

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**August 18, 2019
8:30 & 11:00 am
“We Choose Love”**

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!

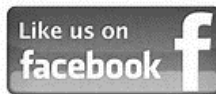
INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

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 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 Faith Formation class each week.** Faith Formation Educational Hour is held at 9:45 am each Sunday September through May. 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.

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David R. Witt-----	Pastor
Tracie Martin-----	Parish Associate
Laurie Carver-----	Nursery Supervisor
William Heavner-----	Organist
Susan Homan-----	Director of Music
Patty Klinefelter-----	Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard-----	Office Administrator
Lisa Sorrentino-Miller-----	Finance Administrator
Robert Sydnor-----	Sexton
Carole Witt-----	Director of Christian Education
Rebekah Witt-----	Youth & Young Adult Director



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 18, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 am

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* Arr: Smith
Piano & Organ Duet

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.

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 614 *Great Are You, Lord*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God is working in the world,

With flames of justice and waters of mercy.

Christ is calling in the world,

With whispers of love and cries of compassion.

The Holy Spirit is moving in the world, joining our hearts, minds, and voices,

With acts of service and songs of praise.

Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides,

Let us worship God.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you created us good, and forever you hold us in your love.

Yet we have wandered off and listened to other voices that shout that

we are worthless and unlovable, that we must prove ourselves and earn another's love. We run after any experience that will ease our longing. We dash helter-skelter after any entertainment or novelty that will temporarily fill our ache. We look for anyone who will welcome us. We long for a love that has already been given to us.

Tender God, remind us again and again that we are chosen and beloved by you. We have our identity given in the waters of baptism. We have our lives renewed by your holy Word and by the gifts of creation. We have a joy that is unending, and we are embraced in a love that lasts through eternity.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean. Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 188 *Jesus Loves Me!*

†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.”

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *Love Lifted Me*..... Arr: Raney
Piano Solo - William Heavner

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7.....Pew Bible p. 552

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5:1-11.....Pew Bible p. 917

A SPECIAL TIME WITH CHILDREN..... “Poured Out”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 279 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *You Raise Me Up*.....Arr: Stevens
Piano - Susan Homan

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 38, Sections 4, 5, 6)

..... “A Brief Statement of Faith”

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. 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 205 *Live in Charity*

**Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are placed by Pat and Bill Heavner in memory of Katie Baker Heavner. These simple hydrangeas are from the same bush that provided a bouquet for Katie's room at The Hospice of the Panhandle last August.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

We are getting ready to begin a new confirmation year. Confirmation is typically for 8th graders and runs September through May. **The invitation to participate in the confirmation experience is open to any 8th grader or OLDER YOUTH.** Parents and prospective students are invited to the Confirmation Orientation TODAY at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Highlights of the confirmation experience and beneficial information will be outlined for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 18-25, 2019

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Spiritual Growth Adult Class—Bageant Room
9:45 am: Newcomers' Class—Memorial Sanctuary
9:45 am: Confirmation Orientation—Fellowship Hall
11:00 am: Morning Worship
12:15 pm: Safety Ministry—Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Sing! Shenandoah—6:00 pm—Sanctuary
Tuesday: Discernment Team—5:15 pm—Bageant Room
Session Meeting—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
Wednesday: Newsletter Deadline
Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Bereavement Group—10:00 am—Assembly Room
Thursday: Tai Chi—1:00 pm—Assembly Room
Friday: Life Goes On—1:00 pm—Perkins Restaurant
Sing! Shenandoah—6:30 pm—Sanctuary
Saturday: Sing! Shenandoah—9:00 am—Sanctuary & Bageant Room
Shenandoah Presbytery—9:30 am—Moorefield (WV)
Presbyterian Church, Bill Burslem, William Heavner
—Elder Commissioners

NEXT SUNDAY

Christian Education Sunday

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Summer Series “We Choose Love”
Romans 12:9-21
Sermon: “Marks of the True Christian”
Four Cents a Meal, Fair Trade Coffee
Rally Day “GIFT” Event—9:45 am—Fellowship Hall
Motel Ministry—12:30 pm
Newcomers' Social—4:30 pm—Fellowship Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anne Brown
Dan Cammer
Jon & Judy Smith
Cindy Weeks
Katie & Cora Saunders
Colin Hunter
The Bynog Family
Greg Schmidt
Stephen Armstrong
El Paso & Dayton Shootings
Cathy Dillow
Eugene Garrett
Trip
Alan McKay
Karen Jones
Brad Metheny
Jesse Montgomery
Charlie Clevenger
Destiny
Steven
Rick Myer
Gilroy & Brooklyn Shootings
Katie Teets
Vicki Earnshaw

Bryce Newlin
Shirley Williams
Shannon Conner
Casey Carr
Nancy Kerns
Ted Reed
Barbara Branson
Scott Jackson
Julia Pugh
Martha McCracken
Bill Ralston
Daniel Crites
TK Tandy III
Jennie Wright
Dan Thompson
Division in Our Country
Cliff and Jane Rodgester
Isaiah Truman
Phil Pingley
Joe Lingo
Edgar Tufts
Brad Treece
Connie & Libby Burch
Helen Potter

Ed & Esther Duetsch
Steve Bock
Frances Pitcock
Women & Children of Domestic
Violence
Families of Children, Youth &
Young Adults with Special
Needs
Jim Butler
Tamatha Hasse
Tom Gano
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, Thomas Crane, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Katherine Tufts, Michael White, and their families.

