

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"I Want to Know You..."
Faith Practices that are Fruitful

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

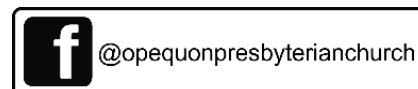
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **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

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 23, 2024 – 10:00 AM

4 Cents A Meal

***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..... *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Arranged by: David Lasky

(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 No. 710 *We Lift Our Voices*

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours:
we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;
we are an offering.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We all have gifts. We all have something to share.

The world needs what we have to give.

We share what we have. We share who we are.

And we do it all for the glory of God.

All good gifts come from God. Let us worship God with our abundant gifts!

†OPENING HYMN No. 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God of generous mercy and compassion knows us so well. We like to think that we can hide from God, but we are just kidding ourselves. God offers us new life, inviting us to turn around and listen for words of hope. So let's take the first steps toward honesty, forgiveness, and turning around in repentance, as we confess our sins together, and then silently.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us, we pray – for all the times we have turned away from an opportunity to be generous; for all the times we have believed in hopelessness, in isolation, or in despair more than we have believed in you; for all the times we have chosen timidity over bold witness; for all the times we have failed to live into the awesomeness of the gifts you have given us. Forgive us, O God. Teach us how to forgive each other, and help us to forgive ourselves.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Lamentations 3:22-23)

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." We thank God that his mercies never come to an end. We are forgiven and free.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 698 (x3)..... *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Take, O take me as I am;

summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

†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 ✠

SPECIAL MUSIC *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

By: Lloyd Larson
Dean Palmer

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 11:23-26 Pew Bible p. 518

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Pew Bible p. 942

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "What Do You Have to Share?"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,

and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,

to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;

whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

☞ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ☞

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Be Thou My Vision*
Arranged by: Bethany K. Smith; Editor: Gregg Sewell

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

Merciful God, there is need in the world. There is discord and there is strife. There is generosity and goodness. There is community. Guide us as we use our gifts to build your realm of peace and justice. May we grow in generosity. May we grow ever closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 38, #4-5)..... *A Brief Statement of Faith*

†THE GLORIA PATRI No. 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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. 717 (x2)..... *For the Life That You Have Given*

**For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring:
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.**

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 748..... *Go with Us, Lord*

**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

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning's prelude was written 150 years ago by the daughter of an Anglican priest, yet it has a very Calvinist perspective. It is a ubiquitous hymn found in over 1150 hymnals across most denominations. Many consider it one of the greatest hymns of dedication ever written as it offers: my life, my hands, my voice, my money, my will, and my love. It is #697 in our hymnal. The simplicity of the text can stand alone as prayer, or as instruction as we teach children to live generous lives. "Be Thou My Vision" is just a little over one hundred years old, yet it feels ageless. It wasn't until 1919 that the translation of a 6th century Irish poem was combined with the ancient melody, "Slane." Bethany K. Smith's arrangement frames the familiar folk tune with drama and flair making it seem even more Celtic.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Rebecca Agbayani in honor of her loving husband, Max, and in celebration of their four years of marriage.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family of Aubree Dyer
Jim Callahan
NOROC Mission Team
Peggy Gruenther &
Family
Katie Happel
Tim Loftis
Dianne Gonzalez
Georgia Ricketts
Jan Ryan
Sydney & Tina Young
Emma Kate Hathaway
Richard & Pat Young
Nancy Roberts
Mady Moreland
Curt Budny
Fran Jeffries
Louise Galvach
Bettye Stirn
Tim Hoffman

Vonnie
Dave Weber
Lois Roy
Rick Ours
Cheryl Mortland
Marsha Bennett
Al & May Schollenberger
Kourtney Haake
Emma Martz
Velma Doman
Cathy & Alex Plumb &
Family
Clay Knick
Sheyenne & Dale Ervin
Nathan Windle
Tom Homan
Those Suffering from
Mental Illness
Roger Murphy
June Windle

Betty & Gayle DeHaven
Mike Shade
Martha Jackson
Bereaved Israelites &
Palestinians
Jewish & Muslim Victims
Worldwide
José LaMont Jones
Cindy Correll
Douglas Dicks
Michael Weller
Cindia Stewart
Rich Valenti
Nancy Kerns
Kennedy Ransom
Ukraine
Ethiopia Church Mekane
Jesus

✿ PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES ✿

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 – June 23

"I Want to Know You" Faith Practices: "Generosity"
4 Cents A Meal

- 10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
4:00 PM Roots & Shoots Picnic in the Garden
6:00 PM WOW (Wonderful Outdoor Worship) – Pitcock Picnic Pavilion

THIS WEEK

- Monday: 6:00 PM Windsong Open House – Sanctuary & Gathering Area
Tuesday: 3:00 PM TVOR Gathering
5:30 PM Highland Food Pantry
6:15 PM Young Adult Bowling – Northside Lanes
Thursday: 10:00 AM Youth Water Park Trip
10:00 PM Newsletter Assembly – Bageant Room
10:30 AM Tai Chi – Picnic Shelter/Memorial Sanctuary
10:30 AM WANC Lunch – Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Fellowship Book Club – Bageant Room
7:00 PM Hymn Festival of Shenandoah University at Opequon – Sanctuary
Friday: 11:00 AM Java with Julia – Hopscotch Coffee
Saturday: 10:00 AM Jubilee Kitchen – First Presbyterian Church

NEXT SUNDAY – June 30

"I Want to Know You" Faith Practices: "Justice & Mercy"
Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering
Scriptures: Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 12:9-12 Sermon: "Bridge Building"

- 10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
1:00 PM Youth Mission Trip Meeting – Assembly Room
2:00 PM Scam Prevention Workshop – Fellowship Hall

PICNIC PARTY IN THE GARDEN

Come to the Roots & Shoots Picnic in the Garden **today** at **4:00 PM**! You are welcome to hang out at the picnic tables in the garden or bring your own folding/camping chairs. Grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a SALAD or SIDE DISH to share. We hope to see you there!

