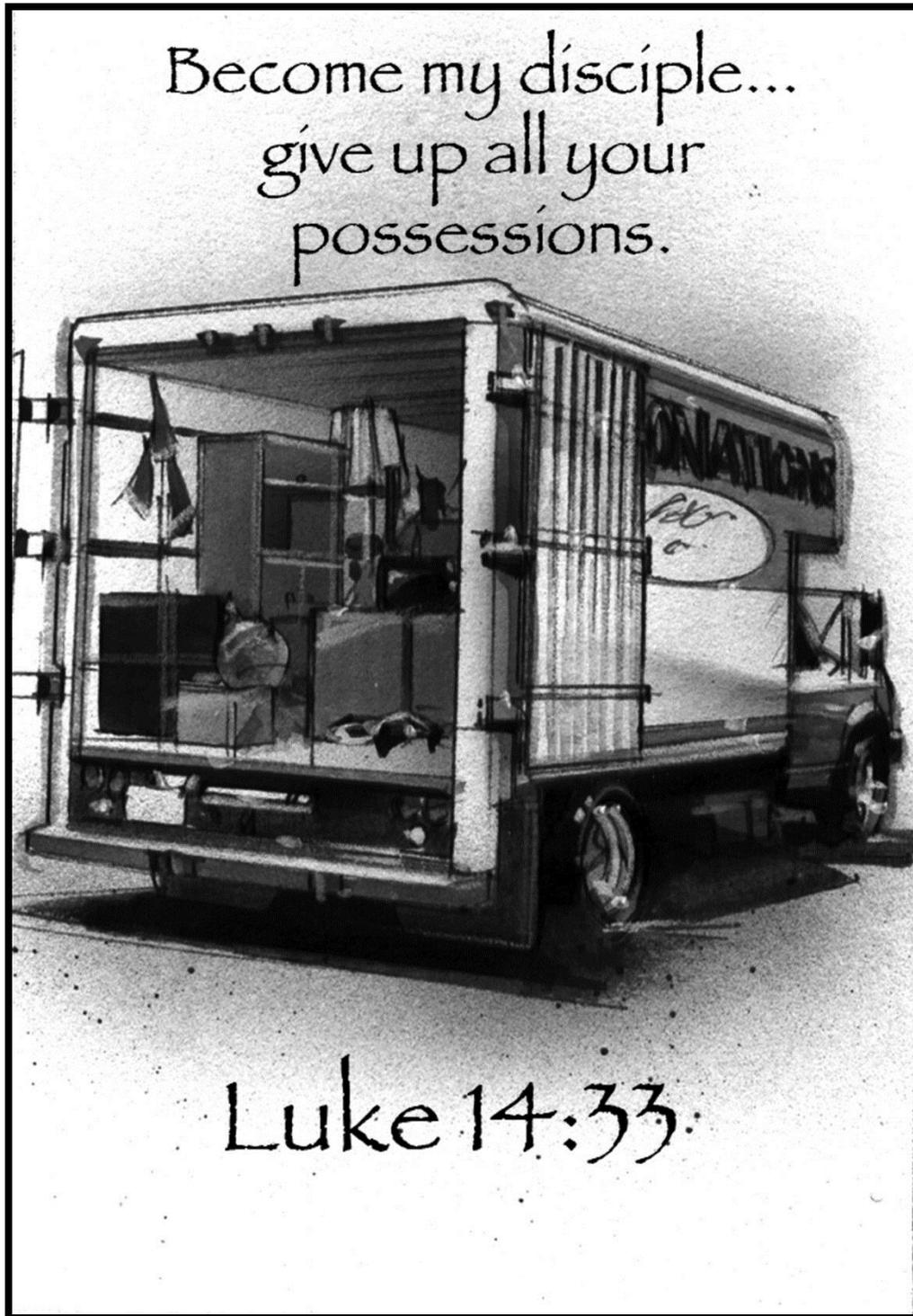


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 8, 2019
8:30 & 11:00 am
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Have Thine Own Way Lord*..... Arr. Southbridge

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 (Worship Order p.6, vv. 1, 2)..... *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the family of God,
bound together in the body of Christ.

We gather as the children of God,
called together in the presence of the Spirit.

