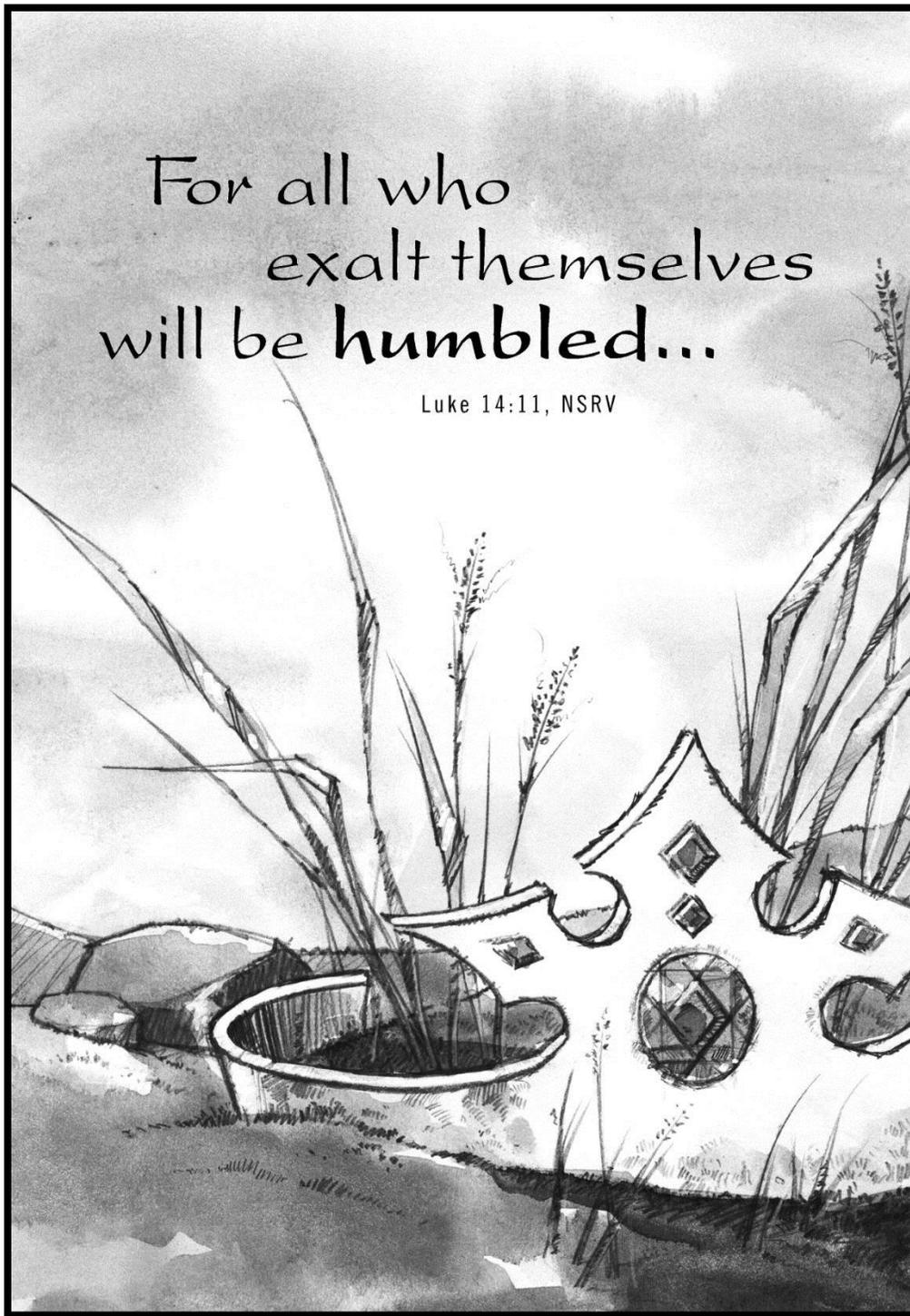


# OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**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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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
September 1, 2019  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Unless the House the Lord Shall Build* ..... Arr. Heavner  
(tune: *Bourbon* - Early American shape note melody)

