

# OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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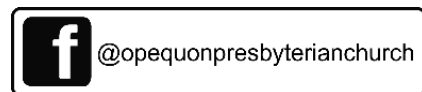
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **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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Pastor .....	David R. Witt
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Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries .....	Rebekah Witt
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# A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 7, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

*Communion; Independence Day*

**\*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 ✠

### A MUSICAL CELEBRATION FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

*Stars and Stripes Forever* (foot tapping encouraged)

*The Star-Spangled Banner* (please remain seated)

*God Bless America* (sing along if you like)

PRELUDE..... *God of Our Fathers*

Arranged by: Lani Smith

(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..... *Jesus We Are Gathered*

Traditional Folk Song

**Jesus, we are here,  
Jesus, we are here,  
Jesus, we are here,  
we are here, for you.**

**Father...**

**Spirit...**

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together today listening to God

**When we hear God loudly.**

We gather together today listening to God

**When we hear God only in whisper.**

We gather together today listening to God

**When we hear other things that distract us.**

We gather together today listening to God

**When we like what we hear, and when we don't.**

Let us hear God's call to us in the here and now, as we gather together to worship.

†OPENING HYMN No. 410 ..... *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

**God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.**

**Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;**

**hush of stillness, rush of wonder:**

**God is calling – can you hear?**

**God is calling – can you hear?**

**God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.**

**Place of hurt or face of needing;**

**strident cry or silent pleading:**

**God is calling – can you hear?**

**God is calling – can you hear?**

**God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.**

**Lift of joy and gift of singing;**

**days and nights our praises bringing:**

**God is calling – and we hear!**

**God is calling – and we hear!**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

God promises always to love and forgive us – even when don't follow God's way, or when we do things that hurt others. Everyone makes mistakes; that is why we confess our sin together. When we confess our sin, we say that we are sorry for these things, and we ask God to forgive us and help us live new lives. Let us confess our sin in front of God and our neighbor.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we are often the ones doing a lot of the talking. We say what we think we need to say, or what we think others want us to say. We talk, filling in the silence with noise. But sometimes, that stops us from taking a moment and listening. We are sorry for the times that we don't leave the space for your voice. Forgive us. Empower us to leave moments for your voice to be the one that we hear.**

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Because Jesus lived and died and rose again for us, we know that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. That's why we name our mistakes, loudly, with honesty. Because God never leaves us and instead draws us near.

## LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 469 (x2)..... *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

†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 ..... *Lamb of God*

By: Twila Paris & Lloyd Larson

Rick Ours

## THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:3-5, 10-13 ..... Pew Bible p. 598

NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 1:19-25 ..... Pew Bible p. 980

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "Do you hear that?"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 692 .....*Spirit, Open My Heart*

[refrain] **Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.**

**God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. [refrain]**

**Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.  
[refrain]**

**May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. [refrain]**

SERMON..... "Sorry, Did You Say Something?"

Pastors Tracie Martin & Julia Burkley

**☞ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞**

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Give Me Jesus*  
Arranged by: Mark Hayes

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

**We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. In this offering let us bless your church, your people, your creation.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 No. 507 ..... *Come to the Table of Grace*

**Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table;  
it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of peace...  
Come to the table of love...  
Come to the table of hope...  
Come to the table of joy...**

Closing Communion Prayer

**✎ WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME ✎**

†CLOSING HYMN No. 515..... *I Come with Joy*

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love, laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are  
friends, and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.**

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 313 (v. 1) ..... *Lord, Make us More Holy*

**Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:  
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.**

†POSTLUDE

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## **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 service today are: Winter Brooks, Ben Brooks, Robin Cooke, Bill Thomasson, Jennie Wright, and Kyle Homan.

<h3><b>NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC</b></h3>
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This morning's patriotic music is very traditional. It begins with our National March and continues with our National Anthem. It is appropriate to remain seated when this anthem is played in a concert setting as it is today. Feel free to sing along with "God Bless America," a prayer for our nation. Our National Hymn, "God of Our Fathers" leads us into worship. The offertory can be traced back to 1845. The lullaby-like melody, repetition, and simplicity of the text made it accessible for congregations where printed hymnals were not affordable. Like many spirituals, the verses could be created on the spot for the situation. The traditional opening verse is: "In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus."



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Linda Bock in celebration of the many happy memories with Steven Bock, Sr. and in honor of what would have been his and Linda's anniversary of 55 blessed years of marriage on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Youth Mission Team	Jan Ryan	Nathan Windle
All those traveling	Sydney & Tina Young	Tom Homan
Moody Family	Emma Kate Hathaway	Those Suffering from Mental Illness
Family of Ronnie Whittington	Richard & Pat Young	Roger Murphy
Seth George	Nancy Roberts	June Windle
Family of Cindia Stewart	Mady Moreland	Mike Shade
Barbie & Sara	Curt Budny	Martha Jackson
Betty DeHaven	Fran Jeffries	Bereaved Israelites & Palestinians
Family of Gayle DeHaven	Bettye Stirn	Jewish & Muslim Victims Worldwide
Winter Brooks	Tim Hoffman	José LaMont Jones
Pat deButts	Vonnie	Cindy Correll
Family of Louise Galvach	Dave Weber	Douglas Dicks
Family of Aubree Dyer	Lois Roy	Michael Weller
Jim Callahan	Rick Ours	Rich Valenti
NOROC Mission Team	Cheryl Mortland	Nancy Kerns
Peggy Gruenther & Family	Marsha Bennett	Kennedy Ransom
Katie Happel	Al & May Schollenberger	Ukraine
Tim Loftis	Kourtney Haake	Ethiopia Church Mekane Jesus
Dianne Gonzalez	Emma Martz	
Georgia Ricketts	Velma Doman	
	Cathy & Alex Plumb & Family	
	Clay Knick	
	Sheyenne & Dale Ervin	

