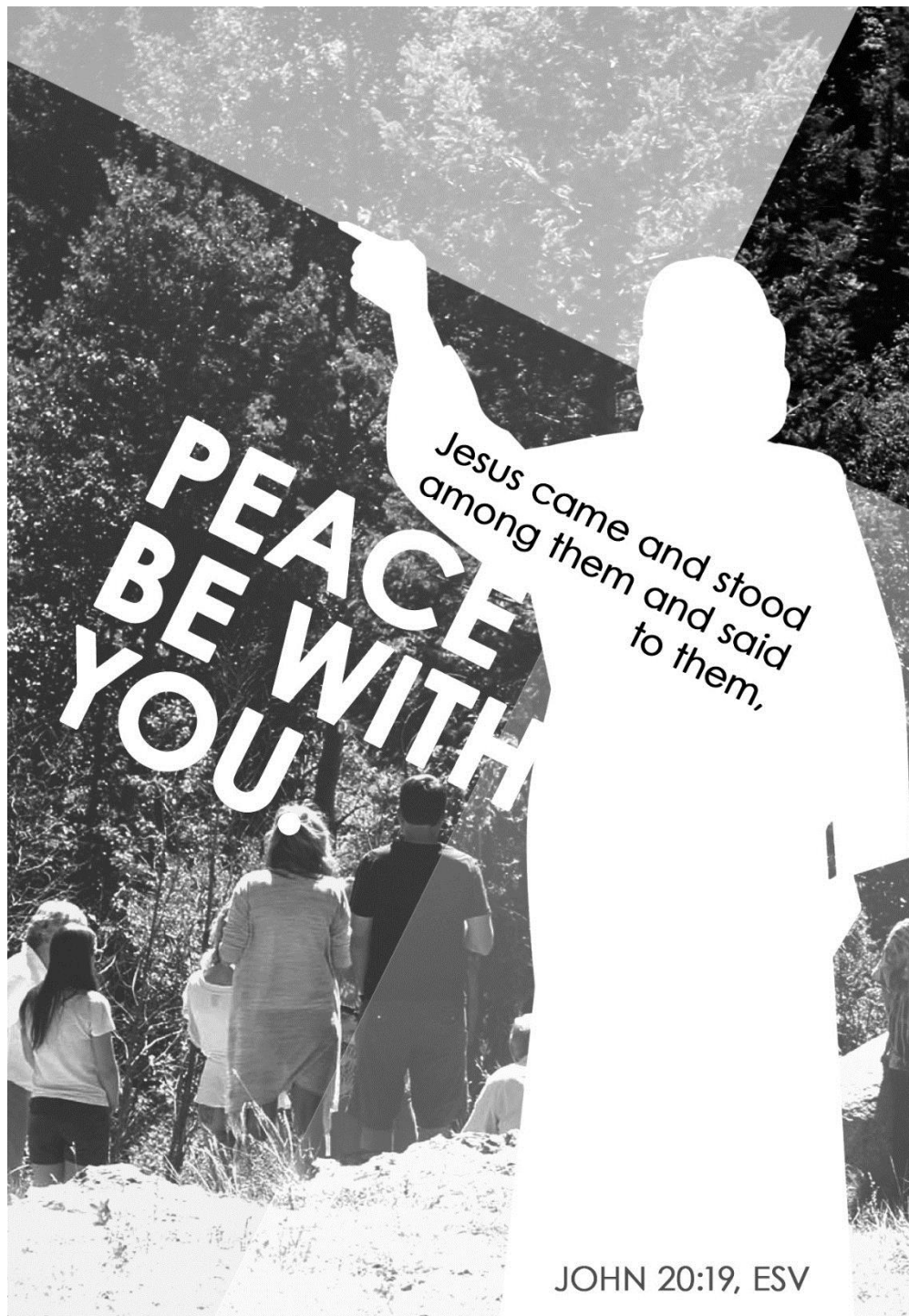


# Opequon Presbyterian Church



**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

April 28, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE            *Christ Has Burst His Prison* (Tune: *St Kevin*).....Arr. Martin

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. 633..... *Praise Ye the Lord*  
(Pastor David-verses, Congregation-refrain)

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

**Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

†HYMN NO. 246 ..... *Christ Is Alive!*  
(Please be seated for prayer)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we commit. Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we fail to confess. Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we fail to forgive, and lead us into your abundant life.

## MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

## LITANY OF PARDON

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

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 233 (v. 1) ..... *The Day of Resurrection*  
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.

† 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

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *Because He Lives*  
Beth Barr, soloist

### THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:27-32 ..... Pew Bible p. 889

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31 ..... Pew Bible p. 883

"Growing in God's Love" Story Bible p. 278

"The Action Bible" pp. 646-647

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... "We Are an Easter People"  
Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 254 ..... *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

SERMON ..... "Rising Up!"  
Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* ..... Handel

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 37) .... "A Brief Statement of Faith" (Nos. 1, 2, 5)

†GLORIA PATRI NO. 581 ..... *Glory Be to the Father*

### 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. 248 ..... *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna*

†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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 28-May 5, 2019

### TODAY

#### Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
9:45 am: G.I.F.T. Event (For All Ages)—Fellowship Hall  
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee  
12:30 pm: Motel Ministry  
12:30 pm: OPC Fabricators—Fellowship Hall  
3:00 pm: Chimes Choir Practice—Sanctuary  
6:00 pm: Christian Coffee House—Memorial Sanctuary

