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INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To reach a staff member or if a pastoral concern arises, contact the church office or note who is out of the office and email one of the pastors directly and we will respond in a timely manner.

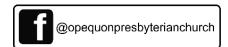
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- 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 four.
- Worship Bags are available for children ages 3 kindergarten. These bags are in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- 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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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 3, 2024 - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Daylight Savings Time Ends; Communion

*Thank you for taking the time to silence your phones before we begin the Worship Service.

Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting. PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in the offering plate.

† = All who are able, please stand.

Bold print = All in unison.

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(Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.)

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT THE CHURCH BELL RINGS GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

A wandering people wondered what their new life would be like, and Moses said:

You shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Generations later, leaders argued over which rules were most important, and Jesus reminded them:

You shall love the Lord with all your soul.

And in this world that so often feels broken and brutal, we recognize God's call

You shall love the Lord with all your might.

With heart, soul, and might, let us worship God.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart, O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, from whom our help comes, first uniting in our prayer of confession, then personally sharing in moments of silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who guides us, you ask us to give our whole selves to you, but we live in a world that claims we should hold different priorities. While you are steadfast and faithful, we have not loved you with our whole hearts. While you have shown us how to love our fellow human beings, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments. As we seek to be faithful amidst all that demands our attention and affection, teach us what it means to be centered in your love. Through Christ our Lord, we pray.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

You are not far from the kingdom of God, for in Christ we are given grace and forgiveness. We are welcomed home in the arms of God's mercy. Praise God for this marvelous gift!

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.) May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

On this All Saints' Sunday, we celebrate our great communion with the saints and especially honor the memory and lives of those who have died in the past year and joined the Church Triumphant:

Gene Floyd Walker (November 28, 2023)

Donald Larsen (December 17, 2023)

Fred C. Johnston (March 24, 2024)

Parker Ernest Plumb (April 25, 2024)

Ann Shiffer Tufts (May 04, 2024)

Wilton Graham Taylor (May 09, 2024)

Dr. George Thomas Rader (June 02, 2024)

May Louise Walker Galvach (June 22, 2024)

Wanda Good Royston (August 21, 2024)

John Martin Cornwell (October 05, 2024)

Keith McMurdo (October 22, 2024)

Ramona Carlene Lemasters (October 27, 2024)

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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ANTHEM

With All Your Heart

By: J. Paul Williams & Joseph M. Martin

More love to Thee, O Christ; more love to Thee. Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ to Thee. More love to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee! Come, love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. Come, love the Lord your God with all your heart. As Christ has taught us, we must learn the way of love. There is no greater law in earth or heav'n above. Love your neighbor. Love him as yourself. This we know is God's command, love and grace, His perfect plan. Do this and live! Come love the Lord with all your heart. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not boastful, never rude. Love is not proud but is always humble. God's love rejoices in the truth. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ to Thee; with all my heart, more love to Thee! More love to Thee!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ruth 1:1-18	
CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES"It's About Jesus!" Nursery (Infants – Age 4)	
†HYMN No. 729	
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.	
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.	
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.	
SERMON"The Bottom Line" Pastor David Witt	

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS
OFFERTORY MUSIC......Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Arranged by: Robert Thygerson

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

God of justice and love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world. Through Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Hymnal p. 9-10, spoken response)

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music Saints and the Unbroken Circle

Arranged by: William Heavner

Closing Communion Prayer

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Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own; come thou within our souls and claim thy throne; help us to shed abroad thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway; have in our inmost souls thy perfect way; guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

†CHARGE & BLESSING

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

†POSTLUDE

COMMUNION TODAY WILL INVITE YOU FORWARD

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament this morning. 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. Please come forward, receive a piece of bread handed to you and eat immediately. Receive a small cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) and drink immediately, taking your used cup back to your pew and placing it in the cup holder. Return to your seat by the right aisle of your section.

Elders/Deacons serving at the 8:30 AM service today are: June Malone, Mike Wygant, Mary Ann Johnson, Brian Steffens, Betty Chicklo, and Steve Bock.