We gather this day to worship God
and join our lives in the life of the church.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 5..... *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend
and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are the potter, shaping the world and molding our spirits.
Your creation is an act of grace and your every word a fountain of life.
Mold and shape us once again, O God, as we confess our sins before
you. Drip the water of your spirit onto our dry and cracking edges, and
push us with your gentle fingers to reflect your handiwork. Create love
where there is hatred, deep faith where there is shallow religion,
generosity where there is selfish greed, and wholeness where there are

shattered pieces. For we know that your work is not complete in us, and that our lives are made complete in you.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of the Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

LITANY OF PARDON

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

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 695 *Change My Heart, O God*

†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 *Order My Steps*

Glenn Burleigh

Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me, every day. Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word. Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will, while You are working, help me be still. Tho’ Satan is busy, God is real! I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I’ll do your blessed will. The world is ever changing, but You are still the same. If You order my steps, I’ll praise your name. Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word; guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart, O Lord, in your Word. Show me how to walk in your Word, show me how to talk in your Word. When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word. Please order my steps in your Word.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11 Pew Bible p. 629

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 14:25-33 Pew Bible p. 850

A SPECIAL TIME WITH CHILDREN..... “Working with Us”

Nursery (Ages Infant - Age 3)

†HYMN NO. 718 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

SERMON “I’m All In”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Trust and Obey Arr. Towner

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITHAdapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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. 432*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 742 *We Will Walk with God*

We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

†POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Hilda Zalonis in memory of her sons, Terry Strosnider and Jeffrey Strosnider.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

CCLI #1622560

Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,
 3. Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,
 4. Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cid - e now

to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,
 still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, No turn - ing
 to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low Je - sus?

Optional choral ending

back, no turn - ing back. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Him.

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ATTENDANCE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST:

8:30-73

11:00-95

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8-15, 2019

TODAY

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
9:45 am: Faith Formation Classes for All Ages
11:00 am: Morning Worship
12:15 pm: Healthy Eating Lunch & Program—Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm: LOGOS Parents’/Family Meeting—Memorial Sanctuary
5:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection (Grs. 6-12) Kick-Off with Families—Pitcock Memorial Shelter

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Older Adult Ministry Team—9:30 am—Bageant Room
Men of Opequon— Meet at Kernstown Battlefield—6:00 pm
Chick-fil-A—7:00 pm
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am – Bageant Room
GLOW—6:30 pm—Home of Pam & Mitch Orndorff
- Wednesday: Bereavement Group—10:00 am—Assembly Room
Happy Days—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall
LOGOS Leadership Team—4:30 pm—Bageant Room
Choir Practice—7:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Tai Chi—1:00 pm—Gathering Area
Read ‘em & Reap—2:00 pm—Bageant Room
Laurel Center Training—6:00 pm—Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY—“Back to Church Sunday”

- Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
Newcomers Meeting with Session—9:45 am—Memorial Sanctuary
Faith Formation Classes for All Ages—9:45 am
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Luke 15:1-10
Sermon: “The Least, the Last, and the Lost”
Baptisms (8:30), “Apple Harvest Coffee”
Introduction of Confirmation Class
The Fabricators—12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall
Communion Education Workshop—4:00 pm—Sanctuary
Presbyterian Youth Connection—4:30 pm—Progressive Dinner

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dorian Aftermath
Shooting—Odessa/Midland
Eve Campbell
Gerri Bayliss
Eve Campbell
Pete Beattie
Gretchen Cooley
Mark Wilhelm
Chester Luttrell
Aden Evosirch
Children & Families
Jon & Judy Smith & Family
Mary Jo Kilgus
Holly
Amazon Fires
Helms Family
Al Owens
Dominic
Carlos
Hunter Manspile
Augie
Joseph Burton
Marj Praml
Amanda Fletcher
Helen
Jesse Montgomery

Rick Myer
Jon & Judy Smith
Colin Hunter
El Paso & Dayton Shootings
Cathy Dillow
Karen Jones
Brad Metheny
Charlie Clevenger
Steven
Katie Teets
Vicki Earnshaw
Shannon Conner
Casey Carr
Nancy Kerns
Julia Pugh
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
Steve Bock
Frances Pitcock
Women & Children of Domestic
Violence
Families of Children, Youth &
Young Adults with Special
Needs
Jim Butler
Tamatha Hasse
Tom Ganoe
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.

