

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.

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Susan Homan ----- Director of Music
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Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 19, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation/Graduation Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Fantasia on "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"*Arr Thygerson

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. 319** (vs. 1, 2) *Shout to the North*

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens!

Men, women, all people alike,

Children, youth, young and old together!

In the Lord's house, we shall find strength.

Come, O people, praise the Lord!

†**HYMN NO. 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, on this day of solemn promises, when young people are confirmed and commissioned as disciples, we feel constrained to ask ourselves questions we would just as soon not be asked. How faithful have we been in following Jesus Christ as his disciples? How well have we kept the promises of church membership? How active have we been

in participating in the ministry of the church, in employing gifts for the building up of Christ's body and in responding to the needs of others? How have we followed through in our commitment to our young people when they were baptized, vowing to nurture and to them and to set an example for them? Most patient God: remind us of how we have tried and how often we have failed to keep even our most solemn promises and spiritual priorities; and then, in your mercy, empower us to keep on trying to be more faithful on this journey.

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 vision, a new hope, a new opportunity to show the world and ourselves, that we are free in Christ. Thanks be to God for this inexpressible gift!

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

† 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."

RACHEL BAYLISS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (11:00)

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (11:00)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

Lloyd Larson

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord; make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord. Come into His courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew, turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew. Of your time and talents give now, they are gifts from God above, to be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love. Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and off'rings with you bring; in your work, with Christ find favor, and with joy His praises sing. Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe; worship Him with consecration, grace and love will you receive. For His grace give Christ the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and repeat the gospel story until all His name have heard. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Come all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6 Pew Bible p. 1007

SECOND LESSON: Acts 11:1-18 Pew Bible p. 895

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN "No More Tears"

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

SERMON "The Good News Goes Forth"

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

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

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING (11:00)

Presentation of the Candidates

Words of Scripture

Profession of Faith

Promise of the Congregation

†Affirmation of Faith (Hymnal p. 35) The Apostles' Creed

†Sacrament of Baptism

Confirmation Prayer

Laying on of Hands and Candle Ritual

Charge to the Newly Confirmed and Commissioned

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. 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 468 (v. 1) *In My Life*

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In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 19-26, 2019

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Faith Formation Education Hour (For All Ages)
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Confirmation/Commissioning,
Honoring Our High School Graduates, Fellowship Reception
12:30 pm: PYC "T" Time—Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm: Private Event—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
1:30 pm: Piano Recital—Sanctuary
5:30 pm: Winchester Little Theatre—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Kerygma Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Tuesday: Presbytery Meeting—9:30 am—Massanetta Springs,
Becky Proctor, Graham Taylor, Elder Commissioners
Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Bageant Room
Wednesday: TVOR Lunch Bunch—12:00 Noon
Newsletter Deadline
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
Thursday: 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: Life Goes On—1:00 pm—Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

NEXT SUNDAY— Memorial Day Weekend

Remembering Those Who Have Served

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am

John 10:37-42

Sermon: "We DO"

Four Cents A Meal, Fair Trade Coffee

Motel Ministry—12:30 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Myrt Nissen Family
Caroline Roberts
Phil Pingley
Lt. Commander Molly Waters
Casey Drumheller Price,
Adaline & Liam
Laura Lawson
John Butler
Honor Holland
Joe Lingo
Barbara Branson & Family
Edgar Tufts
Nancy Grubb & Family
Highlands Ranch, CO School
Jack Klimek
Brad Treece
Connie & Libby Burch
Sri Lanka
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
Carole Metheny
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 morning are given by Corinne Fox and David Schwantes to celebrate the 2019 Confirmation Class and the graduating high school seniors.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Carolee Klimek
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Pat deButts, Pat Williams, Barbara & Carroll Youngblood
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Phil Sommer
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler, Lance Pearce

11:00

Beadle: Alice Foley
 Bell Ringers: Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Kat Kibler
 Greeters: Peggy & Clay Hughes
 Hospitality: Betty Ganoe, Debi Hodgson
 Liturgist: Shirley Tomblin
 Livestream: Susan Witt
 Nametags: Martha Fulton
 Ushers: Joe Burton, Payton Hughes, Kevin Reed, Joel Witt

THE WITTS ARE ATTENDING INTERGENERATE CONFERENCE

Carole and David Witt will be on study leave for continuing education beginning this afternoon through next Sunday. They will be traveling to Nashville for the Intergenerate Conference. If a pastor concern arises, please contact Tracie Martin at 304-856-2080 or 315-247-5969.