Elders/Deacons serving at the 11:00 AM service today are: Robin Cooke, Bill Thomasson, Fran Jeffries, Ron Smith, Jennie Wright, and Ed Painter.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Cathy and Alex Plumb in appreciation of the kindness shown to our family during Parker's illness and passing.

THE SANCTUARY ROSE

The rose in the Sanctuary this morning announces the birth of Joshua and Lauren Wygant's daughter, who was born on October 29, and is the eighth grandchild of Mike and Wendy Wygant. May the Lord bless and keep her as she grows and abide with the whole Wygant family as we rejoice with them.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Alice Grier
Paula Marquis
Tracie Martin
Gary Goliday
Tinsman Family
Massie Family
Mr. A.B. Ndofor
Bih Ndofor
Nancy Budny
Cathy Plumb
London Bender
John DeHaven

Stephen Armstrong &

Lori Jones

Tim & Kathy Hoffman

Bill Robinson

Heidi McMurdo & Family

Quick Family

Chelsea, Lafe, Judie Terry McKay & Family

Marge Higgins Zack Skrocki Lynne Rosamilia Krista Bowen Katie Geris

Robby Fletcher

Amanda & Alex Bock

Crystal Baker

Marty Neely Conner & Sarah Rinehart Berson

Todd Bennett Linda Bock

Jace Hartman

Selena Littman

Hurricane Milton

Verna Saar

Terry Cornwell

Cathy Jones

Luther George

Nora Coryell

Art & Wendy Littman Hurricane Helene

All First Responders

Elmer Denmon

Gail Crane Rick Ours

Clay

Rob Alkire

Tim G

Katie Happel Jeannie Wright

Matthew Ours

Cora Helen Anderson

Bettye Stirn

Tom Homan

Bereaved Israelites &

Palestinians

Curt Budny

Kourtney Haake

Jackie Witt

End to Gun Violence

Tim Loftis

Richard & Pat Young

Nancy Roberts

Al & May Schollenberger

Clay Knick

Nathan Windle

Those Suffering from

Mental Illness Roger Murphy June Windle

Mike Shade

Jewish & Muslim Victims

Worldwide

José LaMont Jones

Cindy Correll
Douglas Dicks
Rich Valenti
Nancy Kerns

Kennedy Ransom

Ukraine

Ethiopia Church Mekane

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SPRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES *№*

Cameron Andrew Veach, Kayleen Paquette, Kelly Klimek, Jacob & Tiffani Peoples, Sawyer Phillips, Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Jacob Heavner, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Michael White, Ben Jensen, Gavin Eanes

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY – November 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends; All Saints' Sunday; Communion

8:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream 9:45 AM Faith Formation – Bageant Room 9:45 AM Opie's Playhouse – Memorial Sanctuary 9:45 AM Kitchen Focus Group – Fellowship Hall 11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

Older Adult Team Meeting – Bageant Room Monday: 9:30 AM 5:00 PM Tech & Communication Meeting – Bageant Room/Zoom 6:00 PM Windsong – Sanctuary 6:00 PM Ministry Team Night – Fellowship Hall **Election Day - Please Vote!** Tuesday: Staff Meeting – Bageant Room Wednesday: 9:30 AM 4:30 PM LOGOS (Theme: Robot Night) "Worship on Wednesday" (WOW) – Sanctuary 6:30 PM 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Tai Chi – Picnic Shelter/Memorial Sanctuary Thursday: 10:30 AM 6:30 PM **Sherando Food Pantry** Architectural Review Team (ART) – Assembly Room 7:00 PM Vision Team Meeting – Bageant Room 7:00 PM Saturday: 11:00 AM Crafting with Becky – Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY – November 10

Stewardship Dedication & Pledge Sunday

Scriptures: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Mark 12:38-44 Sermon: "Giving from the Heart"

8:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
	Fudge-A-Palooza – Gathering Area
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Memorial Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Worship & Baptism – Sanctuary & Livestream
	Fudge-A-Palooza – Gathering Area
12:15 PM	Senior Outreach Ministry
1:30 PM	Spring Arbor Worship
4:00 PM	Officer Training – Bageant Room

WATTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Check out the WATTS blue sheet inserted in today's bulletin. A SignUpGenius link with the volunteering info will be available soon and will be shared in the OPC emails. Contact Heather Burton (mcpitch5@hotmail.com) with questions.

