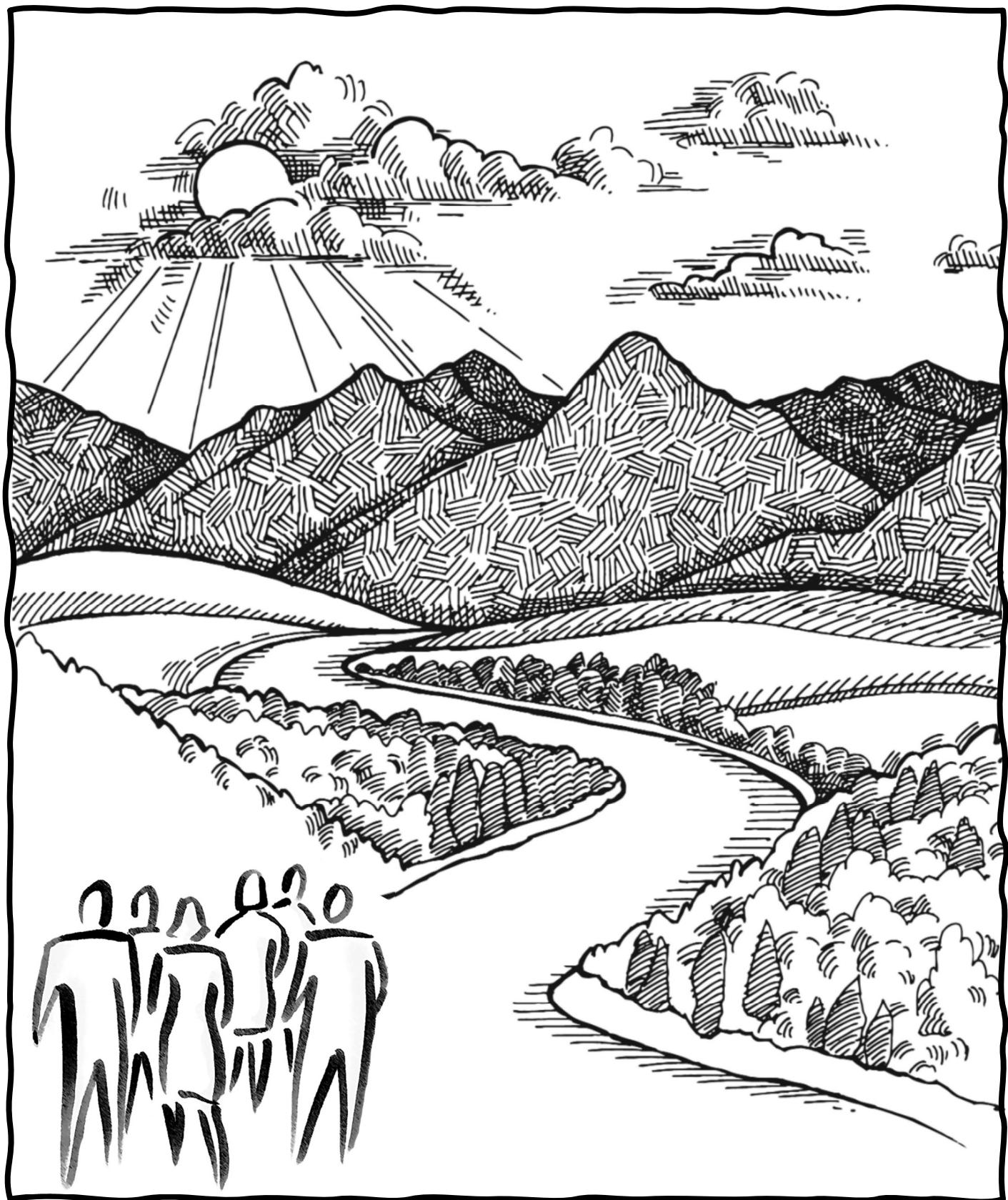


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 1, 2026 – 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM



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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 children under the age of 5.
- **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

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany – Communion; CCAP

- ☞ **Thank you for silencing your phones before we begin the Worship Service.**
- ☞ **As the music of the Prelude begins, we invite you to take a moment to quietly focus your heart and 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 the offering plate.