WE END OUR CURRENT YEAR OF “FAITH FORMATION” CLASSES

Our current faith formation year (previously known as ‘Sunday School’) is finishing today. We celebrate all who have been part of an adult/youth class, confirmation class, children’s class and our special monthly GIFT events. Thank you for your presence, which enriches the experience for everyone else. Much gratitude to our leaders and teachers of all the classes! **All faith formation participants are invited to pass through the Dell Room this morning before or after class and pick up a tasty treat, made especially for you. ‘Taste and see that the Lord is good!’**

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Opequon’s high school seniors are being honored today during the 11:00 am worship service. The Christian Education Ministry Team is privileged to highlight each of these young people at this special milestone in their life. We are very proud of our high school graduates and wish them happiness and fulfillment in the next chapter of life. Congratulations to:

- Andrew Crites ----- John Handley High School
- Ashton Clark----- Sherando High School
- Zane Hawkins----- Sherando High School
- Melanie Morgan ----- John Handley High School
- Allison Morgan----- John Handley High School
- Brooke Moses----- Sherando High School
- Cole Owens ----- Millbrook High School

You are invited to the reception in their honor following the 11:00 am worship service. Photos of each high school senior are on display on the bulletin board above the water fountains outside the sanctuary.

IT IS CONFIRMATION DAY!

Congratulations and WELCOME to our 10 young people who are being confirmed and commissioned as members of the Church today! These young people began their confirmation journey with an orientation back in August and began their class sessions in September. They have also had rich experiences outside the classroom sessions. This morning they each shared a final written paper about their personal faith and serving as Christ's disciple as they met with the session and covenant partners. We are excited to celebrate with them today. Please welcome into Opequon's membership **Drew Arnoldy, Joseph Burton, William Callanan, Griffin Hott, Jordan Hughes, Paige Hughes, Lauren Moses, Carson Ritter, Ethan Schwantes, and Will Schwantes.** You are invited to join them and their families at the reception in their honor following the 11:00 am service.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- ❖ **Today—"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.
- ❖ **May 26—Motel Ministry** at 12:30 pm! 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.

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, MAY 12TH:

8:30—89 Faith Formation—40 11:00—136

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS IN TWO WEEKS

Sunday, June 2nd—10:00 am Worship Only

ABUG TRAINING IN TWO WEEKS

There will be mandatory training for everyone who fulfills the role of Acolyte, Beadle, Usher or Greeter on Sunday, June 2ND @ 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in learning more about serving as an Acolyte, Beadle, Usher or Greeter, you are cordially invited to join us! Training will be led by the Worship Ministry Team & Pastor David. Oh no! There will also be an added invasion of bugs, those we call "Hospitality Greeters." Please join us so you will be trained and prepared as well.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS WEEK

There are a variety of items needed for our upcoming VBS week. These items are listed on a board in the Gathering Area. Stop by and see what you might be able to help contribute. Quantities are listed for each item as well as when the item is needed. Thank you!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 8 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Please register for a time slot at the display in the Gathering Area.



SAVE THE DATE

Pentecost Sunday, June 9th

Please Wear Red

All Church Photo Outside—9:45 am

Worship—10:00 am

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 wheelbarrow & garden cart and any other items you wish to donate for use at the garden. A collection bin is in the Gathering Area. 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 10th 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. 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 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** and **REGISTRATION FORMS**. We look forward to sharing this summer week with **YOU!** **Please note: A VBS Staff Orientation will be held on Monday, June 3 at 7:00 pm.**

“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!

OPC FABRICATORS SEWING BEE

OPC Fabricators will be holding their final sewing event before this year’s trip to Baja, Mexico on Sunday, June 2 at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making chic tool belts for female builders to wear during the build to hold nails and tools. If you have a sewing machine, feel free to bring it. All other materials will be provided. Please bring your brown bag lunch, and we will provide drinks, flatware and paper goods. Have a question? Call or text Susanna Shade 540-550-7150 or Robin Owens 540-550-4784.

In Remembrance

Myrtle “Myrt” M. Nissen

May 3, 1929-May 16, 2019

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”

John 11:25-26

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today’s Music

How did today’s music witness to God leading us into the world to serve and share the good news?

Notes on Today’s Children’s Conversation

How do we love those who are in tears? What is God’s promise to those in tears?

Notes on Today’s Scripture and Sermon

What news is traveling fast?

How does Peter feel after first seeing the vision?

What does God make known to Peter as the vision unfolds?

How do we object to God and to what God is doing and saying?

How might we need to change?

How does God break through to us?

Where is the good news going today?