OPIE'S PLAYHOUSE - TODAY

Come play with us! All families of children elementary age and under are invited to join us **today**, **9:45 AM** – **10:45 AM**, in the **Memorial Sanctuary**. Opie's Playhouse is a time of fun and fellowship planned especially for our families with young children. Feel free to drop your children with us for an hour of supervised play while you attend the Adult Faith Formation Class.

OLDER ADULT PLANNING TEAM

The Older Adult Planning Team meets **tomorrow morning** at **9:30 AM** in the Bageant Room. This group plans programs and events for Happy Days, as well as special events and outings. The meeting is open to any older adults who would like to join in. Morning goodies and coffee are provided.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT – TOMORROW

November's Ministry Team Night will be **tomorrow**, **MONDAY**, **November 4**. Join us at **6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for a dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, tossed salad, assorted desserts, and drinks. Devotions and team meetings begin at **6:45 PM**. We hope you can join us!

SACRED SPACES

Sacred Spaces has been cancelled for **tomorrow, November 4**, due to Ministry Team Night.

REMEMBER TO VOTE: Tuesday, November 5

It's our privilege and responsibility! And remember—following the election, let's hold our country and each other up in prayer, seeking to follow Christ in word and deed, demonstrating kindness and love, recalling what the banner in the sanctuary proclaims: "You are our neighbors. No matter who you vote for, your skin color, where you are from, your faith, or who you love, we will try to be here for you. That's what community means. Let's be neighbors."

"THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM: A Journey to the Newborn King" Christmas Cantata by Lloyd Larson

"The Road to Bethlehem" seems like an unlikely destination for the fulfillment of God's promise to send a messiah. We are now invited to take that journey; to experience in fresh and powerful ways the eternal hope that lies waiting for us in the form of a newborn baby. ALL are invited to sing with the Choir on Sunday, December 22, at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services. Rehearsals begin this **Wednesday, November 6**, at **7:45 PM** in the Sanctuary. For more info, contact Susan Homan (srh1305@verizon.net).

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION & PLEDGE SUNDAY: 2nd Annual Fudge-A-Palooza

Come enjoy fudge and fellowship in the Gathering Area after each service next Sunday, November 10! Renew and Re-dedicate Your Commitment to Christ and His Church at Opequon! There will also be a special Veterans' Recognition.

STEWARDSHIP CARDS FOR CHILDREN

Children can understand the concepts of giving their time, talents, and treasures to something very important. Stewardship is relevant for them too! Special Stewardship Cards have been created for our Opequon children. The cards encourage children to think about the RIPPLE EFFECT they have in and outside the church. These cards are available in the Gathering Area and will also be sent home with all our young people from LOGOS this week.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL WRITINGS NEEDED

We have been authoring our OWN Advent Devotionals for MANY years. They are treasured collections of the thoughts of Opequon's people and a **true gift to the congregation**. It is time for us to begin preparing for this year's devotional. Our theme for this devotional is "ADVENT PRAYERS" and uses the key words of HOPE – JOY – PEACE – LOVE for readings throughout the four weeks of Advent. Would you be willing to write a PRAYER for Advent focusing on one of the four key words? You are invited to do so. Please let Carole Witt know (dce@opequonchurch.org). All writings are due to Carole by **Friday**, **November 15**.

THANKSGIVING BANANA BOXES ARE HERE!

Banana boxes are in the hallways and on the porch! Help us fill them with donations of Thanksgiving food for families in need. Each box contains a list of items needed and more details. Filled boxes should be returned by **Sunday**, **November 17**. Bless you and thank you for helping those in need!

