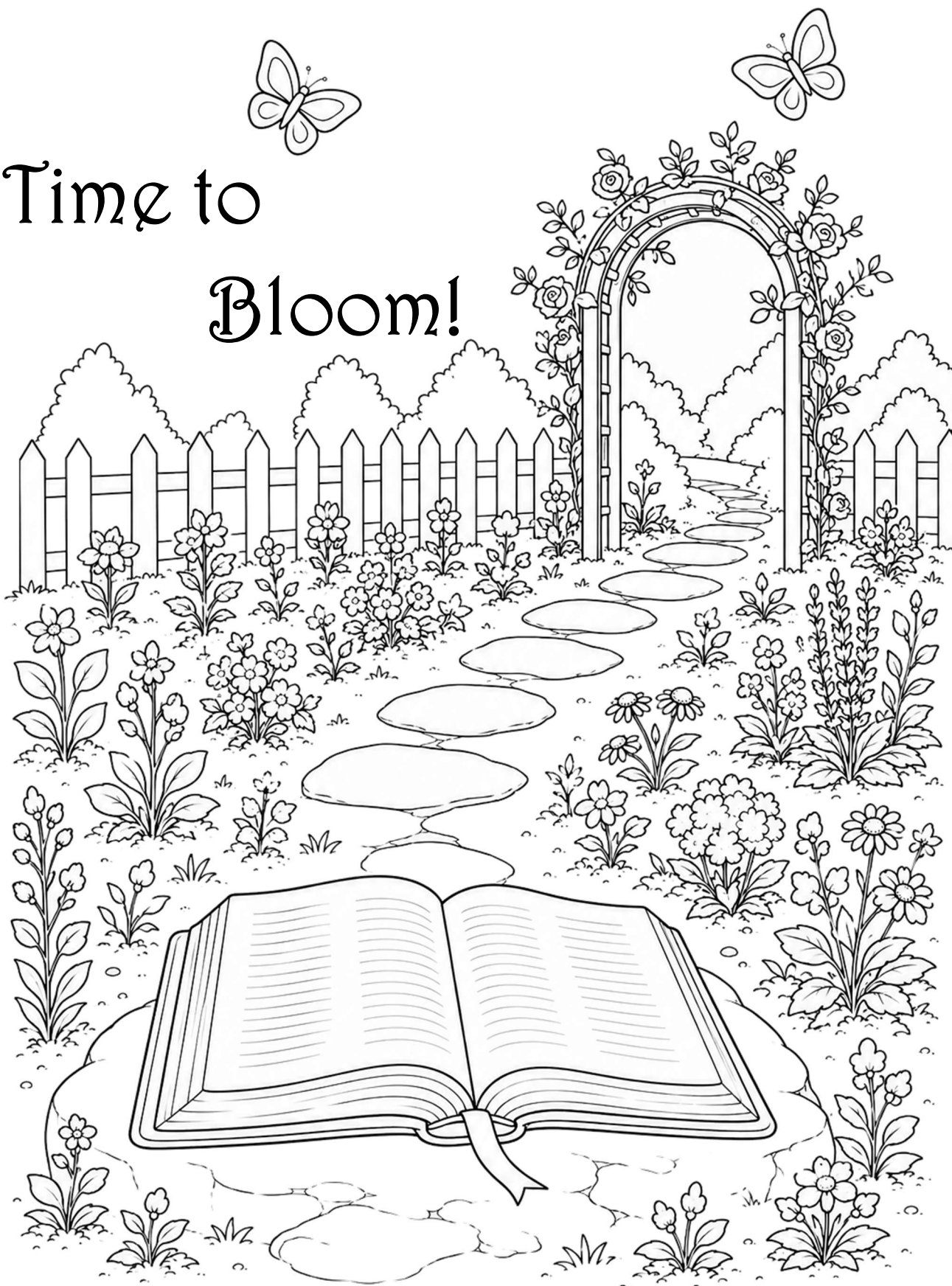


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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To reach a staff member or if a pastoral concern arises, contact the church office or note who is out of the office and email one of the pastors directly and we will respond in a timely manner.

