

# OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 21, 2026 – Father's Day



Time  
to  
Bloom!

# OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [www.opequonchurch.org](http://www.opequonchurch.org)

217 Opequon Church Lane  
Winchester, VA 22602

540-662-1843  
[office@opequonchurch.org](mailto:office@opequonchurch.org)

---

<i>Pastor</i> .....	David R. Witt
<i>Parish Associate</i> .....	Tracie Martin
<i>Church Office Administrator</i> .....	Rachel Lesink
<i>Church Finance Administrator</i> .....	Ken Smiy
<i>Director of Christian Education</i> .....	Carole Witt
<i>Director of Youth &amp; Young Adult Ministries</i> .....	Rebekah Witt
<i>Director of Music</i> .....	Susan Homan
<i>Organist/Pianist</i> .....	Garrett Jones
<i>Facilities Coordinator</i> .....	Robert Sydnor
<i>Nursery Supervisor</i> .....	Laurie Carver
<i>Faith Community Nurses</i> .....	Bill Martin, Mike Nutry, Pat Williams

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

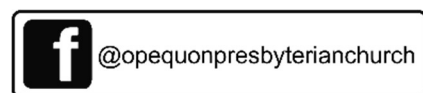
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **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.

Access our Online Giving at  
[www.opequonchurch.org/giving](http://www.opequonchurch.org/giving)  
or scan the QR code here:



Follow us on Facebook:



# A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – Blood Pressure Checks*

- ☞ **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 ☞

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC..... *To Where You Are*

By: Richard Marx & Linda Thompson  
Judie Birchfield, American Sign Language

PRELUDE..... *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG No. 743 ..... *O God, You Are My God*

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.**

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.**

**I will seek you in the morning,**

**and I will learn to walk in your ways.**

**And step by step you'll lead me,**

**and I will follow you all of my days.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

**God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.**

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

**We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**

†OPENING HYMN No. 737 ..... *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;**

**I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:**

**you alone are our life and our peace and our love.**

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

We have died to sin; yet we continue to live in it. God's grace abounds so we might move past our sins. Trusting that promise, let us confess, first, together in unison, then in personal silence.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more.**

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

#### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection: he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God. Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin!

#### LITANY OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE..... *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

**Glory, glory, hallelujah!**  
**Since I laid my burden down.**  
**Glory, glory, hallelujah!**  
**Since I laid my burden down.**

**I feel better, so much better,**  
**Since I laid my burden down.**  
**I feel better, so much better,**  
**Since I laid my burden down.**

**Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!"**  
**Since I laid my burden down.**  
**Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!"**  
**Since I laid my burden down.**

†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 ..... *Jesus, Friend of Sinners*

By: Mark Hall & Matthew West  
David Witt, soloist

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 86:1-10 ..... Pew Bible p. 473

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 10:24-39 ..... Pew Bible p. 791

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "Instructions Before Traveling"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 720 ..... *Jesus Calls Us*

**Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult**  
**of our life's wild, restless sea;**  
**day by day his sweet voice soundeth**  
**saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**Jesus calls us from the worship**  
**of the vain world's golden store,**  
**from each idol that would keep us,**  
**saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.**

SERMON....."The Cost of Discipleship"  
Pastor David Witt

**☞ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞**

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
African American Anthem; Words by: James Weldon Johnson  
Music by: J. Rosamond Johnson

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

**God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness.  
As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we  
bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may  
be made whole by your goodness and grace. Through Christ our  
Savior. Amen.**

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Hymnal p. 37, "A Brief Statement of Faith," section 3)

†HYMN No. 581 ..... *Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

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. 661..... *Why Should I Feel Discouraged*

**Why should I feel discouraged?  
Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely  
and long for heaven and home,  
when Jesus is my portion?  
My constant friend is he:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

[refrain] **I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

**"Let not your heart be troubled,"  
his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth  
but one step I may see:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. [refrain]**

**Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him;  
from care he sets me free:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. [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 Annemarie Matthews in honor and loving memory of her late husband's birthday.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

### ☞ **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 21 (Father's Day)

*Blood Pressure Checks*

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream

11:15 AM Fellowship Time – Gathering Area

### THIS WEEK

Monday: 5:30 PM Windsong Potluck – Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Personnel Meeting – Doug Joyner's house

7:00 PM Astronomy Club – Assembly Room

Tuesday: 12:00 PM TVOR Lunch

4:00 PM Discipleship Team – Bageant Room

5:30 PM Highland Food Pantry

6:30 PM Session Meeting – Bageant Room

Thursday: 10:30 AM WANC Lunch – Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Tai Chi – Picnic Shelter/Memorial Sanctuary

6:00 PM OPC Royals Baseball Outing – Bridgeforth Stadium

Saturday: 6:00 PM Young Adults Frisbee Golf & Ice Cream – Sherando Park

### NEXT SUNDAY – June 28

*4 Cents a Meal*

*Scriptures: Psalm 89:1-4; Matthew 10:40-42 Sermon: "A True Apprentice"*

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

---

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

The Christian Education Team recognizes the significant role that DADS have in all our lives. We celebrate DADS! The team has purchased a "Thanksgiving" themed banner that can be used in our sanctuary on appropriate occasions as our gift to Opequon in honor of Dads and Men. This new banner will be arriving soon!