† = All who are able, please stand.

Bold print = All in unison.

☞ WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ☜

PRELUDE..... *Somewhere / Imagine*
By: Leonard Bernstein / John Lennon; Arranged by: Garrett Jones

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTES FOR MISSION Souper Bowl of Caring
Jaxson Hughes & Camden Saunders

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†**GATHERING SONG No. 749 (v. 1, refrain).....** *Come! Live in the Light*

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

[refrain] **We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;**
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In a world that rewards selfishness,
it is wise to hoard resources, foolish to share.

In a world built on violence,
it is wise to be suspicious, foolish to risk compassion.

But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:

Greed will not serve us in heaven.

Self-preservation will not save us in the end, so we will choose to be foolish; we will choose the way of love.

Let us worship God.

†OPENING HYMN No. 749 (v. 2, 3, refrain) *Come! Live in the Light*
Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.

[refrain] **We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;**
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. [refrain]

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has told us what is good, what is required: Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God. These commands are so simple, yet we know we have not always followed them. With that knowledge, we confess, first in unison prayer, then in personal, silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we fail to do what is right. Instead, we pursue evil, accept falsehood, and do not speak the truth. Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call good.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, is the one who judges us. Christ is the one who was born for us and forgives us with abundant love. We will boast of all the good God has done for us! Thanks be to God!

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 750 *Goodness is Stronger than Evil*
Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us. [repeat]

†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 ♪

ANTHEM..... *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

By: David Pote & Allen Pote

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime, anytime. I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, anytime. I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. Use me, Lord, use me, Lord, I'm gonna live so God can use me. Use me, Lord, use me, Lord, use me anytime. I'm gonna live, I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime, anytime, anytime, anytime, anytime, anytime, anytime.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:1-8..... Pew Bible p. 757

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 5:1-12..... Pew Bible p. 785

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "God's To-Do List"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 172 *Blest Are They*
Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

[refrain] **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!**
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. [refrain]

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. [refrain]

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. [refrain]

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. [refrain]

SERMON..... "Hiking the Mountains"
Pastor David Witt

♪ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ♪

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

By: J. Rosamund Johnson

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

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May these offerings of our lives and labors reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Through Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Hymnal p. 9-10, spoken response)

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
We Shall Overcome

Closing Communion Prayer

❖ WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME ❖

†CLOSING HYMN No. 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

[refrain] **In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.** [refrain]

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.** [refrain]

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 468 (v. 1) *In My Life*

**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

†POSTLUDE

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 8:30 AM service today are:

Michelle Hammer, Becky Proctor, Gretchen Rusch, Dave Rusch, Rebecca Agbayani, and Doug Joyner.

Elders/Deacons serving at the 11:00 AM service today are:

Robin Cooke, Bill Thomasson, Ann Smith, Ron Smith, Laurel Hathaway, and Ed Painter.