### THIS WEEK

- Monday: Baja Mission Team—6:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary  
Tuesday: Hands & Hearts—10:30 am—Assembly Room  
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
Older Adult Choir Practice—4:30 pm—Sanctuary  
Thursday: MVMC Pastors—Noon—Roma  
Shenandoah Presbytery Committee—TBD—Bageant Room  
Friday: Church Office Closed—Apple Blossom Festival  
AB Prayer Brunch—9:30 am—Winchester Church of God

### NEXT SUNDAY—3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER Older Adult Sunday/Apple Blossom Weekend

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am  
Faith Formation Educational Hour (For All Ages)—9:45 am  
John 21:1-19  
Sermon: "Feed My Sheep"  
CCAP, Communion  
Special Music  
Youth Council—12:30 pm

### ATTENDANCE, EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>:

Sunrise—71                      8:30—156                      11:00—250  
Maundy Thursday—59                      Good Friday—84

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sri Lanka  
Myrt Nissen  
Betty Sacra  
Hazel Spriggs  
Olivia  
Dan  
Helen Potter  
Erin Richmand  
Jerry West's daughter  
Juliet Ndofor & Family  
Ed & Esther Duetsch  
Charlie San Filipino  
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  
Cooper Fitch  
Alyce & Mike Callahan  
Steve Bock  
Frances Pitcock  
Warren & Donald Shiffer  
Jim Horner  
Women & Children of Domestic  
Violence  
Mary Ann Guard  
Allison Brown  
Jeanette Baccary  
Brad Treece  
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

Joshua Blake, 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.

## GIFT EVENT FOR ALL AGES TODAY 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 our gathering today 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. Hope you will join in!

## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ **Today**—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.
- ❖ **May 5**—No Youth Group. Happy Bloom! Youth Council Meeting at 12:30pm with lunch provided.

## **OLDER ADULT CHOIRS**

- ❖ The Older Adult Chimes Choir will practice TODAY at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Susan Homan srh1305@verizon.net or 664-8781 with questions.
- ❖ Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, is Older Adult Sunday. We invite ALL Older Adults of OPC to share the anthem that day at both our 8:30 & 11:00 worship services. We will be singing “Lord of the Dance”. Practice will be held on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

8:30

Acolyte: Andrew Crites  
Beadle: Bud Proctor  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeters: Ken Johansen, Sheryl Massey  
Hospitality: Betty Chicklo, June Malone  
Liturgist: Natalie Youngblood  
Ushers: Mike Butler, Andrew Crites, Sam Edwards,  
Bill Martin, John Winn

11:00

Acolyte: Payton Hughes  
Beadle: John Hess  
Bell Ringers: Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Kat Kibler  
Greeters: Carole Fox, Stella Strickler, Lyn Warren  
Hospitality: Scarlett Kibler, Marj Praml  
Liturgist: Ann Denison  
Livestream: Lance Astorino  
Nametags: Kail Barbe  
Ushers: Payton Hughes, Phil Hunter, Grace Morgan,  
Sydney Sardelis, Joe Seaton, Graham Taylor

## **SUNDAY NIGHT CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE TONIGHT!**

After a spirited gathering in February, join us around tables in the Memorial Sanctuary this evening 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. Mostly, it's fun, it's relational, it's casual.



## **PLEASE NOTE: STAFF AWAY THIS WEEK**

- ❖ Our office administrator, Catherine Richard, will be on vacation this week. Edwina Johansen will be substituting in the church office during regular hours.
- ❖ Pastor David Witt and Director of Christian Education Carole Witt will be on vacation this week. The Rev. Phil Sommer will be available and on-call on Monday and Tuesday, 410-829-3284 or [kphospitality@comcast.net](mailto:kphospitality@comcast.net). Parish Associate Tracie Martin will be available and on-call beginning Wednesday, 304-856-2080 or [tracie-martin@juno.com](mailto:tracie-martin@juno.com). Please call Phil and Tracie if a pastoral need arises. A deacon, Debbie Bender, Alyce Callahan, Betty Chicklo, June Malone, Bill Martin, or Graham Taylor may also be contacted.

## **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 is open until June 9.** 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade, with a special track for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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** and **REGISTRATION FORMS**. We look forward to sharing this summer week with YOU!

## **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](mailto:davedana@comcast.net) or 540-868-0553.

**NOMINATE AN OLDER ADULT FOR “OPEQUON’S 2019 OLDER ADULT”**  
Nominations are due by May 7, so return your nomination form over the next few days. Older Adult of the Year nomination forms are available in the Gathering Area. Tell us WHO you want to nominate and WHY. Nominations 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 Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ADULT TRIP ON THE POTOMAC EAGLE TRAIN**

Two spaces remain available for the Potomac Eagle Train Ride scheduled for Thursday, October 17, leaving at 10:30 am. The cost is \$75 a person which includes a box lunch pre-ordered by each participant. A sign-up sheet is in the Kiosk in the Gathering Area. This will be a great fall trip among the vibrant colors of the season.

**Kerygma Bible Study  
May-June**

**Mondays, 3:00 pm**

**or**

**Thursday, 6:30 pm**

**Registration forms available on the Nametag Table**

## 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 our new life in Jesus Christ?

### Notes on Today's Prayers

### Notes on Today's Children's Conversation

What do Easter people do?

### Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Where does the world need to hear, "Peace be with you?"

Where do you need to hear, "Peace be with you?"

How do we rise up, sit down, and kneel down to express our concerns and feelings?

What fears and faults do we lock up inside us?

What might happen if, like Christ, we invited those shut down by life to explore our wounds?

How does Christ breathe new life into us?

How do we share that new life with others?