

# OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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8:30 AM & 11:00 AM



## LOGOS SUNDAY

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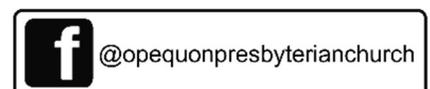
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **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

*Fifth Sunday in Lent – 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 ☞

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... *Can't Steal My Joy* By: Brandon Lake  
Logos Children's Worship

PRELUDE..... *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG No. 628 ..... *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

**Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.**

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.**

**Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.**

**in you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!**

**Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.**

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.**

**Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.**

**in you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!**

**Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.**

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.**

**Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.**

**in you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!**

†CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup> Class)

The Lord invites us into his presence.

**We will joyfully come into the Lord's presence.**

The Lord invites us to be joyful in being with him.

**We will be joyful in the presence of the Lord.**

The Lord offers us joy as we follow him.

**We will gladly follow the Lord.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

**With glad and joyful hearts, we will worship our Lord.**

†OPENING HYMN No. 611 .....*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.  
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION (written by 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)

God invites us to live with hearts full of joy, love, and gladness. But sometimes we let anger or sadness take over instead. We often worry more about stress, rewards, or money at home, in school, at work, or in the community than about how good God is, and our joy starts to fade. Both before and after we pray together this morning, let's take a quiet moment to think about times when we chose negativity instead of joy or times when we needed God's help but did not ask for it. Then, let us come to God together in our unison prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (written by 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)

**Dear God, you are gracious and powerful. You created our world and you are generous with your love for us. We are filled with joy because you are always with us. The Bible teaches us that confession is important and tells us not to hide our sin. It shows us that when we are honest and confess our sin, you help create pure hearts and strong, steady spirits within us. So, we confess jealousy and revenge. We confess anger and worry. We confess that instead of choosing joy, we choose negativity and forget to help others the way we should. Please forgive us. Change our hearts so that we respond with gratitude and love. And when hard things happen, remind us that, even then, you are with us. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (written by 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class)

The Lord forgives us when we do something bad, when we are mean, and when we are unkind to others. Even when we ignore or neglect others, we know that God is with us as we seek to follow Jesus. Let us rejoice in God's steadfast faithfulness, love, and forgiveness. 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. 441 ..... *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

**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.**

**Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!**

**How I love you! Look up 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:**

**Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!**

**How I love you! Look up upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

†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've Got Joy*

By: John Jacobson & Alan Billingsley  
Logos Children's Worship

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4..... Chimes Story  
Logos Youth Worship

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4:4-9..... Pew Bible p. 955

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-17 ..... *The Message*

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "GRUMPY vs. HAPPY"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 623 ..... *I've Got Peace Like a River*

**\*I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;**

**I've got peace like a river, in my soul. [\*repeat]**

**\*I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;**

**I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. [\*repeat]**

**\*I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;**

**I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. [\*repeat]**

SERMON..... "Choose Joy!"

Pastor David Witt

## ☞ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (written by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)

We have received joy from God. With our offerings this morning and this week, let us give that joy to others.

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Siúil A Rún*

Traditional Irish Melody

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606)

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION (written by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)

**Loving God, we rejoice in what you have given us. We joyfully give so that you may bless, and we may serve, children, youth, and adults within our community, church, and world. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (written by the High School Class)

**We believe God's joy is never-ending.**

**We believe that God is almighty, that God's love is everlasting, and that God is good.**

**We believe that Jesus died for our sins, that Jesus rose from the dead, and that we find peace and joy in the promise of the resurrection.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit lives within us and empowers us to follow Jesus on his path.**

**We believe in the word of the Lord.**

**We believe we are all created equally and that we are to treat each other that way. 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. 539..... *We Will Go Out with Joy*

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

[refrain] **Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.**

**Now anyone who's born of the spirit, sing a new song of joy.** [refrain]

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

†CHARGE (written by the 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)

Go now into the new week choosing joy. Remember what we have learned in and through our Logos experience - songs sung, scriptures heard, friendships formed, and the love of God made known. Go be disciples of Jesus Christ who serve the Lord with humble hearts, showing kindness, offering forgiveness, and seeking joy even in times of trouble, despair, or challenge. Walk with courage, guided by the Holy Spirit, trusting that what God has planted in you will bear fruit in your homes, schools, work and community.