SANCTUARY ROSE

The rose in the Sanctuary this morning announces the birth of Sutton Elizabeth Barber, daughter of Brett and Ashleigh Hodgson Barber, who was born on January 19. Sutton joins big sister, Wrenleigh, at home. Debi Hodgson is Sutton's proud grandmother. We celebrate and rejoice in this gift of new life.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ashleigh & Sutton Barber	Jordan Hartman	Joyce Williamson
Titus Orndorff	Scarlett Kibler	Judy Camper
David Goode	David Cohen	Candi Gardner
Murray Shantz	June & Nathan Windle	Roger Murphy
Norma Horsburgh	Patricia Brannon	Bill Robinson
Michelle Hall	Al & May Schollenberger	Darrell Griffiths
Hilda Zalonis	Sharon Miller	George Schwantes
Carol Nutry	Krista Bowen	Carole Schwantes
Denise Weidele	Krystal & Quinn Place	Krista Strukoff
Caroline Hastreiter	Carole Walker Family	(DeCeault)
Lori Jones & Stephen Armstrong	Kay Caldwell & Family	David Lewis
Dan Cammer	Gary Johnson	David DesMarias
Michelle Hall	Rick Ours	Megan Tschappat
Carol Fries	Judy Gaines	Judy Orndorff
Colton Frey	Tim Loftis	Charlotte Rosamilia
Sara Frey	Lisa Frye	Susan Arthur
Sharon Boyd	Carol Tubbs	Bill Gesell
Beth Drummond	Ken Johansen	Susan Kelican
Pat Raul	Andrew Wolfe	All Struggling with Mental Illness
Laura Lee Fritz	Bonnie Pitzer	Bereaved Israelites & Palestinians
David Emery	Lynne Rosamilia	Mike Shade
Carolyn Morgan	Jeanne Crosby	Jewish & Muslim Victims Worldwide
Jill Crocket	Cor & Agnes Kameran	Cindy Corell
Zachary	Sue Friedrichsen	Nancy Kerns
Forrest Family	JoAnne Farrell	Kennedy Ransom
Ray Klinefelter	Doris Smith & Family	Ukraine
Pat Young	Jessica Wise	Ethiopia Church Mekane Yesus
Mike & Trish Crawford	Michelle Whiteman-McKee	
Pastor Kristin Whitesides	Paulette Fazio	
	Katie Happel	

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

Cameron Andrew Veach, Kayleen Paquette, Kelly Klimek,
Jacob & Tiffani Peoples, Sawyer Phillips, Joshua Blake, Max Crane,
Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Jacob Heavner, Samuel & Julia Phillips,
Michael White, Ben Jensen, Gavin Eanes, Eli Keaton

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY – February 1

Communion; CCAP

8:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
9:45 AM	Opie's Playhouse – Memorial Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
12:15 AM	ART Meeting – Bageant Room

THIS WEEK

Monday:	9:30 PM	Older Adult Planning Team Meeting – Bageant Room
	5:00 PM	Discipleship Meeting – Bageant Room
	6:00 PM	Windsong – Sanctuary
Tuesday:	1:30 PM	Angel Bible Study – Bageant Room
	5:00 PM	Tech Team Meeting – Bageant Room
	6:00 PM	Ministry Team Night – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday:	8:30 AM	Backpack Program – Bageant Room
	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting – Bageant Room
	4:30 PM	Logos (Theme: Cutest Baby Face Night)
	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday:	10:30 AM	Tai Chi – Memorial Sanctuary
	2:30 PM	GLOW Planning Team – Bageant Room
	6:30 PM	Sherando Food Pantry
	6:45 PM	Micah 6:8 Faith Formation – Bageant Room
Saturday:	10:00 AM	Practice for Youth Families & Young Adults Sunday – Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY – February 8

Youth Families & Young Adults Sunday; "Souper Bowl of Caring"

Scriptures: Isaiah 58:1-2; Matthew 5:13-20

8:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
11:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
12:15 AM	Senior Outreach Ministry
1:30 PM	Spring Arbor Worship

OPIE'S PLAYHOUSE MEETS TODAY!

All families with young children are invited to join us in the Memorial Sanctuary, **9:45 – 10:45 AM**, for fun, friends and fellowship. Toys provided; children needed!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CAN COLLECTION: February 1-8

Opequon Youth are collecting soup cans for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Please bring the type of soup according to where you typically sit in the Sanctuary.

Choir Side=Chicken Noodle

Center Section=Tomato

Window Side=Vegetable Beef

You will find the collection spot in the Gathering Area. Which section of the Sanctuary will be crowned the winners and bring in the most soup cans?! All donations are due by **February 8** and will be given to the Sherando and Highland Food Pantries. Monetary donations (marked Souper Bowl) are welcome for the Pantries as well. You can give online or in person. Questions? Ask Rebekah Witt!

STAFF SCHEDULE NOTES

Through Tomorrow: Tracie Martin – Vacation

OLDER ADULT PLANNING TEAM MEETING

The Older Adult Planning Team will meet **tomorrow** morning at **9:30 AM** in the Bageant Room to discuss plans for Happy Days events, day outings, and special events. This meeting is open to any older adults who would like to join. Morning goodies and coffee will be provided.

