

## 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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**OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 12, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* ..... Arr. Wilson  
(Early American Tune)

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. 368..... *We Fall Down*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd, our guide and protector.

**The Lord is our parent, our companion and friend.**

The Lord is almighty, with wisdom and power.

**The Lord is present, with comfort and care.**

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,

**Honor and might be to our God! Amen.**

†HYMN NO. 267 ..... *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You are a God of new life, yet we are bound to the old way of doing**

**things. You are a God of infinite good news, yet we live in fear and**

**dread. You are a God of resurrection, yet we spend our days**

**proclaiming death. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and lead us to**

wholeness. You are a God of abundance, yet we fear there is not enough grace. You are a God of empowerment, yet we doubt whether we can do your work. You are a God of forgiveness, yet we cannot forgive others or ourselves. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and lead us to wholeness.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God’s mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 518..... *Your Only Son*

† 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 ..... *A Family of Love*

Mary McDonald

Thank you, God, for fam’ly, for those we call our own, for giving to each other a place to call our home. For sisters and for brothers, for loved ones all alone, we thank you, God, for family, our family, of love. We are one in God’s Son. We are one, a family of love. Thank you, God, for children you are trusting us to raise, and for the ones who raised us, we give to you the praise. Each one, part of you, Father, extensions from above. We thank you for our family, our family of love. We are always together, whether we’re near or apart, all united together, together in our heart. We are joined by your Spirit, coming or when we depart, all of us joining together, a family of love.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23

HYMN NO. 473 ..... *Shepherd Me, O God*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17 ..... Pew Bible p. 999

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ..... “Kin to One Another”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 299 ..... *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*..... Arr. Robert Lau

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

LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY (from the United Church of Canada)

Our faith blesses us with stories of others who have sought to live in life-giving relationships. As we remember these siblings in faith, remind us, O God, of your guidance and presence with us.

**God of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam; God of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus; God of siblings who cared for one another, offered support and challenge, celebrated together, worked together, argued together, and grieved together: we are thankful for their witness. As they have done, may we also seek to live in life-giving relationships with those we would name as siblings.**

God of Eli, Hannah, and Samuel, cross-generational colleagues, mentors, and trusted leaders in faith: remind us of the opportunities we have to nurture and care, mentor and discern with one another in this faith community. May we embrace the trust that is offered and shared with respect, care, and humility.

**God of Ruth and Naomi, who embraced each other despite differences of race and cultural traditions and chose to be family for one another: for all who choose to be family, may your love and hope be sustained day by day.**

God of Simon and Andrew and James and John, who left the familiar to build new community with Jesus and his followers: though faithful, they had moments of doubt, of fear, of denial. In our moments of doubt, fear, and denial, may we remember to trust and to take one step at a time.

**God of Hagar, Abraham, and Ishmael; God of Sarah, Abraham, and Isaac; God of the complicated, and the jealous, and the broken: remind us that this too is real and that you walk with us through these troubling times.**

God of Mary and John, called to relationships that stretch beyond blood, to care for one another: you invite us too to reach out in welcome, support, and care for one another.

**God of the past, God of the present, God of tomorrow: help us to live in relationships that seek justice, love kindness, and ground ourselves in your love for us. Amen.**

**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. 265 .....*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 240 (refrain)

.....*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

†POSTLUDE

**SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

8:30

Beadle: Jack Klimek  
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler  
Greeters: Pat deButts, Pat Williams, Barbara & Carroll Youngblood  
Hospitality: Lisa & Bill Frye  
Liturgist: Phil Sommer  
Ushers: Alyce Callahan, Jordan Hartman, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Beadle: Alice Foley  
Bell Ringers: Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Kat Kibler  
Greeters: Phyllis and Gary Robbins  
Hospitality: Nancy Grubb, Annemarie Matthews  
Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin  
Livestream: Susan Ritter  
Nametags: Dulcie Reed  
Ushers: Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Bill Robinson

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 12-19, 2019

## TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship, Mother's Day, Christian Family Sunday  
9:00 am: PYC Hike  
9:45 am: Faith Formational Education Hour (For All Ages)  
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Mother's Day, Christian Family Sunday

## THIS WEEK

- Monday: Kerygma Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Men of Opequon "MOO"—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR  
7:00 pm—Bageant Room  
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Home of David Witt  
Lions' Club Memorial Service & Luncheon—11:30 am  
God-Loving Opequon Women "GLOW"—7:00 pm  
WATTS Operations Meeting—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
Winchester Newcomers—10:00 am—Fellowship Hall  
Camp Paddy Run Committee—12:00 Noon—Bageant Room  
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: GIS Students—12:30 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter  
Kerygma Bible Study—6:30 pm—Bageant Room  
Cub Pack 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room  
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Friday: GIS Students—12:30 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

## NEXT SUNDAY— Confirmation/Graduation Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am  
Faith Formation Educational Hour (For All Ages)—9:45 am  
Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6  
Sermon: "The Good News Goes Forth"  
Honoring Our High School Graduates, Confirmation/Commissioning (11:00)  
Fellowship Receptions

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Edgar Tufts  
Highlands Ranch, CO School  
Jack Klimek  
Brad Treece  
Connie & Libby Burch  
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 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  
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  
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.