## **ROYALS BASEBALL OUTING FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!**

The Men of Opequon invite all women and men, girls and boys to the Winchester Royals game this **Thursday, June 25**, at Bridgeforth Stadium in Jim Barnett Park. The cost of entry this year is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (60+), and \$3.00 for students. Just bring the price of the ticket and money for the **6:00 PM** dinner through concessions at the park. Meet us at the picnic table for dinner, behind home plate. The first pitch is at 7:00 PM. This is the best buy in town! Take me out to the ballgame!

## **ANNUAL GARDEN PICNIC & WONDERFUL OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

- **Roots & Shoots Annual Garden Picnic** – Join us for our annual Roots & Shoots "Picnic in the Garden" next **Sunday, June 28, 4:00 – 6:00 PM**. We'll be grilling burgers and hot dogs and providing drinks. Desserts will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring a covered dish or salad to share, along with a camp chair for seating. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship while celebrating another season of growing together. All are welcome – we hope to see you there!

*"The soil is the great connector of our lives, the source and destination of all."  
– Wendell Berry*

- **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!

## **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.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KICKED-OFF THE SUMMER!**

It feels like summer has officially begun now that we have had all the fun VBS nights! The time with almost 40 children and youth, the VBS staff, and the Adult VBS class was extraordinary! There were Safari leaders and music during our opening time. There were caring group guides and animated station leaders. There was a great bunch that cooked and served dinner each night. There were cheerful, kind greeters and happy welcomers who made us feel great right from the start. There was an opening dinner and closing celebration that brought all the families together for joyous occasions. There were overflowing donations for Family Promise and the SPCA as our outreach component. We have been so grateful to focus on ALL LIVING THINGS during VBS and the goodness God has created in everything. Thank you for all the support of Opequon Church for our VBS week.

## **OPC COOKBOOK**

We are still collecting recipes for Opequon's "A Place at the Table Cookbook!" Check out the table in the Gathering Area for info about the cookbook! Do you have a recipe that you want to be included in the cookbook? Handwritten or typed recipes may be placed in Marj Praml's mailbox near the church office or you can email your recipes to Cindy Sousa (casousa260@gmail.com).

*In Two Weeks...*

**Worship on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM**  
Independence Day Weekend

Scripture: Isaiah 41:9-13, Romans 15:13-15  
"Hymnody Over the Past 250 Years"

*Special Music; Communion*

## 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

**Liturgist:** Bill Bayliss

**Beadle:** Ron Smith

**Door Greeters:** Becky Myers, Pat Heavner

**Hospitality Greeter:** Kathy Hoffman

**Ushers:** Terry Hartman, Shannon

Brannon, Kathy Hoffman, Hudson

Homan, Jace Hartman, Jaden Hartman

**Acolyte:** Hudson Homan

**Livestream:** Susan Ritter, Rebekah Witt

## WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

### Notes on Today's Music

✂ How does today's music speak to the steps we take, the choices we make, and the obstacles we face as disciples of Jesus?

### 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

✂ I wonder if the disciples felt scared and alone before going on their mission trip. When do you feel scared and alone?

### Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

✂ How does Matthew's gospel invite us to recognize the cost of discipleship?

✂ What are the steps, choices, and obstacles for us as disciples?

✂ Do we stand with Jesus or deny him in moments of choice?

✂ When have you chosen love over division?

✂ How do we put "our whole self" into following Christ?

✂ How does Jesus reassure his followers when they are scared and alone?

✂ What steps of faith will you take this week?

---

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing" African American Anthem; Words: James Weldon Johnson; Music: J. Rosamond Johnson. Creative Commons © 2014 Star Spangled Music Foundation. | Songs reprinted / streamed with permission obtained from CCLI with Church Copyright License® #1622560 and CCLI Streaming Plus License™ #CSPL142660: "O God, You Are My God" (Step by Step) David Strasser (Beaker). © 1991 Kid Brothers Of St. Frank Publishing; Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing. | "Jesus, Friend of Sinners" Mark Hall, Matthew West. © 2011 Songs for Delaney; Songs of Southside Independent Music Publishing; Be Essential Songs; My Refuge Music; Get Ur Seek On; Remaining portion is unaffiliated. (admin. Concord Music, CURB | Word Music Publishing, Essential Music Publishing LLC, Seeker Music Portfolio Holdco 1 LP). All rights reserved. | Songs reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #742171: "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" (Jésus, je voudrais te chanter) Text & Music: © Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community, 1961; English trans. © 1970 Stephen Somerville. Admin. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. | "We Will Walk with God" (Sizohamba naye) Text: Swaziland; English Trans. John L. Bell © 2002 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc). Music: Swaziland melody; arr. John L. Bell © 2008 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.). All rights reserved. | All other music for this service is found in the public domain.*