ANGEL CLASS & BOOK

The Faith Formation Angels Bible Study begins this **Tuesday at 1:30 PM** in the Bageant Room. We will be referencing the book *A Study of Angels* by Edward P. Myers, Ph D. Please let Tracie know as soon as possible if you would prefer the church to order a copy of the book for you. While the book is not essential, it will be used to direct our study.

OPC'S ANNUAL TALENT SHOW SIGN-UPS

Sign-up in the Gathering Area or contact Marj Praml (540-327-2667 / pramlmarjory550@gmail.com) of Fellowship Ministry to be part of our 2026 Talent Show on February 28. We need ten 10-minute acts and one MC. Got a song you want to sing? Got a poem you'd like to share? Got an instrumental or dance act you want to present? We are ready to applaud your talents! Let us know what you think. Thank You!

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP SUPPLY COLLECTION

Our Medical Mission Team needs your help collecting supplies to take to the Dominican Republic. **FEBRUARY 8 – 22**, donations of the items below will be collected in the Gathering Area. All donations must be received on or by February 22, so the team has time to pack before their trip.

Matchbox Cars / Hot Wheels, Legos / Duplos, Stickers, Empty Liquid Medicine Bottles (30ml & 60ml), Hats For Sun Protection, Glasses (readers or prescription), Sandals, Socks, Hot Pads, Hand Towels, Hair Ties / Clips, Nail Files, Toothbrushes (adult & children)

If you would prefer to support the team with a financial donation, go to:
<https://mmiorg.app.neoncrm.com/OPC>

SEWING FOR THE MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

We are so grateful for those who have already told us they are sewing items (dresses, pharmacy bags, etc.) for the Medical Mission Team to bring on their trip to the Dominican Republic. Completed items need to be placed in the collection tubs in the Gathering Area by **February 22**. Please see a team member if you have questions.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

Are you new to Opequon Church or our community? Would you like to know more about the heritage, mission, and vision of Opequon Church? Do you have some questions about what, where, when, why, and how we do things within this faith community? Would you like to become a member of Opequon? If you said "yes!" regarding any of these questions, you are cordially invited and encouraged to attend our upcoming Newcomers' Class starting THIS MONTH. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at **4:00 PM** on **Sunday, February 22**, and again on **Sunday, March 1**. If you have questions, please contact Pastor David Witt (pastor@opequonchurch.org or 540-662-1843), who will be facilitating this time of sharing. To help us prepare the appropriate resources, please also let him know you would like to attend.

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

8:30 AM Worship

Liturgist: Brenda Steffens
Beadle: Carroll Youngblood
Door Greeters: Barbara & Carroll Youngblood
Ushers: Steve Bock, Jim Horner, Mike Butler, Camden Saunders, Jaxson Hughes, Evan Sickels, Abigail Sickels
Building Steward: Jim Youngblood

11:00 AM Worship

Liturgist: Kevin Reed
Beadle: Shirley Tomblin
Door Greeters: Pat Heavner, Leslie Louthan
Ushers: Mike & Fran Jeffries, Mike Nutry, Joshua Batcha, Jaxson Hughes, Tommy McCann
Acolyte: Joshua Batcha
Livestream: Susan Ritter, Ethan Schwantes

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

❖ How did today's music witness to what will bless the world?

Notes on Today's Prayers

❖ Where and for whom do I need to focus my prayers this week?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

❖ What is on God's "to-do" list?

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

❖ When do you have quiet times with God?
❖ How can "hiking the mountains" bring solitude, inspiration, and challenge?
❖ What happens when Jesus "hikes the mountain" with his disciples?
❖ Who does Jesus call blessed?
❖ What compels you to want to be blessed, knowing Jesus' definition?
❖ How are the Beatitudes gifts?
❖ How are the Beatitudes an invitation to hike to the mountain of God?
❖ What does it mean "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly" in your everyday life?
❖ What "mountains" will you hike with Jesus this week?

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