

"All Around the World"

LOGOS SUNDAY



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INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

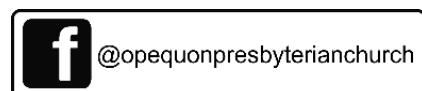
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **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 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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 – 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

***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.

✠ WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ✠

PRELUDE.....*All Things Bright and Beautiful: A Piano & Organ Duel*

Adapted by William Heavner

(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

†GATHERING SONG (8:30 AM) No. 614 *Great Are You, Lord*

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;

by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;

by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice;

we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

GATHERING SONG (11:00 AM) *God Is Here with Me*

LOGOS Pre-K – 5th Grade Worship

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by: Pre-K – K LOGOS Class)

Family and friends, we come together to share the word of GOD.

We are all God's children who have been invited to praise the name of the Lord.

All around the world, people are glorifying one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, now and ever shall be; world without end.

†OPENING HYMN No. 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!
There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempest blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, we carve out time for confession in worship because it is not enough to hear about God's grace once. We need that reminder again, and again, and again. So, join me in speaking the truth of our lives, and join me in receiving God's grace again as we take time to pray and confess together and then in personal silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Written by: 3rd – 4th Grade LOGOS Class)

God of Grace, even though we try to do the right thing, we often make mistakes. We confess that we act in ways that we know are wrong. We talk back to our parents, yell at our brothers and sisters, say bad words, and laugh at our friends. We are sorry and ask for your forgiveness when we don't treat others as we want to be treated. Please help us to be faithful people, to be kinder, to be better helpers, and to not talk back. Holy God, your love and forgiveness reach all around the world, lifting our spirits and cleansing our hearts. Thank you for freeing us from the weight of our sin so that we can move forward, as we pray in your holy name.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Written by: 1st – 2nd Grade LOGOS Class)

The psalmist writes, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it; for God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters."

God's grace is deeper than the ocean. God's love is wider than the sky. Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 370 *This Is My Father's World*

**This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

✧ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ✧

ANTHEM (8:30 AM)..... *What a Friend / Lonesome Valley*

Arranged by: John D. Miller
Sanctuary Choir

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer. Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer. Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, He had to walk it by himself. Are you weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? Nobody else can walk it for you, you have to take it to the Lord in prayer. Jesus walked this lonesome valley. Jesus take it to the Lord in prayer.

ANTHEM (11:00 AM) *He's Got the Whole World*

By: Jill Gallina

LOGOS Pre-K – 5th Grade Worship

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "The Whole World"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

DRAMATIC READING.....Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

RESPONSIVE READING..... Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it,

for he has founded it on the seas

and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false

and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him,

who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in!

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in!

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGLuke 13:6-9, *The Message*

†HYMN..... *Beneath the Soil*

Beneath the soil in the dark there's growth too slow to see

A transformation not displayed in branches, fruit, and leaves

Remember when the world demands more than you can produce

We each grow at a different pace and growth starts in the roots

The rest and nurture we receive will turn to fruit in time

For God made us to grow and change as toward the sky we climb

**In every season of our lives the Spirit is at work
To nurture us to bear good fruit while rooted in the earth**

LOGOS YOUTH WORSHIP (11:00 AM) "Pictures Tell the Story"

SERMON..... "Tending to Our Roots"
Pastor David Witt

✧ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ✧

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (Written by: 5th Grade LOGOS Class)

As we give, we know that we are called to always give our best gifts to God.
So, we give our attention to our teachers, leaders, parents, and most
importantly, to God. Let us give gladly to our church so the Church can help
people ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606)

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Written by: 5th Grade LOGOS Class)

**Thank you, God, for all our blessings, for the world and all that is in
it. We dedicate our gifts, giving attention to God's people, love,
friendship, and family. We pray that our gifts are used to help
people who have less than us and need more. These people are in
Winchester, in Virginia, in the United States, and ALL AROUND THE
WORLD. May we be Christ's hands, heart, and feet today and this
week as we share what we have and who we are. In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by: Confirmation Class)

**We believe God is our loving and forgiving Father.
Our omniscient God created everything.
We believe our Lord and Savior is strong, mighty, and powerful.
We believe that Jesus is our Messiah, the anointed Son of God who
is a brave and caring miracle-worker, teacher, and redeemer.**

Jesus died for us and for the world yet rose from the dead to bring us new life.

