

# OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**"CIRCLES OF FAITH": Sharing Good News**

## 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. Our workers are masked and fully vaccinated for COVID.
- **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.
- **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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# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 14, 2022

10:00 am

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

PRELUDE..... *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Tune: Lyons Arranged by David Lasky

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 respond

†GATHERING SONG No. 319 (vv. 1,2)..... *Shout to the North*

CCLI#1622560

**Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.**

**You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness, complete.**

Refrain: **Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Rise up, women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love.** Refrain

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The gospel is the story that saves us.

**It is the story of light and life, of breath and spirit, of fragility and brokenness and unending grace.**

It is the story of fishermen and outcasts, of healers and healing, of weeds and seeds and surprisingly good Samaritans.

**It is the story of death and resurrection, of living water and endless laughter, of hope and promises and love that never let go.**

It is the story that brings us to the table, and at the table, where

memory and mystery join hands, everything ordinary becomes extraordinary.

**Let us tell the story! Let us share good news! Let us worship God!**

†HYMN No. 297 ..... *In Christ Called to Baptize*  
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**In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race.**

**In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.**

**In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care.**

**Although we are many, we share in one bread.**

**One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.**

**In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.**

**By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.**

**Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above.**

**Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.**

**In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.**

(Please be seated for prayer)

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's hopes for us, let us come before God with contrite hearts, asking for forgiveness and seeking peace as we confess our sin before God and one another.

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. But sometimes we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. You call us to share the Good News with those around us. But sometimes we are unable to share because the people know us too well. You encourage us to send messengers to other places where they will be heard better. But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them. In the**

**multitude of ways, we can and have subverted your message of hope, freedom, and healing, in all the ways we have kept the Jubilee year from happening, we have left the path of true wisdom and call upon your grace to lead us back on track. Forgive us, renew us, empower us to bear witness. Fill us with joy in believing and with confidence in living so we may share your Good News in Christ our Savior.**

## MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the time of God's favor; God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives, sight to the blind, Good News to the poor, and freedom to the oppressed. We live as loved, forgiven and free people through the grace of God! Hallelujah! Amen.

### LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 441.....*Hear the Good News of Salvation*  
CCLI# 1622560

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.**

Refrain: **Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:** Refrain

†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 .....*How Beautiful*

Jenna Arnoldy, Soprano

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10.....Pew Bible p. 596

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20..... Pew Bible p. 812

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES....."What Good News Do You Have?"

†HYMN No. 462 .....*I Love to Tell the Story*  
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**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.**

**Refrain I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. Refrain**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain**

SERMON: ..... "Good News Travels Faster"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY.....*Go Tell It On the Mountain*  
Arranged by Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

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

**God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us; we give  
thanks for your hope in us. We rejoice in the knowledge of your  
unending grace. In the light of your mercy, and confident in your  
love, we dedicate our time, talent, and treasure, and ourselves,  
to you. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....The Apostles' Creed

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. 295..... *Go to the World!*  
CCLI# 1622560

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE ..... *Draw the Circle Wide*  
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**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still, let this be our song,  
no one stands alone, standing side by side. (rest/pause)  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

†POSTLUDE



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**August 14 – August 21, 2022**

### **TODAY**

10:00 AM In-Person / Live Stream Summer Worship  
11:15 AM Senior Outreach Ministry  
1:30 PM Spring Arbor Worship Service  
4:00 PM Service of Ordination & Installation – Sanctuary  
Celebration Reception Follows – Gathering Area/Outside

### **THIS WEEK**

Monday: Life Goes ON – 12 Noon – Fellowship Hall  
Windsong – 6:00 PM – Sanctuary  
Safety Team Meeting – 6:00 PM – Bageant Room  
Tuesday: Staff Meeting – 10:00 AM – Bageant Room  
Session Meeting – 7:00 PM – Fellowship Hall  
Wednesday: 4midable Music – 12 Noon – Sanctuary  
Choir Picnic – 5:30 PM – Picnic Shelter  
Choir Practice Follows – 6:30 PM – Sanctuary  
Discipleship Team Meeting – 7:00 PM – Bageant Room  
Thursday: Tai Chi – 10:30 AM – Memorial Sanctuary/Picnic Shelter  
Sherando Food Pantry – 6:30 PM  
Windsong – 6:30 PM – Picnic Shelter  
Saturday: Mission Fair Setup – 1:00 PM – Gathering Area  
Youth Pool Party – 4:00 PM – Mike & Wendy Wygant Home

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **Circles of Faith Worship Series: Community Engagement Blood Pressure Checks**

In-Person Worship – 8:30 & 11:00; Livestream – 11:00 AM  
Mission Fair – 9:30 & 11:00 AM – Gathering Area  
Scripture: Luke 4:16-21  
Sermon: "Mission Matters"  
Young Adult Progressive Dinner – 4:30 PM

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sheryl Witt Trickel	Bill Burslem	Ellie Lingo
Bill Heavner	Margie Ellis	Ellen Neff
Mary Ellen Callahan	June & Nathan	Betty Lou Kelly
Carol Ferrante	Windle	Mary Lou Thomas
Dan Myers	People Bullied	Grieving Communities -
Edith Garthoff	Debi Hodgson	Victims/Families
McDonnell Family	Jim & Jeanette	Carlene Lemasters
Parker Plumb	Baccary	Brenda & Terry Caldwell
Jeannie Wright	Jeff Jenkins	Ukraine
Erin & Sienna	Patricia & Richard	Parker Plumb
Deptula	Young	Afghanistan
Susan Gesell Family	Thomas Shade/Mia	Casey Carr
Dan McCoig	Mazzoccoli	Michael Weller
Steven Rittmeyer	Al Owens, Sr. "Pops"	Ethiopia
Flood Victims in	Ward Edwards	Nancy Kerns
KY, WV, VA	Caregivers	Racial Injustice
Ruby Louise Dove	Lance & Cindy Weeks	Mike Shade
Meagan Lockhart	Pettit Family	Brad Treece
Jack & Carol Treece	Dick & Sandy Widell	Jane Lewis
Bill Robinson	Caroline Hastreiter	Doug Koch
Tim Bullis	Nadine DeHaven	E.E.C.M.Y.
		Church Mekane Yesus

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Sawyer Phillips, Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Edison Gomez, Jacob Heavner, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Michael White, and their families.

