Denison
Livestream: Rebekah Witt
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Ashton & Paige Clark, Andy Homan,
Brooke Moses, Lisa & Kevin Reed, Joel Witt
Worship
Assistant: Ethan Schwantes

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ **Today**—No Youth Meeting. Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!
- ❖ **April 28**—Motel Ministry! Meet in the Dell Room to join in this community outreach effort with your whole family as we extend hospitality to those we meet at local motels.

VBS DATES: JUNE 16-20, 2019, 5:00-7:30 PM

The theme is THE TRUTH ABOUT RUTH—join in the fun to meet this fascinating Bible character. REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY! The week includes evenings of dramatic opening sessions followed by rotations through stations each night: Art Time, Game Time, Place of Peace, Story Time, and SOMETHING NEW! VBS is open to 4-year-old children through 8th grade, with a special track for 5th-8th grade. An adult class on Ruth will be offered nightly by pastor David Witt. Invite your friends too! Visit the “RUTH” display in the Gathering Area to find VOLUNTEER FORMS and REGISTRATION FORMS. We look forward to sharing this summer week with YOU!

GIFT EVENT FOR ALL AGES: SUNDAY, April 28, 9:45 AM

“GIFT” stands for ‘Generations in Faith Together’, providing an opportunity for all ages to come together to learn and share. The theme of the GIFT event on April 28 is “The Velveteen Rabbit”. This story is one of LOVE and

how love makes us feel. It is a story of unconditional love and inner beauty. There is a lesson in it for all of us. Morning snacks (including carrot cake & carrot sticks and dip) will be served along with a host of activities as we experience this genuinely transforming story.

SUNDAY NIGHT CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE...APRIL 28th!

After a spirited gathering in February, join us around tables in the Memorial Sanctuary next Sunday, April 28th at 6:00 pm for another evening coffee house. What is a coffee house, you may ask? It's an opportunity to gather and share in conversation, enjoy coffee and snacks, and appreciate people who may have a song, poem, musical piece, or reading/thought to offer. PS 150 will even share a song or two. Mostly, it's fun, it's relational, it's casual. If you would like to participate by offering something, please let Vicki Crites or Debbie Bender know so plans can be made.

OPC COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

The gardening season is here! There will be more scheduled work days upcoming. Stay tuned for further updates. We need a Garden Manager. This is a volunteer administrative position. It involves spreadsheets, emails and coordinating communication between the garden team and the volunteers. You do not need to have any gardening skills or knowledge. We're looking for someone who wants to get involved in helping our community, and this is a great way to do that! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Dana Kelly at davedana@comcast.net or 540-868-0553.

WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH—This Saturday, April 27th

Spring is here and it is time to be out doors and clear the winter doldrums. We need your help outside and inside Opequon Church by participating on Work Day. We need to trim various bushes and grass areas, trim lower branches of trees, mulch and remove stones around the Memorial Sanctuary. Inside our building we have storage areas to be cleaned, floor areas to be repaired, and possibly some painting. Many hands make for getting the tasks done more efficiently and resulting in a beautiful, welcoming environment for summer. We are all responsible for maintaining the gifts that God provides. Your help is needed.

HUNGRY SEWING BEES

The OPC Fabricators who will attend the Sewing Bee on Sunday, April 28th plan to have a salad bar for lunch before starting their projects. The Mission Team will provide lettuce, rolls, dressings and drinks. If you would like to contribute to the lunch, a sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. Look for the bee to help you find the correct sign-up sheet.

NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR “OPEQUON’S 2019 OLDER ADULT”

So many of our older adults have been recognized as our “Older Adults of the Year”. We celebrate that those crowned in the past are Roy Bayliss, John Boyd, Frances Smith, Louise Duncan, Bill Robinson, Shirley and Dave Brumble, Rob MacGregor, Ty Headley, Edgar Tufts, Howard Kent, Donna Coffman, Betty Ganoë, Carol Tubbs, Graham Taylor, Carol and Jack Treece and Dick and Gail Crane. It is time to share nominations for this year’s older adult of the year. Who would you like to nominate? There are forms available on the Gathering Area table. Share who you nominate and WHY. Nominations are **due by May 7** and they may come from anyone in the congregation. Forms may be returned to Carole Witt or dropped in the box provided on the table. The session will review the nominations and make their selection at their May meeting. The 2019 Older Adult of the Year will be announced at the Older Adult Luncheon on May 29.