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. 507 (vv. 1, 2, 3) ..... *Come to the Table of Grace*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,  
**rather than honor.**

God calls us to love the unknown,  
**rather than the familiar.**

We come to this time of worship, to this table of grace,  
**trusting in the love of Jesus Christ,**  
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 509 ..... *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*  
(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God invites us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility, let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Though we have heard that the humble ones will be exalted, we live as if we did not know your Word, O God. We seek power and privilege over humility and compassion. We climb ladders of success rather than**

humble steps of justice. We still wrestle for seats of honor, and we still try to limit the guest list at your table. Forgive us in Christ, our model of true humanity, and convict us to reflect the depth of your love.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life. Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another. With joy, seek the honor of God's service.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 518 (vv. 1, 3)..... *Your Only Son*

†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

ANTHEM ..... *Open Hearts, Open Doors*  
Sanctuary Choir, Paige Hughes-flute

In this sacred place of worship, we gather once again, to renew our faith and praise the God we love. So, to share His grace with others, we welcome all who enter by these doors, and we pledge today as one: open hearts, open doors. All are welcome here, to seek and find the Lord. Open hearts, open doors; ev'ryone is welcome here to seek and find the Lord. In Christ there is no east or west, in Him, no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; His service is the golden cord close binding humankind, with open hearts, and open doors. All are welcome here to seek and find the Lord. Ev'ryone is welcome here to seek and find the Lord.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 2:4-13 ..... Pew Bible p. 610

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 14:1, 7-14 ..... Pew Bible p. 849

A SPECIAL TIME WITH CHILDREN..... “Come to the Party”  
Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN (Worship Order p. 6)..... *Come to the Banquet*

SERMON ..... “Welcome to the Table”  
Pastor David R. Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Let Us Break Bread Together*..... Arr. Keeney

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

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Hymn No. 507 (vv. 4, 5)..... *Come to the Table of Grace*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

The Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music *Tune my Heart*..... Hoekstra

Communion Prayer

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 543..... *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL 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

## THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Cora Helen Anderson in honor of workers everywhere for Labor Day.

# Come to the Banquet

CCLI # 1622560

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: Dm, C, Dm. Lyrics: "Come to the banquet, there's a place for you." Ends with *Fine*.

**System 2:** Chords: C, A7. Lyrics: "Though you may - be have no mon - ey, though you may - be feel un - wor - thy, See, you are an hon - oured guest, from con - stant serv - ing you may rest; so Wo - man, wise one, mo - ther, maid - en, see your plate with food is la - den Work - er, fa - ther, lit - tle boy, old man or youth with - out em - ploy, come Wheth - er, you've been lost or faith - ful, wheth - er you've been wise or waste - ful,"

**System 3:** Chords: Dm, Bb, Am, Dm. Lyrics: "in your strength or in your weak - ness you are wel - come, come. sit you down, be fed and blessed, for you are wel - come, come. and your place is set and wait - ing. You are wel - come, come. rest your wor - ry, here is joy, and you are wel - come, come. here's a place of rest and grace, and you are wel - come, come." Ends with *D.C.*

## COMMUNION TODAY IS BY INTINCTION

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament by intinction. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread and gluten free grape juice (blue cup) are available in the center section; please see an usher for assistance. Please tear off a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup of grape juice, eating immediately. Return to your seat by the right aisle. Elders serving at 8:30 are: Lance & Julie Pearce, Melissa Youngblood, Jack Treece, Mike Crites, and Barbara Agregard. Elders serving at 11:00 are: John Sherman, Carole Fox, Ann Smith, Susan Ritter, Edgar Tufts and Susanna Shade.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 1-8, 2019

### TODAY

8:30 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP Offering  
11:00 am: Morning Worship, Communion, CCAP Offering