## **THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Mother's Day morning are given by Becky and Bud Proctor in honor of all the wonderful women in our lives, both past and present

## **IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY**

The Christian Education Team has purchased a supply of two different Children's Bibles that are available for children to use as they worship. These two bibles are Growing in God's Love Story Bible and The Action Bible (in cartoon format). The bibles are stored in the "BIBLE BIN" in the back of the sanctuary. Children can help themselves as they enter for worship and return them to the bin as they leave from worship. Our hope is to purchase additional copies and eventually have them in pew racks throughout the sanctuary. The purchase of these bibles is in honor of Mothers (and Fathers) as families worship together. When applicable, page

numbers in these bibles that correspond to the scripture readings for the morning, are provided in the bulletin. We have noticed many children using these new bibles already. Children are welcome to use them each Sunday as they worship.

*“A mother’s heart is a special place where children always have a home.”*

*“The most precious jewels you’ll ever have around your neck are the arms of your children.”*

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12**

- ❖ **Today**—Opt outside and join other youth in hitting the trail with a hike from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Don’t forget to pack a lunch! We will be back in time for you to celebrate Mother’s Day.
- ❖ **May 19-“T” Time** with tacos, extreme tic tac toe, tug of war, table tennis, tee ball, and tie dye from 12:30-2:30 pm. All the “t” things! Bring a t-shirt to tie dye. Lunch provided.

**ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>: 8:30–75**

**11:00–97**

## **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE HYGIENE KITS**

Mission Ministry Team thanks everyone who has participated in gathering hygiene kits for Church World Service. Please place in the box in the Gathering Area where **all are to be turned in TODAY**. This is the perfect way to be Christ's hands, heart, and feet in the world. Mission Ministry Team thanks you.

## **MEN OF OPEQUON LEARN ABOUT WINCHESTER**

Our monthly MOO gathering will be held tomorrow night. We’ll welcome our own George Schember, who will share about the history of the City of Winchester as our community officially celebrates its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! Of course, at Opequon we celebrated that milestone a few years ago, since we pre-date the city by eight years! You won’t want to miss this timely topic and George, a very engaging speaker. We look forward to having a great group in attendance. We’ll still gather at the Pleasant Valley Road Chick-fil-A at 6:00 pm and return to the Bageant Room of the church for our 7:00 pm gathering.

## **GLOW: GOD-LOVING OPEQUON WOMEN**

The Opequon's women's group, known as GLOW, has an exciting event this Tuesday. We are doing a PAINT NIGHT led by our gifted Bobbie Cropp. Ladies, join friends this Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the Bageant Room. AS we begin with a blank canvas, the painting we will create is an Easter/Spring combination picture. Each woman is asked to bring \$5.00 to help cover a part of the costs for this project. Devotions, goodies and drinks are all provided, along with plenty of laughter! Come on out ladies, you are invited!

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS**

- Please consider donating your gently used garden tools. The Community Garden needs gardening tools such as shovels, garden rakes, trowels, weeders, a wheel barrow & garden cart and any other items you wish to donate for use at the garden. A collection bin is in the Gathering Area.
- Garden planting day is next Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. No previous gardening experience is necessary - many hands lighten the load. It is suggested you bring sunscreen, a hat & water to drink.
- Contact Dana Kelly or Robin Owens for more information.

## **MOO SPONSORS ROYALS BASEBALL OUTING**

The Men of Opequon invite women and men, girls and boys to the Winchester Royals game on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Bridgeforth Stadium in Jim Barnett Park. The cost for the evening is \$15 per person and will cover dinner and admission. We have a reserved area for dinner, behind home plate. The picnic dinner begins at 6:00 pm. First pitch is at 7:00 pm. Contact Mike Butler with questions and to register at 540-523-1239 or [mbutler57@outlook.com](mailto:mbutler57@outlook.com). It will be a blast! Take me out to the ballgame!

**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!**

**“WE CHOOSE LOVE!” SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES COMING IN JUNE**

Beginning on Sunday, June 16, worship this summer will focus on the theme “We Choose Love” and respond to questions that people submit (you’ll find forms available in the Gathering Area) to Pastors David and Tracie, questions that pertain to love through relationships, experiences, and choices, guided by the affirmation found in 1 John: “we love because God first loved us.” It promises to be a very engaging, shared time as we address what’s on peoples’ hearts and minds. We invite you to be present as much as you can with all you can to serve God and to share with one another, as we choose love!

# WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

## **Notes on Today's Music**

How did today's music witness to the promise of God's presence and God's shepherding love at all times?

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

What does it mean to be kin to one another?

## **Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon**

What is John's coded message found in Revelation? Why is it a secret?

Why is John's message in Revelation a good reminder for us?

How do the images of sheep and Lamb point to Christ and to us?

How does knowing Christ as both Lamb and Shepherd help me work to bring about things not yet seen?

What greater vision, yet unseen but rooted in God's promises, do I hold on to? How does that vision give me hope?