Kerygma Bible Study

May-June

Mondays, 3:00 pm

or

Thursday, 6:30 pm

Registration forms available on the Nametag Table



Easter Tulips

In Memory of:

Given by:

My parents, Mr & Mrs Archie L. Fry Cora Helen Anderson
Joan's Mother and Grandmother, Hilda Dove
and Mabel Triplett.....Bob & Joan Aylor
David, Sama, Christina Ndofor, Joshua BatchaJuliet Batcha
Winnie Hack Clevenger..... Charles Clevenger
Harry O. Lane Jenny Combs
My Sister, Katherine JeffriesPat deButts
Everett Hill, Joseph & Helen DeCeault..... Dave & Cheryl DeCeault
Julian & Gladys DeckBill, Jodi, Nathan & Wyatt Deck
Allen & Mabel DeHavenNadine DeHaven
Leona & Arthur Heidenreich Barbara & Elmer Denmon
Bob Dobler Betty Dobler & Family
Betty Lee & Duke Foulk,
Jack Drumheller, Sr, Frank Oswald..... Jack & Tracy Drumheller
Kitty, Robert and Robbie HockmanRobin Eddy
My Wife, Dottie Baker Edwards.....Ward Edwards
Paul & Sue Daniska, Garee Daniska,
Linda Gotaleare, Bob JacksThe Fox-Schwantes Family
Katie Heavner Baker Pat & Bill Heavner
Dick Crane, Our ParentsJohn & Peggy Hess
Connie Robinson..... Blaine & Liza Homan
Carol Hopeck..... Bill Hopeck
Philip & Virginia Hunter, Elisa Hunter Symons.....Philip Hunter
Rev. Michael Johnston Vonnie & Fred Johnston
Michael SopoligaMelissa McGunnigle
Walter and Charlotte Moorhead,
John & Margaret McIntire John & Betsy McIntire
My Husband, Larry Matthews Annemarie Matthews
Linda Myer Greenwell Richard & Margaret Myer
Ken & Hazel Henneman, Margaret & John Obelich Lance Pearce
Dorothy DeHaven, Syd Pitzer Bonnie D. Pitzer

Lucille & Ed Duetsch, Connie & John Praml,
 Annie Duetsch Kravitz Marj Praml
 Robert & Joan Morrison Ron & Ann Smith
 Gary Strickler..... Stella Strickler
 Esther Rauch Larrick..... Kirsta Weber
 Tena Willemsma..... Her Family
 Loring & Lena Carper Pat Williams
 Doris Belak, Larry and
 All Those Who Have Died While Experiencing Homelessness ..Rebekah Witt
 Our Fathers Arthur E. Wygant and Mahlon M. Hamilton Mike & Wendy
 Wygant
 My Sons Terry M. Strosnider and Jeffrey L. Strosnider,
 My Husband, Peter Zalonis Hilda A. Zalonis

In Honor of:

Given by:

Mr & Mrs Ndofor, Joshua & Daniel Batcha Juliet Batcha
 Jim Shifflett, Gene & Jolissa Mathews Bill, Jodi, Nathan & Wyatt Deck
 Rhena & Dean Denmon Barbara & Elmer Denmon
 Jane Drumheller Jack & Tracy Drumheller
 Family and Friends Mary Elson
 Our Children and Grandchildren Bob & Judy Gaines
 Our Grandchildren..... Karen & Ramon Jones
 Dabney Anne Witt Gram & Pops (Carole & David Witt)

To the Glory of God

Gloria Corbin
 Marc DesMarais
 Mary Elson
 Don & Linda Gibson
 Brenda Hawkins
 Vonnie & Fred Johnston
 Jack & Carolee Klimek
 Richard & Margaret Myer

THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown Clerk
David Witt Moderator

Class of 2019

Mitch Orndorff Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens Christian Education 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 today's music witness to the joy and hope of resurrection?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

What did we learn from the Easter eggs?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What kind of feelings do you think Mary Magdalene had on this first day of the week?

Why do you think Mary Magdalene didn't at first recognize Jesus?

What is special about Jesus calling Mary by name?

What difference does it make to believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead?

How does your faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ change the way you think about sin and death?

How does it change the way you live?

As we draw near to the garden today, what do we discover?