### THIS WEEK

Monday: Labor Day—Church Office Closed  
Tuesday: Ministry Team Night Dinner—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall  
Devotions—6:45 pm  
Meetings—7:00 pm  
Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—Bageant Room  
Bereavement Group—10:00 am—Assembly Room  
LOGOS Staff Dinner & Orientation—5:30 pm—Fellowship Hall  
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary  
Thursday: Tai Chi—1:00 pm—Gathering Area

### NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am  
Faith Formation Classes for All Ages—9:45 am  
Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33  
Sermon: “I’m All In”  
Healthy Eating Lunch & Program—12:15 pm—Fellowship Hall  
LOGOS Parents’/Family Meeting—12:15 pm—Memorial Sanctuary  
Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12) Kick-Off with Families  
—5:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

### ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>:

8:30—105      11:00—118

### STAFF SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Please note that Bill and Tracie Martin will be away from Friday of this week through Monday of next week.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Amazon Fires	Steven	Steve Bock
Helms Family	Gilroy & Brooklyn Shootings	Frances Pitcock
Al Owens	Katie Teets	Women & Children of Domestic Violence
Dominic	Vicki Earnshaw	Families of Children, Youth & Young Adults with Special Needs
Carlos	Shannon Conner	Jim Butler
Hunter Manspile	Casey Carr	Tamatha Hasse
Ty Martin	Nancy Kerns	Tom Gano
Augie	Julia Pugh	Disaster Relief Agencies
Joseph Burton	Martha McCracken	Nathan Windle
Marj Praml	Bill Ralston	Kes Mersha
Amanda Fletcher	Daniel Crites	Heather Leake
Helen	TK Tandy III	Megan McCord
Sally Robinson Family	Jennie Wright	Jane Lewis
Jesse Montgomery	Dan Thompson	Doug Koch
Rick Myer	Division in Our Country	Illubabor Bethel Synod of Church Mekane Yesus
Jon & Judy Smith	Cliff and Jane Rodgester	Rachel & Michael Weller
Cindy Weeks	Isaiah Truman	Doug Dicks
Colin Hunter	Phil Pingley	
Greg Schmidt	Joe Lingo	
El Paso & Dayton Shootings	Edgar Tufts	
Cathy Dillow	Brad Treece	
Karen Jones	Connie & Libby Burch	
Brad Metheny	Helen Potter	
Charlie Clevenger	Ed & Esther Duetsch	

## 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.

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle:	Suzi White
Bell Ringers:	Mo Mohler
Greeters:	Jean Smith, Wendy & Mike Wygant
Hospitality:	Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist:	JoEllen Delamatta
Ushers:	Vicki Schmidt Crites, Graham Taylor, Natalie Youngblood

11:00

Beadle:	Shirley Tomblin
Bell Ringers:	Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Kat Kibler
Greeters:	Lyn Warren, Hilda Zalonis
Hospitality:	Jodi & Bill Deck
Liturgist:	Rebekah Witt

Livestream: Susan Ritter  
Nametags: Pat deButts  
Ushers: Clayton Carbaugh, Annemarie Matthews, Bill Robinson

### **LOGOS REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE-DISCOUNT RATE ENDS TODAY!**

Registration is available for our upcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> year of LOGOS at Opequon set to begin September 18. Take advantage of “**Early Bird Registration**” with a discounted fee that ends TODAY, with 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” sign that reflects our theme for the upcoming year. GO LOGOS!

### **LOGOS STAFF “STACHE BASH” - WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 PM**

All LOGOS Staff are encouraged to attend the LOGOS Staff Orientation this Wednesday, September 4, 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner menu includes Chicken Strata, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, and Root Beer Floats. We’ll share in some dinner time fun with the ‘Famous Mustache Matching Challenge’ and a teamwork fill-in-the-blank experience to review essential information about our LOGOS Ministry. You will be well nourished through all the holy hilarity that occurs! We appreciate LOGOS Staff attending this event. Childcare is available with reservations. Please contact the church office at 662-1843. Let’s all get ready for this new year with the theme “SHINE Jesus SHINE!” We look forward to showing young people that they REALLY DO MATTER with an action-packed new LOGOS year!