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

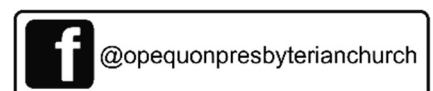
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **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 10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – 4 Cents A Meal

- ☞ **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..... *I'm Here* (from *The Color Purple*)

By: Brenda Russell, Allee Willis, & Stephen Bray

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG No. 399 (x 3)..... *God Welcomes All*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Voice in the wilderness, Lamb upon the tree, Wind carrying the Word of salvation to the world, you, O God, who are the One in Three:

You call us by name, provide for our needs, and free us for new life.

You call us into the presence of holiness as your holy people.

We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer you our joy, with love for the common good, and give you our richest praise.

†OPENING HYMN No. 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;

tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing,

call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above;

praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

mount of God's unchanging love!

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we try to grow toward righteousness, we present ourselves to God in a spirit of honesty, naming where we still obey sin and death instead of goodness and life. Let us confess our sin, first in unison, then in personal silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, as our strength, shield, and deliverer.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Part of God's provision for all of us is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry. Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Be at peace, for you have been freed from sin that you may serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of 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 ☞

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Hymn to God the Father*

By: John Ness Beck & Craig Courtney
Sarah Pelfrey

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 89:1-4.....Pew Bible p. 475

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 10:40-42Pew Bible p. 791

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "Little Acts of Love... Make a Difference"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 727 (v. 1-5)..... *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Will you let me be your servant,

let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant too.

**We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.**

**I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

SERMON..... "A True Apprentice"
Pastor David Witt

☞ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Dans Loudieg*
Traditional Irish Reel

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

**Faithful God, we give you thanks that you have entrusted us with
the gift of hospitality and generosity and that you have set us free
to be generous givers of the gifts you so freely give to us. May our
offerings this day draw us closer to you as we share them with
others for righteousness' sake. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted 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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

✠ WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME ✠

†CLOSING HYMN No. 203.....*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

[refrain] **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.** [refrain]

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race
Neighbors are near us and far away.** [refrain]

**These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbors to us and you.**

[refrain] **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you.** [refrain]

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING 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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Pat and Ellen Mason in memory of their sons, Will and John Mason.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carole Witt	Bud & Becky Proctor	Rick Ours
Marsha Bennett	Robin Owens	Jolissa Matthews
Gary McDowell	Xavier	Riley Fitzgerald
Michael Smyser	Rich Reifsnyder	David Goode
Don Ratcliff	Annemarie Matthews	Lori Jones & Stephen Armstrong
Gary DuBrueler & Family	Mike Shade	Mike & Trish Crawford
Darlene Kent	Karen Lemons & Family	Pastor Kristin Whitesides
Baby Aleta Family	Bonnie Triplett	Judy Gaines
Lucinda Cullers	Jenna Boyer	Tim Loftis
Krista Bowen Family	Vern Gamble	Lynne Rosamilia
Ben Costello	Al Schollenberger	JoAnne Farrell
Nathan Ruggles Family	Cheri Norris	Katie Happel
June & Nathan Windle	Betty Gano	Judy Camper
Dawn Williams	Brad & Denise Lincoln	Candi Gardner
PC(USA) General Assembly	Mo & Heide Mohler	David Lewis
Richard McCracken	Jay Horne	David DesMarias
Robin Cooke	Marge & Tim Higgins	Megan Tschappat
Hilda Zalonis	Susan Arthur	Charlotte Rosamilia
Carol Nutry	Tammy Mowery Earhart	All Struggling with Mental Illness
Ella Unrath	Mary Bremer	Nancy Kerns
Ben Weber	David Emery	Jewish & Muslim Victims Worldwide
Linda Swiger	Dan Cammer	Cindy Corell
Sara Frey	Middle East War	Katie Wolf
Chick Doroffe	Our Soldiers	Ukraine
Joan Patton	Nathan Smith & Tracy	Ethiopia Church
Chrissy Schmitt	Roger Murphy	Mekane Yesus
Kimberley Meyers	George & Carole	
Jace Hartman	Schwantes	

🌀 **PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES** 🌀

Robert Littman, Cameron Lloyd, 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 – June 28

4 Cents a Meal

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
11:15 AM Fellowship Time – Gathering Area
4:00 PM "Picnic in the Garden" – Roots & Shoots Garden
6:00 PM WOW – "Wonderful Outdoor Worship" – Picnic Shelter