LOGOS REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE TODAY!

Registration is available for our upcoming 22nd year of LOGOS at Opequon set to begin September 18. Take advantage of “Early Bird Registration” with a discounted fee through the month of August when including a payment of at least ½ of the fees. Stop by the LOGOS display in the Gathering Area for easy, speedy registration. Look for the “SHINE JESUS SHINE” signs that reflect our theme for the upcoming year. GO LOGOS!

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

We donated 133 pounds this week, and over 100 pounds of that total came from tomatoes alone! It is proof that just because school started, the garden did not stop. If you have a little extra time in the mornings and would like to help keep the garden growing, sign up to water. Just look for the Community Garden Sign Up on the home page of the church’s website. There are openings in September, and we could always use extra help. Just send

something about your interest to the email found on the sign up page or contact anyone involved in the garden. We would love for you to join our garden community!

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Carson Ritter
Beadle: June Malone
Bell Ringers: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Ward Edwards, Julie & Lance Pearce
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Melissa Youngblood
Ushers: Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler, Lance Pearce,
Cameron Ritter, Carson Ritter, Addison Williams

11:00

Acolyte: Adelyn Astorino
Beadle: Nancy Budny
Bell Ringers: Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Kat Kibler
Greeters: Curt Budny, Susie Cherry, Grace & Sid Eadie,
Hospitality: Martha Fulton, Kirsta Weber
Liturgist: Cora Helen Anderson
Livestream: Lance Astorino
Nametags: Martha Fulton
Ushers: Adelyn Astorino, Aubrey Astorino, Andy Homan,
Hudson Homan, Kevin Reed, Joel Witt

ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH:

8:30–89 11:00–132

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

We all probably can't believe that a new school year has begun. Summertime does go quickly! We are thinking of all our children and youth who have gone back to school. Check out the "A-B-C, 1-2-3" table display in the Gathering Area and pick up your own 'back to school' folder that has some special items inside for YOU! Don't be shy, take a folder with things to try!

The RALLY DAY 'GIFT' EVENT!

A favorite day in the life of the church is often RALLY DAY.
Come see for yourself why this is true!

Sunday, August 25, 9:45 am when we celebrate with the
theme-

FRUIT FOR ALL

Children, youth, adults will be sharing in one fantastic time-

***Enjoy Fruit Kabobs, Fruit cup, Fruit Juice, and Muffins!**

***See 'Fruit Illusions', Fruit Mazes, & *Stick-to-It*
Fruit Competition.**

***Explore what it means to bear good fruit; John 15:1-8.**

****Fruitful* table conversations and blessings.**



LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

NEWCOMERS' SOCIAL

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

4:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Refreshments & Fellowship Honoring You!
All New Members from 2018-2019 are invited!

Sponsored by our Evangelism Team

Healthy Eating

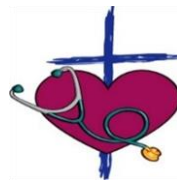


Sunday, September 8

Presented by Barbara Butler, Dietitian
OPC Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm
Lunch Provided

Faith Community Nurses

Patty Klinefelter
Bill Martin



THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown Clerk
David Witt Moderator

Class of 2019

Robin Eddy Worship Ministry
Mitch Orndorff Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens Christian Education Ministry
Susanna Shade Mission Ministry

Class of 2020

Lance Pearce Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Becky Proctor Fellowship Ministry
Susan Ritter... Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Kirsta Weber Christian Education Ministry

Class of 2021

Bill Deck Christian Education Ministry
Carole Fox Administration Ministry, Finance Team
Al Owens Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Jim Youngblood Administration Ministry, Finance Team

DEACONS

Debbie Bender Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Alyce Callahan Class of 2020, Congregational Care Ministry
Betty Chicklo Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
June Malone Class of 2019, Congregational Care Ministry
Bill Martin Class of 2020, Congregational Care Ministry
Graham Taylor Class of 2020, Congregational Care Ministry

TRUSTEES

Larry Donovan Class of 2020
George Schember Class of 2019
Mac McNichols, Chair Class of 2021

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did our music this morning witness to God's love poured out?

Notes on Today's Prayers

How did today's prayers strengthen you as a Christian and reflect that "we choose love?"

Notes on Today's Conversation with Children

Think about the abundance of God's love.

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

What are the expectations/requirements in tending a garden?

What can interfere with that tending? What are the results?

How does God save us?

How easy is it to pour just a little of something?

How is God's love poured out?

What does it mean to be saved for service as well as salvation?

How do we tell "the story?" How do we live "the story?"

What good fruit do we bear?