## ✿ 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 – July 7

*Faith Practices: "Listening"*  
*Communion; Patriotic Music; CCAP*

9:50 AM Time of Patriotic Music – Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream  
11:15 AM Opie's Playhouse – Playground

### THIS WEEK

Monday: 6:00 PM MOO – Chick-fil-A  
6:30 PM Windsong – Sanctuary  
7:00 PM MOO – Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday: 6:00 PM GLOW's Night Out – Los Toltecos  
Wednesday: 12:00 PM Happy Days – Fellowship Hall  
Thursday: 10:30 AM Tai Chi – Picnic Shelter/Memorial Sanctuary

### NEXT SUNDAY – July 14

*Faith Practices: "Remembering"*  
*Scriptures: Joshua 4:1-7; Luke 22:14-20 Sermon: "Remembering"*

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream  
11:15 AM Senior Outreach Ministry  
1:30 PM Spring Arbor Worship

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### OPIE'S PLAYHOUSE

Opie's Playhouse will meet **TODAY, 11:15 AM—12:00 PM**, outside on the playground. Who doesn't like swings, bubbles, kickballs, chalk, lemonade and cookies?! It's a time of pure summer fun and fellowship. Opie's Playhouse is for all families with young children, ages 7 and under. Big siblings are welcome to join us too. Stop by on the way to the car... you might make a new friend! In the event of rain, we will meet in the Memorial Sanctuary. We hope to see you all there!

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Please pray for Beth Barr, Virginia Barr, Malayna Bates, Daryl Bell, MacKenna Bell, and Rebekah Witt as they join together with First Presbyterian Church of Winchester for a Youth Mission Trip to New Bern, NC on July 7-12! They will be working through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to do hurricane disaster relief. Thank you for your prayers and support!

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

GLOW is Opequon's multi-aged women's group that meets monthly to build friendships and enjoy heart-warming activities together. This month's GLOW will enjoy "DINNER OUT" at Los Toltecos (Delco Plaza in Winchester) this **Tuesday, July 9**. We will meet at the restaurant at **6:00 PM**. All women are invited to come. Give yourself a little time with the girls. Sneak peak at next month's GLOW event: A Backyard Bash at Carole Witt's home in Stephens City (dinner provided)

## **HAPPY DAYS GATHERING**

Happy Days is the monthly Older Adult Fellowship Gathering. Happy Days will take place this **Wednesday, July 10**, at **NOON** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are able, bring a covered dish for the pot-luck luncheon. Rotisserie Chicken and drinks are provided. Following lunch, get ready to laugh and laugh some more as we enjoy some favorite Carol Burnett movie episodes from the past. All older adults are welcome. Come enjoy the friendship of one another and the delicious food.

## **KIDS OF THE KINGDOM CAMP DAY**

This is a new summer adventure for children ages 4 through those who have finished the 4th grade. Come join the Kids Camp Day on **Sunday, July 21, 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM**. We will gather inside the BIG tent in the Fellowship Hall right after worship that morning. There will be a light lunch for kids and then we will spend time sharing stories and hearing stories around our pretend campfire, along with the treat of S'MORES and some fun games. Mom and Dad can take a little break and go out for lunch while kids have fun under the BIG TENT. Questions? Feel free to reach out and ask Carole Witt. (Lunch Menu: Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, Grapes, and Sliced Cucumbers)

## **STAFF SCHEDULE NOTES**

David and Carole Witt are attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah this week, and then will be on vacation until Sunday, July 14. Please reach out to Pastor Julia or Pastor Tracie during this time.

## **COMING NEXT MONTH: Homecoming Sunday**

Mark your calendars for Homecoming Sunday on **August 18** and celebrate YOU and everyone who makes this church feel like home! See details in the July newsletter!

# WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

## 10:00 AM Worship

**Liturgist:** Edwina Johansen

**Beadle:** Bud Proctor

**Door Greeters:** Jeannie Wright, Becky Myers

**Hospitality Greeters:** Ben & Winter Brooks

**Ushers:** Mike Butler, Steve Bock, Jim Horner, Flynn Hall, Yogi Beach, Abby Beach

**Acolyte:** Flynn Hall

**Livestream:** Susan Ritter, Ellen Cunningham

**Building Stewards:** Winter & Ben Brooks

## WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

### Notes on Today's Music

✂ What did you hear in the music today that inspires you?

### Notes on Today's Prayers

✂ Who do you feel called to pray for this week?

### Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

✂ Where do you need to listen in your life?

### Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

✂ Where do you hear God speaking to you?

✂ What does 'active listening' mean to you?

✂ How does listening draw us into community?

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