SUMMER DESSERT & WOW SERVICE

It's time for our first WOW – "Wonderful Outdoor Worship" service of the summer! Join us **today** at **6:00 PM** in the Picnic Pavilion, to share in the casual worship outdoors with singing, meditation, and prayer.

Be sure to come early to enjoy a special "Red, White, & Blue" themed dessert provided by the Fellowship Team at **5:30 PM** (immediately following the Roots & Shoots Picnic in the Garden).

FELLOWSHIP BOOK CLUB

The Fellowship Book Club will meet this **Thursday, June 27**, at **6:00 PM** in the Bageant Room to discuss the book *Things I Wish I Told My Mother* by Susan Patterson & Susan Dilallo.

HYMN FESTIVAL INVITE

All are invited to an evening of music for the Hymn Festival of Shenandoah University held in OPC'S Sanctuary this **Thursday, June 27**, at **7:00 PM**.

DON'T GET SCAMMED!

Next **Sunday, June 30**, at **2:00 PM**, State Trooper Adam Galton will be at OPC to present a seminar about scams and how to avoid them! This workshop is open to everyone and is sponsored by Congregational Care. Transportation is available – just call the church office (540-662-1843) by **11:00 AM** this **Friday** to reserve a seat on the bus.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK WAS TERRIFIC!

We officially kicked off summer with our terrific VBS nights! The sights and sounds of kids and youth playing on the grounds, chattering in hallways, and creating things they are proud of stretched throughout the building. Great aromas from the kitchen and satisfying meals were a great part of VBS too. A closing night celebration with a slide show and reception for families topped off our VBS which focused on the story of Abraham and Sarah. We are filled with gratitude for every young person that was here and for every staff person that helped make it all happen. We are thankful for support from the congregation and appreciate another great VBS experience at OPC! VBS also included a great outreach project of decorating and filling 10 large bins with household items to create a "Welcome to Your New Home" gift for new refugee families settling in our community. Generosity abounded and it is exciting for these to go out to families in our area.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A volunteer transportation schedule has been created to help Nate Windle with getting to and from his dialysis appointments during July and August. On the scheduled days, he will need to be picked up at his home in Stephens City between 9:30-9:45 AM and dropped-off at the center in Winchester, then picked-up between 2:15-2:30 PM and taken home. To volunteer to help with transportation on either an occasional or on-going basis, sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945A5AF2AA5FF2-50047692-driving> or contact Winter Brooks (winterbrooks@comcast.net).

ADDITIONAL "FAITH PRACTICES" BOOKLETS NOW AVAILABLE!

If you haven't done so, please pick up a "Faith Practices" guide that goes along with our summer worship series, "I Want to Know You More: Faith Practices that Are Fruitful" for you and your family. There are plenty available in the Gathering Area in the baskets on the name tag table.

STAFF SCHEDULE NOTES

- June 25-June 27: David Witt – General Assembly Committee
- June 28-July 12: David & Carole Witt – General Assembly & Vacation

Please Note: David and Carole Witt will be attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Endorsed by Opequon's Session, David is one of the four Voting Commissioners plus a Youth Advisory Delegate from Shenandoah Presbytery. His commitment begins this Tuesday with virtual Christian Formation Committee meetings all day through Thursday. Even though in town, he will not be accessible from Tuesday through Thursday. David and Carole will leave for the Assembly on Friday, June 28, and will not return to Opequon until Sunday, July 14. Please reach out to Pastor Julia or Pastor Tracie during this time.

SAVE THE DATE: Homecoming Sunday

Mark your calendars! On **August 18**, we will gather as a congregation for a Homecoming Sunday! We hope to bring together old friends who have moved away or haven't been here in a while and the whole congregation for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! We will begin with Celebration Worship at **10:00 AM**, followed by a Homecoming Parade down to the Pitcock Memorial Picnic Pavilion, where we will enjoy a Picnic Luncheon provided by the Discipleship Team with desserts provided by the Ministry Teams. It will be a celebration of YOU and everyone who makes this church feel like home!

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

10:00 AM Worship

Liturgist: Rebecca Agbayani

Beadle: Clayton Carbaugh

Door Greeters: Becky Proctor, Bonnie Pitzer

Hospitality Greeters: Laverne Cooper, Mary Himelright

Ushers: Betty Chicklo, June Malone, Alyce Callahan, Shiloh Ervin,
Wyatt Ervin, Sam Shaffer

Acolyte: Shiloh Ervin

Livestream: Susan Ritter, Max Agbayani

Building Stewards: Max & Rebecca Agbayani

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

✂ How does today's music witness to God's generosity and our gratitude and generosity in response?

Notes on Today's Prayers

✂ Where do I need to focus my prayers this week?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

✂ How and what will you share in this new week?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

✂ What does it mean to be generous?

✂ What examples of generosity might you share?

✂ How is God generous?

✂ What does the apostle Paul say to the Corinthians that resonates with you? That challenges you?

✂ How does the practice of generosity shape your faith?

✂ How can your generosity help others to flourish?

✂ How will you practice generosity this summer?

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