THIS WEEK

Monday: 4:00 PM VBS Team Meeting – Bageant Room
5:00 PM Logos Leadership Team – Bageant Room
Tuesday: * **Kitchen Closed for Deep Cleaning this Week**
Wednesday: Youth Water Park Trip
9:30 AM Staff Meeting – Bageant Room
Thursday: 10:30 AM Tai Chi – Memorial Sanctuary/Picnic Shelter
6:30 PM Sherando Food Pantry
Friday: * **Church Office Closed** (Independence Day – *observed*)

NEXT SUNDAY – July 5 (Independence Day Weekend)

"Hymnody Over the Past 250 Years"

Special Music; Communion

Scriptures: Psalm 33:13-19; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
11:15 AM Fellowship Time – Gathering Area
11:15 AM Opie's Playhouse – Playground
Afternoon Youth Leave for Mission Trip

GARDEN PICNIC & WONDERFUL OUTDOOR WORSHIP – TODAY

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." (Audrey Hepburn)

- **Roots & Shoots Annual Garden Picnic** – Join us for our annual Roots & Shoots "Picnic in the Garden" **today, 4:00 – 6:00 PM**. Burgers, hot dogs, drinks, and desserts will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or salad to share, along with a camp chair. We look forward to enjoying good food, fellowship, and celebrating another growing season together!
- **WOW – "Wonderful Outdoor Worship"** – At **6:00 PM**, after the picnic, we will head over to the Picnic Shelter for a WOW – "Wonderful Outdoor Worship" service, where we will enjoy a relaxed outdoor worship experience with singing, meditation, and prayer. We hope you will join us!

THESE DAYS DAILY DEVOTIONALS

The July – September issue of *These Days Devotion* is available in the Gathering Area. Some of the daily writings focus on "What God is Growing", "Asking Questions", "Divine Action", and "Finding Grace in the Particulars". Help yourself to a copy while the supply lasts. If you would like own subscription, you can call 800-624-2412 or email customer_service@presbypub.com).

SUMMER FUN BOOKLET FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Booklets titled 'Simple Activities to do in the Car' are available for families to take and use this summer as you do any traveling. It is loaded with lots of pure fun for everyone in the car! The booklets are available in the Gathering Area. Help yourself.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY?

In recent years we had great success with a Disciple Fast Track Study which is adapted from the widely renowned Disciple Bible Study. The fast track is a viable option for busy people seeking to fit a comprehensive study of the bible into their schedule. It is 24 weeks, broken down into two 12-week sessions. Each session includes video insights from engaging presenters and wonderful group conversation all within 75-90 minutes. We are gauging interest in beginning a new Disciple Fast Track class. If you would like more information or are interested, please let Carole Witt know. (dce@opequonchurch.org)

KITCHEN DEEP CLEANING

The kitchen, pantry, and freezer areas will be closed **this week** for a deep cleaning. If you have any items in the refrigerators, freezers, kitchen, pantry, fellowship hall, or adjacent closet, please label them with your name and the date by the end of tomorrow. Any unlabeled items may be discarded during the cleaning process. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

OPIE'S PLAYHOUSE MEETS OUTSIDE – Next Sunday

Summertime is the best time to be at Opie's Playhouse! Kids (and adults!) get to play outside under beautiful blue skies. Come on out to the playground and join the fun next **Sunday, July 5, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM**. All families with young children are invited! In the event of rain, we will meet in the Memorial Sanctuary.

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Liturgist: Mac McNichols

Beadle: Ben Brooks

Door Greeters: Becky Myers, Pat Heavner

Hospitality Greeter: Kathy Hoffman

Ushers: Betty Chicklo, June Malone, Alyce Callahan, Nick Jenkins, Ben Jenkins, Hunter Frey, Hailey Frey

Acolyte: Ben Jenkins

Livestream: Susan Ritter, Nick Jenkins

Building Steward: Jim Youngblood

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

✂ How does today's music reflect how we welcome and serve others?

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 little things can you do this week to make a difference?

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

- ✂ What are some characteristics of an apprentice?
- ✂ What are the characteristics of a righteous person?
- ✂ What is the reward of a righteous person?
- ✂ What does it mean to "receive someone?"
- ✂ Who are these "little ones?"
- ✂ Why does Jesus emphasize a cup of cold water?
- ✂ How will you represent Jesus in your daily life this week?

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