THANKSGIVING FEAST FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The annual Thanksgiving Feast will be on **Sunday, November 17**, for our whole congregation. Our Opequon Youth host this event and appreciate your help in donating items needed for a Thanksgiving meal. Please visit the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. As the Youth serve you a full turkey dinner on the day of the Feast, they appreciate your monetary donations that will go completely towards their Christmas service project, Midnight Gladness, which supports families during the holidays. Plan to come and be a part of this great time of gratitude. No need to make a reservation. Questions? Contact Rebekah Witt (rwitt@opequonchurch.org).

OPC T-SHIRT ORDERS

Now's your chance to order your own OPC t-shirt proclaiming our "Hands, Heart, & Feet" motto! The shirts are a light blue and available in Youth XS to Adult 4XL sizes. Size samples and order forms are in the Gathering Area or you may order online: https://forms.gle/Yh1yqzPUcuK8gbPb6. The exact cost is TBD, but expected to be between \$15 and \$22 based on our final order total. The order deadline is **November 30**. What a great way to advertise our growing church and its core values! Email Ben Brooks (bbrooks@wcps.k12.va.us) with any questions.

CHILI COOK-OFF SUCCESS

Thank You to everyone who cooked, baked, set-up, judged, and cleaned-up during the Chili Cook-Off! About 65 people were able to enjoy 13 pots of chili and lots of luscious cornbread thanks to the talents of all our OPC Chefs. Our competition was steep, with Steve Burton taking home the People's Choice Award. The first, second, and third place Judges Awards went to Stella Strickler, Joel Witt, and Jennie Wright (respectively). We raised \$210 to give to WATTS in memory of Graham Taylor. OPC has some fabulous people!

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning's prelude is a "Toccata" based on one of Beethoven's best-known melodies. The beginning of Macchia's arrangement suggests a wheel out of balance but then settles into a well-marked rhythm, ending with some musical fireworks. The melody of "Hymn to Joy" is a good match with the 1873 text, "Sing with All the Saints in Glory." While it is not in our hymnbook, the title and tune give you all you need to know about the theme. In 1747, Charles Wesley began one of his 6,500 hymn texts with: "Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down..." In today's offertory, it is paired with the well-known Welsh tune, "Hyfrydol." A collection of varied hymns provides a musical background as we mark the communion of the saints, or believers, in our Presbyterian tradition.

In Remembrance: **Ramona Carlene Lemasters**September 6, 1931 - October 27, 2024

"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 11:26-26

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WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

8:30 AM Worship

Liturgist: Jim Youngblood

Beadle: Bud Proctor

Door Greeters: Marsha Barley, Linda Butler

Hospitality Greeter: Winter Brooks

Ushers: Mike Butler, Steve Bock, Jim Horner, CeCe Shaffer, Ruby Shaffer, Olive Wakeman

Acolyte: CeCe Shaffer **Bell Ringer**: Mo Mohler

Livestream: Susan Ritter, Ellen Cunningham

Building Steward: Jack Marquis

11:00 AM Worship

Liturgist: Dean Palmer **Beadle**: Ann Denison

Door Greeters: Marj Praml,

Nancy Grubb

Hospitality Greeter: Ben Brooks **Ushers**: Mike & Fran Jeffries, Mike Nutry, Wyatt Ervin, Shiloh Ervin,

Kiah Bly

Acolyte: Wyatt Ervin

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How does our music today remind us of the two commandments, to love God and neighbor?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Where will you focus your prayers this week? For yourself? For others? For the world?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

> How is Jesus important all the time and not just at Christmas and Easter?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

- > When you hear the words, "the bottom line," what do you imagine?
- > What is the "bottom line" for the scribe and Jesus?
- >> What is the "bottom line" for followers of Jesus?
- What does it mean to you to love God with all you've got and to love your neighbor as yourself?
- > How will you obey and live out these commandments in the week ahead?
- > How will you keep the "main thing the main thing?"

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