We believe the Holy Spirit is active and lives through people everywhere around the world.

The Spirit of God is the provider of faithfulness and counsel, hope and comfort.

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 ✧

†CLOSING HYMN No. 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,

silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our world-wide task of caring

for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

†CHARGE & BLESSING (Written by: Middle School/High School LOGOS Class)

Go forth knowing God, our Creator, the One who holds the heavens and the Earth, also holds you. When the world feels unsteady, trust that God's hands are strong and sure. When fear and doubt creep in, remember that God carries all things – every nation, every creature, every heart – with love and purpose. You are called to reflect that love, to be hands of healing, voices of hope, and hearts of compassion. Walk boldly in God's care, knowing that nothing can slip from His grasp.

And may the God who holds the world in His hands hold you close in His love. May your faith in the Spirit provide you with comfort and relief from your worries. May you walk with the assurance that no matter where you go or what you face, you are never alone. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

†CLOSING RESPONSE (8:30 AM) *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*
He's got the whole world, in his hands [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hands.

LOGOS CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM) ... *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*
He's got the whole world, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the tiny little baby...
He's got you and brother/sister/neighbor...
He's got everyone in LOGOS...
He's got the whole world...

†POSTLUDE

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning's prelude is based on the 17th Century English melody, "Royal Oak." Leading us into worship on this first Sunday in spring, this light and happy tune is playfully parried back and forth between the organ and piano. The full text of today's offertory can be found as #250 in our hymnal. It is frequently titled, "Hymn of Promise" and is often recognized by its opening lines: "In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree, in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." The opening notes of this arrangement may suggest the earliest spring crocus, seeming to appear from nowhere. From there, the timbre of the music closely follows the sentiment and poetry of Mrs. Sleeth's moving text, leading us forward to Easter.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in honor of our beloved mama, Tena Willemsma, by her children.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Eddy Strosnider
Heather & Mark Leonard
& Family
Bart Robertson
Lyndee Nelms Family
Virgil Homan Family
Rev. Kathleen Henrion
Mike Butler
Fred Rathel
Mary Beth Cornell
Lance & Julie Pierce
Judie Birchfield & Family
Family of Cheryl
Bowman
Family of Mary Lou
Zickefoose
Bill Dunlap
Jack Marquis
Sydney Burton
John Zerkle
Art & Wendy Littman
Rick Ours
Drumheller/Geiser
Family
Kourtney Haake
Rebecca, Max, &
Lorenzo Agbayani

Karen Cranor
Evangeline Duronslet
Michael Duronslet
Yyon Rogers
Gaston Duronslet
Danny Lingo
Paula & Mac McNichols
Nancy Pitcock
Kaley & Matt Bender
Judy Gaines
Buddy & Betty Chicklo
Meredith Beattie
Johansen
Dawn & Dale Baer
Ted Jacks
Pope Francis
Chick Dorofee
Charles "Skip" Schempp
Walter & Elaine Aikens
Tracie Martin
Jim Horner
Ginny & Danny Smith
Curt Budny
Federal Government
Workers
Bill Robinson
June & Nathan Windle

Robin Cooke
Jane Bell
Gary & Mary Ann
Johnson
Lynne Rosamilia
Cora Helen Anderson
Judy Orndorff
Ellen Neff
Gail Walsh
Katie Happel
Matthew Ours
Bereaved Israelites &
Palestinians
Jackie Witt
Tim Loftis
Those Suffering from
Mental Illness
Mike Shade
Jewish & Muslim Victims
Worldwide
Cindy Correll
Douglas Dicks
Nancy Kerns
Kennedy Ransom
Ukraine
Ethiopia Church Mekane
Jesus

✠PRAY 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, Eli Keaton

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY – March 23

4 Cents a Meal

8:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
11:00 AM	LOGOS Sunday Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
12:15 PM	LOGOS Fellowship Reception – Gathering Area