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS**

This week, 93.7 pounds of beans, okra, tomatoes, tomatillos, peppers, chard, cucumbers, and beets were donated to the Highland Food Pantry! Students from Sherando and Millbrook GIS helped harvest and weigh this harvest. They also lined the ground of the storage area with newspaper and mulch. We are so thankful for their help! There are openings to water starting the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> until the end of the month. This is a great chance to help feed the food insecure in our community, so please consider it! Sign up through SignUpGenius on the home page of the church’s website.

## NEW EDUCATIONAL YEAR SET TO BEGIN

With the kickoff of our new educational year, classes are set to begin next Sunday, September 8 at 9:45 am. We are pleased to offer a children's class, confirmation and a variety of intergenerational classes open to youth and adults. Find your own niche!

- ❖ **Children's Class: for Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Children are engaged in exciting Bible stories that reveal God's grace for us all. Interactive activities, singing and prayer, all shared with warm hospitality for ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This class meets in Classroom #3 and uses Growing In Grace & Gratitude curriculum.
- ❖ **Confirmation Class** Confirmation Class is held for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and older youth. A team of leaders build strong relationships with these young people, sharing in relevant experiences that dig into what faith is all about. This class meets in Classroom #2. Materials for discussions come from Theocademy and Professing our Faith.
- ❖ **Hands-Heart-Feet Class** meets in the Memorial Sanctuary. They come together inside the building for study and discussion and go out to serve with hands-on mission work in the community. For study times, they will use videos from the NOOMA series.
- ❖ **The Spiritual Growth Class** meets in the Bageant Room. This class will be studying the following: The Path to the Cross to discover how faith prepares the way for Jesus & his ultimate obedience & sacrifice. Following this study will be Love Carved in a Stone: a fresh look at the Ten Commandments.
- ❖ **"Living Our Faith: An Adult Confirmation Class"** meets in the Assembly Room. In response to many requests, we will now have a confirmation class for adults! This multigenerational class will use confirmation materials, along with other resources that focus on living out our faith through daily discipleship. Special Advent and Lenten studies will be featured.
- ❖ **Micah 6:8 Class** meets in the Fellowship Hall. Micah 6:8 calls for us to, "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." What does that look like in our local community and world today? Grounded in scripture, we will have the opportunity to explore the biblical mandate for justice.

**Healthy Eating  
Next Sunday, September 8**

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

**PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12**

September 8-Youth Families Kickoff in the Picnic Shelter from 5:00-7:00 pm. Pork BBQ and dessert provided. Please bring a side dish to share. There will be a corn hole competition and details will be shared about the upcoming youth year. The whole family is invited to join!

**SEWING PROJECT**

Anyone who can use a sewing machine is invited to join us for a sewing event to make very basic skirts to be donated to youth and adults in Baja, Mexico and our sister church in Ethiopia. We will meet Sunday, September 15, 12:30 pm–4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sewing machine, empty bobbin and a bagged lunch. All other materials will be provided. Call or text Susanna Shade 540-550-7150 if you have questions.



## WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

### Notes on Today's Music

How did our music this morning witness to hospitality at the Table?

### Notes on Today's Prayers

How did today's prayers strengthen you as a Christian?"

### Notes on Today's Conversation with Children

Who do we invite to the party?

### Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Think about tables where you eat, meet, and have conversation. What is important about those tables?

Where do you sit when you gather with others at the table? Do you ever have to get up and move for others?

How does your experience of the culture prevent you from fully embracing the call to serve with humility?

Whom do you invite to your home and our church? Do you invite those who cannot repay you or only those who can?

Make a list of 5-10 people you would invite to a party. How did you come up with that list?

Can you think of two people who never get invited to parties? What difference would it make at the party if you invited them? What difference would it make to them if you invited them?

Think about gathering at the communion Table this morning. Who is invited? What difference does it make to us, to them, and to the world?