Healthy Eating TODAY

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

LOGOS PARENTS' GATHERING TODAY

A gathering for parents of LOGOS young people is being held today at 12:15 pm in the Memorial Sanctuary. Lunch will be served (sloppy joes, fruit, chips, cookies) and important information about the LOGOS ministry will be shared. Parents and children are invited. This is an especially helpful time for those families new to LOGOS.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Beadle: Suzi White
Bell Ringers: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Jean Smith, Wendy & Mike Wygant
Hospitality: Barbara & Mike Butler
Liturgist: JoEllen Delamatta
Ushers: Al Owens, Jack Youngblood, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Beadle: Shirley Tomblin
Bell Ringers: Breanna Daggett, Wyatt Deck, Kat Kibler
Greeters: Lyn Warren, Hilda Zalonis
Hospitality: Betty Ganoe, Debi Hodgson
Liturgist: Lynn Metheny
Livestream: Susan Ritter
Nametags: Dulcie Ritter
Ushers: Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan, Bill Robinson

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION GRADES 6-12

- **TODAY**-Youth Families Kickoff in the Pitcock Memorial 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!
- **September 15-LET'S EAT!!!** It's the Annual Progressive Dinner where we will travel to three different church members' homes for appetizers, a main course, and dessert. We will leave church by 4:30 pm and return around 7:30 pm. Make sure you're on time and a parent has filled out a year-long permission form.

LOGOS REGISTRATION CONTINUES

LOGOS Registration continues to be available. Join 30+ other children and youth who will be participating in LOGOS this year, set to begin Wednesday, September 18th with the theme 'The Season Opener.' Registration is available online or by simply seeing Carole Witt.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

The Older Adult Ministry Team is meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30am in the Bageant Room for their monthly planning time. The meeting is open to any older adults who would like to attend. Coffee and morning goodies are served.

MEN OF OPEQUON THIS WEEK - CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Tomorrow night, we will be meeting at the Kernstown Battlefield at 6:00 pm for a talk and tour. The earlier time helps with the approaching darkness and assists their tour guide as well. We'll then leave the battlefield at 7:00 pm and go over to Chick-fil-A for dinner. So, you might want to eat a light snack mid to late afternoon! Invite a friend or two.

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. GLOW is this Tuesday, September 10th for a BON FIRE Night at Pam & Mitch Orndorff's home. They have a lovely fire pit with gathering space right around it. The time we are meant to begin at the Orndorff's is 6:30 pm. If you would like to follow one another or share a ride, please meet in the church parking lot by 6:10 pm. Come join OPC women on Tuesday, September 10 around the bonfire to roast hot dogs and make s'mores. The time spent at GLOW is sure to lift your spirits and allows others to enjoy your presence! Treat yourself to an evening with the ladies. Yummy goodies are always a hit too!

HAPPY DAYS

The Happy Days fellowship gathering is this Wednesday, September 11, beginning at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish item to add to all the others for a delicious potluck lunch. Following lunch together, we will have fun with "GUESS WHO?" as we share grade school photos from our younger years. Come enjoy this 'back to school' related event. REMEMBER TO BRING ONE OF YOUR GRADE SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR THIS EVENT. The photo will be returned to you that day.

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Our donation to the Highland Food Pantry hit triple digits again! If you see Graham Taylor, please thank him for delivering the produce this week and almost every week this season! We are thankful to have a community of

such dedicated volunteers; however, as always, we would love to have more! There are slots available to water beginning tomorrow until the end of the month. Look for the Community Garden Sign Up on the home page of the church's website. We are looking forward to the upcoming week, having volunteers from Blue Ridge Hospice for the United Way Day of Caring, and our participation in the Mission Fair at the Big Event on the 14th.

SEWING PROJECT NEXT SUNDAY

Anyone who can use a sewing machine is invited to join the Fabricators 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 next 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.

COMMUNION EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A Communion Education Workshop for children age 4 through 6th grade is being offered on Sunday, September 15, 4:00-5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This time is led by David and Carole Witt and includes stories, visual illustrations, and hands-on opportunities as we explore the meaning of celebrating the Lord's Supper. Parents are invited to stay with their children and be part of this time as well. This workshop is meant to prepare our children so that they better understand this special sacrament.



CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 22ND

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, September 22nd at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee and then proceed to elect four ruling elders, three deacons and one trustee. The Nominating Committee will place before us the names of Katherine Newhouse, Mitch Orndorff, Lisa Reed, and David Schwantes to serve as ruling elders; Bill Bender, Betty Chicklo, and June Malone to serve as deacons; and George Schember to serve as trustee. Nominations may be made from the floor with the prior consent of the person nominated.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did our music this morning witness to our commitment to God and the priority of discipleship?

Notes on Today's Prayers

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

Notes on Today's Conversation with Children

How does God shape us?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

*What makes Jesus' words in this passage so hard?

*How do we set them aside as exaggeration?

*Where have you seen relationships redefined by faith?

*Where have you seen people gain a new perspective on possessions?

*What does it mean for you to take up the cross in your life?

*What must you give up to follow Christ more faithfully?

*How do both Jeremiah 18 and Luke 14 call us to be "all in?"