THIS WEEK

Monday:	5:30 PM	Windsong – Sanctuary
Tuesday:	10:00 AM	Family Promise Meeting – Bageant Room
	1:30 PM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
	3:00 PM	TVOR Gathering
	5:30 PM	Highland Food Pantry
Wednesday:	8:30 AM	Mid-Week Lenten Worship – Memorial Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Staff Appreciation Lunch
	4:30 PM	LOGOS (Theme: "Pizza & Movie Night")
	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Newsletter Assembly – Bageant Room
	10:30 AM	Tai Chi – Memorial Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	WANC Lunch – Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Book Club – Bageant Room
Friday:	11:00 AM	Java with Julia – Hopscotch
	6:45 PM	Confirmation Class Visits Beth-El Synagogue
Saturday:	10:00 AM	Jubilee Kitchen – First Presbyterian

NEXT SUNDAY – March 30

Scriptures: Genesis 21:14-21; Luke 15:1-7 Sermon: "Lost and Found"

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Car Vacuuming Fundraiser – Parking Lot & Curb
8:30 AM	Worship & Baptism – Sanctuary & Livestream
9:30 AM	Orndorff Family Event – Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
10:30 AM	Session Meeting – Assembly Room
11:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary

TODAY IS LOGOS SUNDAY (11:00 AM)

We are nearing the end of our 27th year of LOGOS here at Opequon, with **TODAY** being our annual LOGOS Sunday. We are privileged to have our young people sharing in the leadership of worship this morning. Many of the parts of worship have been written by our LOGOS young people. We celebrate this wonderful ministry being part of Opequon's ministry. We thank the LOGOS staff and families for their steadfast commitments. The theme for our LOGOS year has been "All Around the World," which is reflected in worship today. Our closing night of LOGOS this year will be **Wednesday, March 26**.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are thankful for our LOGOS participants this year:

Will Baker	Virginia Barr	William Barr
Daniel Batcha	Joshua Batcha	Malayna Bates
London Bender	Deacon Brannon	Dakota Davis
Luca Deptula	Grace Eberle	Shiloh Ervin
Wyatt Ervin	Hailey Frey	Hunter Frey
Claire Gaines	Caleb Garcia	Flynn Hall
Jaden Hartman	Jace Hartman	Jaxson Hughes
Ethan Jordan	Kennedy Jordan	Jasper Kirby-Yoder
Knox Kramera	Kolton Kramera	Kyleigh Kramera
Joshua Lilly	Conner Link	Henry Link
Paige Littman	Maggie Murphy	Thomas McCann
Aubrey McGunnigle	Sierra McGunnigle	Chandler O'Donnell
Joseph O'Donnell	Emily Russell	Jackson Russell
Camden Saunders	CeCe Shaffer	Ruby Shaffer
Sam Shaffer	Abigail Sickels	Evan Sickels
L.J. Strosnider	Mason Vandertoorn	Olive Wakeman
Rhodes Wakeman	Bo Weber	Henry White

RECEPTION AFTER LOGOS WORSHIP

We continue to celebrate our LOGOS Ministry with a delicious reception after the 11:00 AM worship service. Thank you to all the LOGOS parents and staff who contributed all the goodies for the reception. Enjoy some fellowship with one another as you nibble on nourishing food.

LOGOS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our LOGOS Ministry is overseen by a Leadership Team that meets year-round to plan and carry-out all aspects of LOGOS. These team members give a great deal of time: Ben Barnes, Erin Deptula, Abigail Ervin, Joanne Berson, Michelle Hammer, Lynn Metheny, Susan Homan, Wendy Wygant, David Witt, and Carole Witt.



THESE DAYS DAILY DEVOTIONALS

The April – June issue of *These Days Devotional* is available in the Gathering area. This issue features "Showing Love," "A Comforting God," and "Renewed by Resurrection." Help yourself to a copy while supplies last.

TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION

The "Women in the Hebrew Bible" Class meets in the Bageant Room every **Tuesday, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**. Each week is different, so feel free to join as you're able. This week, we will focus on Jezebel.

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Join us **Wednesday morning, 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**, for a brief morning prayer service in the Memorial Sanctuary. This special mid-week time of prayer and reflection is designed to help us draw closer to God as we journey through this season of contemplation and waiting. All are welcome!

CAR VACUUMING FUNDRAISER – Back by popular demand!