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

10:00

Beadle:	Carole Fox
Bell Ringer:	Mo Mohler
Greeters:	Marj Praml, Heather Burton
Liturgist:	Lance Astorino
Livestream:	Rebekah Witt, Jack Hathaway
Ushers:	Alex Plumb, Mike & Wendy Wygant

## TODAY'S SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Session and the Worship Team in honor of Julia Hughes Burkley and in celebration of her ordination and her installation as Opequon's associate pastor.

## **NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC**

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,...'Your God reigns!'" Isaiah 52:7. David Lasky's arrangement of this morning's prelude adds even more majesty to an already majestic tune. Many may consider "Go Tell It On the Mountain" a Christmas Carol. The verses found in our hymnal do focus on Christ's nativity. But those verses date from around 1909, while the African American spiritual on which it is based is circa 1865. The familiar refrain has remained the same for more than a century and a half. The verses were likely composed on the spot by a song leader, as a musical method for teaching and preaching. This morning's offertory is in a gospel-rock style, but the message remains: "Go Tell It On the Mountain That Jesus Christ Is Lord!"

## **THE SANCTUARY ROSE**

The rose in the Sanctuary announces the birth of Sienna Elizabeth Deptula, daughter of Nick and Erin Bender Deptula, born on Monday, August 8, weighing 7 lb 5 oz. Sienna joins big brother, Luca. Bill and Debbie Bender are the proud grandparents. May God bless Sienna and nurture her and her family in his love.

## **STAFF SCHEDULES THIS WEEK:**

David Witt and Carole Witt will be out of town this Thursday and Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. If a pastoral concern arises during this time, please contact Associate Pastor Julia Burkley, (914)523-6030, [pastorjulia@opequonchurch.org](mailto:pastorjulia@opequonchurch.org), or Parish Associate Tracie Martin, (304) 856-2080, [tracie-martin@juno.com](mailto:tracie-martin@juno.com).

## **ROOTS N SHOOTS**

38 pounds went to the Sherando Food Pantry on 8/4. On the 7th, 88.05 pounds were harvested for the Highland Food Pantry and an additional 43.25 pounds were harvested on the 9th, bringing the total to just over 130 pounds! This was our first triple digit donation of the season, all thanks to the 98 pounds of tomatoes that were ready this week!! We are excited to see what the rest of August will bring!

## **LOGOS REGISTRATION is OPEN!**

### **Early Bird Discount through August.**

Would you like your child or youth to flourish in an encouraging environment? Would you like your child or youth to develop strong, trusting relationships with other adults outside your family? Would you like your child or youth to participate in experiences that make a difference in their lives?

We have a GREAT opportunity right here at Opequon that responds to any 'YES' answers to the previous questions! It is our LOGOS Ministry that is about to begin its' 25<sup>th</sup> year at Opequon! All K-12<sup>th</sup> grade young people are invited to participate in this coming LOGOS year with the theme "Running the Race of Faith; 25 years and Going!" Registration is now open with an Early Bird Discount through August 31. Registration is easy and can be done by completing the one-page form in the Gathering Area or going online to [www.opequonchurch.org](http://www.opequonchurch.org).

### **OLDER ADULT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS-Deadline today**

The time is upon us for nominating candidates for our 2022 Older Adult of the Year recognition! Nominations are now open and welcome. Who would you like to nominate for this distinct honor at OPC and **why**? Pick up a form from the Gathering Area table to share your nomination. Please note on the form those who have already been crowned as one of Opequon's Older Adults. Nominations can be emailed to Carole Witt at [dce@opequonchurch.org](mailto:dce@opequonchurch.org) or dropped into the box in the Gathering Area. **The deadline for nominations is TODAY.** The session will make the selection of our 2022 Older Adult at their August meeting and the individual chosen will be announced at the September 7 Older Adult Luncheon.

### **OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON- September 7**

We look forward to celebrating all older adults at our annual Older Adult Luncheon on September 7 at 11:30am! Be sure to RSVP to Carole Witt or call the church office(662-1843) by August 31.

### **The RALLY DAY 'GIFT' EVENT!**

#### **Theme: SEEK & YE SHALL FIND**

A favorite day in the life of the church is often RALLY DAY. Join in & see for yourself why this is true! It is a kick-off to a fresh new year!

**Sunday, August 28, 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall**

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

**\*Have some fun with our own FAMILY FEUD GAME, step into the 'PHOTO BOOTH', and enjoy great conversation with other wonderful OPC folks all while enjoying some muffins & fruit!**

# **WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS**

## **Notes on Today's Music**

How did today's music share good news?

## **Notes on Today's Prayers**

Where do I need to focus my prayers this week?

## **Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages**

What is some news you would like to share today?

## **Notes on Today's Scripture and Conversation with All Ages**

- How does "news" impact us?
- How does news travel?
- What good news did the messenger in Isaiah bring?
- What does "gospel" mean? What about "evangelism?"
- How does Jesus commission his disciples to go?
- How does the Church share the good news of Jesus today?
- How will you share the good news this week?