Gravel, dirt, and other debris quickly made their way into cars over the winter and we all want our vehicles to be clean once again! Pull up to the church parking lot curb next **Sunday, March 30, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**. The Youth will have shop vacs ready and you'll see the satisfaction that comes from a freshly vacuumed carpet. Please remove small objects from the floor of your vehicle. Donations will support Youth Mission Trips and Camps/Conferences. Thank you!

EASTER TULIP ORDERS

Tulip order/dedication forms are available in Gathering Area and are due to the church office by **Monday, March 31**. The cost is \$10 each. Please indicate "tulips" with your payment.

LENT COLORING POSTER PROJECT

During Lent this year, our congregational challenge is to completely color the LENT POSTER that focuses on LISTENING. The poster table is set up in the Gathering Area with markers available. Anyone is invited to work on it and add some color by filling in any un-colored spaces. It is coming alive with bright color! Keep coloring so we can complete it by Easter Sunday. As you color, LISTEN to the sounds around you. Please remember to leave all the markers on the table for others to use as well. Thank you.

LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

A Lent devotional titled, "**Looking Around Through Lent... and Everywhere in Between**," is available for you to use during this new season of Lent. Daily readings focus on helping us sense God's presence all around us, we may just need a nudge to realize it. Take a booklet home today and spend a few quiet moments each day as you read it. Copies are available in the Gathering Area. Help yourself.

A Children's Lent Booklet titled, "**The A to Z Book of Lent**" is available for young ones. This will help children focus on getting to know God better and offering their own selves to God. Copies are available in the Gathering Area. Help yourself.

ADULT TRIP TO BOTANICAL GARDENS IN DC

An adult trip to the Botanical Gardens in DC is scheduled for **Monday, April 7**. There is one spot available! The cost is \$12, plus lunch at Metro 29 Diner. If you are interested in joining in this day trip, please let Carole Witt know (dce@opequonchurch.org). We will meet at **8:30 AM** that day.

LET'S SUPPORT OUR KIDS & YOUTH

Did you know that our young people are involved in all sorts of activities outside of the church building? We have amazing artists, athletes, writers, musicians, and more! Rebekah Witt is collecting activity schedules so that we can show up and support our families in all that they do. Let Rebekah know if you would like to nurture relationships with our families outside of the church walls by attending their events! If your child or youth has a schedule that you'd like to share, please reach out to Rebekah (rwitt@opequonchurch.org or 540-686-0752).

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

8:30 AM Worship

Liturgist: Doug Joyner

Beadle: Bud Proctor

Door Greeters: Dale & Marsha
Barley

Ushers: Betty Chicklo, June
Malone, Alyce Callahan

Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler

Building Steward:

Mike Wygant

11:00 AM Worship

Readers: Will Baker, Kyleigh Kramelage, Hunter
Frey, Wyatt Ervin, Hailey Frey, Kolton
Kramelage, Joshua Batcha, Conner Link,
Virginia Barr, Flynn Hall, Shiloh Ervin

Beadle: Camden Saunders

Door Greeters: Bonnie Pitzer, Maureen & Bill
Wellman, Chandler & Joseph O'Donnell, Sierra
McGunnigle, Maggie Murphy

Ushers: Annemarie Matthews, Dennis Boyd,
Sam & Ruby Shaffer, Rhodes & Olive
Wakeman

Acolyte: Dakota Davis

Water Bearer: LJ Strosnider

Livestream: Susan Ritter, John White

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

✂ How does the music today witness to how God cares for creation and God's children around the world?

Notes on Today's Prayers

✂ Where do I need to focus my prayers this week? For whom and for what do I need to pray?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

✂ What would you say God holds in his hands?

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

✂ How long does it take for an apple or a fig tree to bear fruit?

✂ What if the tree has been mishandled and neglected?

✂ In our own lives, can we expect to bear fruit if our needs have not been met?
Can we grow if we have not been nurtured?

✂ What do you do when you feel disconnected to God?

✂ Is it ever tempting for you to see things, nature, or humans as a waste if they are not producing what you expect them to produce?

✂ How do we tend to our root systems?

✂ What are the restful, nurturing practices that we need in order to grow and thrive?