†BLESSING (written by the 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)

And may the God who has been with us in every lesson, every meal, every game, and every prayer our whole lifelong fill us all with strength for the days ahead. May we be gentle in spirit, quick to forgive, rich in kindness, and steadfast in hope. And may joy - deep and abiding - shine in us and through us until we gather again in this place, in peace, in service, and in love. And all God's people say with once voice,

**"AMEN."**

†CLOSING LOGOS RESPONSE .... *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart*

Words & Music by: George W. Cooke, 1925

†POSTLUDE

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of our mother, Tena Sijtsma Willemsma, from her beloved children.

## SANCTUARY ROSE

The rose in the Sanctuary this morning announces the birth of Grayson Scott Homan, son of Blaine and Karys Homan, born on Monday, March 16. Susan and Kyle Homan are the proud, first-time grandparents. We celebrate and rejoice in this gift of new life.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Harry Brooks	Phil Sommer	Al & May Schollenberger
Tyler Johnson	Rick Ours	Judy Gaines
Ray Klinefelter	Jean Smith Family	Tim Loftis
Krista Bowen	Jolissa Matthews	Ken Johansen
Tyler Johnson	Riley Fitzgerald	Bonnie Pitzer
Mary Bremer	Sara Frey	Lynne Rosamilia
Jason Rubio	Max Riley	Cor & Agnes Kamerman
David Emery	Michael Callahan	JoAnne Farrell
Archie McKay & Family	Shawn Flaugh	Michelle Whiteman-
Charlie Clerk Family	Donald Elson	McKee
Old Dominion University	Debbie Manuel	Paulette Fazio
Benjamin Fernandez	Don Gibson	Katie Happel
Cheri Norris	Maximus Serros	Judy Camper
Edwina Johansen	Melissa McGunnigle	Candi Gardner
Krista DeCeault Strukoff & Luke	Nancy Guthrie	David Lewis
Dan Cammer	David Goode	David DesMarias
Ashley Twaddle	Murray Shantz	Megan Tschappat
Rick Friedrichsen	Michelle Hall	Charlotte Rosamilia
Middle East War	Carol Nutry	Susan Arthur
Our Soldiers	Denise Weidele	Bill Gesell
Bud Proctor	Caroline Hastreiter	All Struggling with Mental Illness
Harry Newman	Lori Jones & Stephen Armstrong	Mike Shade
Dawn Phillips	David Emery	Jewish & Muslim Victims Worldwide
Nathan Smith & Tracy	Jill Crocket	Cindy Corell
Roger Murphy	Mike & Trish Crawford	Nancy Kerns
George & Carole Schwantes	Pastor Kristin Whitesides	Kennedy Ransom
Gary McDowell	Jordan Hartman	Ukraine
Marge & Tim Higgins	Scarlett Kibler	Ethiopia Church Mekane
Robin Eddy	David Cohen	Yesus
	June & Nathan Windle	

### 🌀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 – March 22 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

*Logos Sunday; 4 Cents A Meal*

- 8:30 AM      Worship – Sanctuary  
9:45 AM      Faith Formation – Bageant Room  
9:45 AM      Logos Snacks & Activities – Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM     Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream

### THIS WEEK

- Monday:      5:00 PM      Discipleship Team – Bageant Room  
                  6:00 PM      Windsong – Sanctuary
- Tuesday:     1:30 PM      Angel Bible Study – Bageant Room  
                  3:00 PM      TVOR Gathering  
                  4:30 PM      CAT Team Meeting – Bageant Room  
                  5:30 PM      Highland Food Pantry
- Wednesday: 4:30 PM      Logos (Theme: CHOOSE JOY Night)  
                  7:15 PM      Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- Thursday:    10:30 AM     Tai Chi – Gathering Area  
                  10:30 AM     WANC Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
                  11:30 AM     Piano Tuning – Memorial Sanctuary  
                  1:30 PM      CER Meeting – Bageant Room  
                  6:00 PM      Fellowship Book Club – Bageant Room
- Saturday:    8:30 AM      Leadership Retreat – Fellowship Hall  
                  10:00 AM     Presbytery Clerks Meeting – Memorial Sanctuary

### NEXT SUNDAY – March 29 (Palm / Passion Sunday)

*Parade of the Palms; Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering*

*Scriptures: Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 21:1-11, 27:11-54    Sermon: "The Risk of Obedience"*

- 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM    Car Vacuuming Fundraiser – Parking Lot & Curb  
8:30 AM      Worship – Sanctuary  
9:45 AM      Faith Formation – Bageant Room  
11:00 AM     Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream

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### TODAY IS LOGOS SUNDAY

We are nearing the end of our 28<sup>th</sup> year of Logos here at Opequon, with TODAY being our annual Logos Sunday. We are privileged to have our young people sharing in the leadership of worship this morning. Many parts of the service have been written by our Logos young people. We celebrate this wonderful ministry being part of Opequon's ministry. We thank the Logos staff and families for their steadfast commitments. The theme for our Logos year has been "CHOOSE JOY" which is reflected in worship today. Our closing night of Logos this year will be

**Wednesday, March 25.**

**Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are thankful for our Logos participants this year:**

Will Baker	Virginia Barr	William Barr
Daniel Batcha	Joshua Batcha	Malayna Bates
Oliver Bayliss	MacKenna Bell	London Bender
Dakota Davis	Luca Deptula	Connor Eberle
Grace Eberle	Shiloh Ervin	Wyatt Ervin
Hailey Frey	Claire Gaines	Caleb Garcia
Flynn Hall	Jaxson Hughes	Benjamin Jenkins
Ethan Jordan	Kennedy Jordan	Chloe Kimbrough
Jasper Kirby-Yoder	Kyleigh Kramerage	Knox Kramerage
Joshua Lilly	Henry Link	Eddie Manual
Gianna Marabella	Maggie Murphy	Tommy McCann
Aubrey McGunnigle	Sierra McGunnigle	Chandler O'Connell
Joseph O'Donnell	Grace Perry	Liam Pingley-Guzman
Sophia Pingley-Guzman	Bailey Rockwell	Emily Russell
Jackson Russell	Camden Saunders	CeCe Shaffer
Ruby Shaffer	L.J. Strosnider	Mason Vandertoorn
Knox Wakeman	Olive Wakeman	Rhodes Wakeman
Bo Weber	Henry White	

**RECEPTION AFTER 11:00 WORSHIP**

We continue to celebrate our Logos Ministry with a delicious reception **after the 11:00 AM service**. Thank you to all the Logos parents and staff who contributed all the goodies for the reception. Enjoy some fellowship with one another as you nibble on some yummy food.

**LOGOS LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Our Logos Ministry is overseen by a Leadership Team that meets year-round to plan and carry out all aspects of Logos. These team members give a great deal of time and love to this vibrant ministry. Many thanks for Ben Barnes, Erin Deptula, Abigail Ervin, Michelle Hammer, Susan Homan, Fran Jeffries, Lynn Metheny, Wendy Wygant, David Witt, and Carole Witt.

**CAR VACUUMING FUNDRAISER – Next Sunday!**

Gravel, dirt, and other debris quickly make their way into cars over the winter, and we all want our vehicles to be clean once again! Pull up to the church parking lot curb next **Sunday, March 29, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM**. The Youth will have shop vacs, and you'll see the satisfaction that comes from a freshly vacuumed carpet. Please remove small objects from the floor of your vehicle. Donations support Youth Mission Trips and Camps/Conferences. Thank you!

## **FAMILY EASTER EVENT**

You can look forward to the annual Family Easter Event which will be held on **Sunday, April 5**, at **9:45 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Children and families are invited to come enjoy a breakfast of hard boiled eggs, a variety of breads, fruit cups, and cereals followed by the telling of the Easter Story through Tangram pictures. You can use your own set of Tangram block shapes to form the pictures for the story. And of course, there is the **COLORFUL EGG HUNT** for children of all ages to collect eggs. Children are asked to bring a basket or bag to collect their eggs. A goodie bag is given to each child as we end this fun event.

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY & PARADE OF PALMS – Sunday, March 29**

8:30 AM **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM **Worship Service** (Sanctuary & Livestream)

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 2**

7:00 PM **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** (Memorial Sanctuary)  
☞ Communion in the Round

### **GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 3**

7:00 PM **Good Friday Tenebrae Service** (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
☞ Recessional with the Cross

### **THE DAY OF RESURRECTION, EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 5**

6:00 AM **Easter Sunrise Service** (Pitcock Memorial Picnic Shelter)  
☞ Outdoor Worship with Kernstown UMC  
☞ Special Music  
☞ Flowering Cross  
☞ Sunrise Breakfast (7:00 AM)

8:30 AM **Easter Sunday Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM **Easter Sunday Worship Service** (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
☞ Communion  
☞ Special Music  
☞ One Great Hour of Sharing

9:45 AM **Family Easter Event & Breakfast** (starts in the Fellowship Hall)

## WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

### 8:30 AM Worship

**Beadle:** Jasper Kirby-Yoder

**Door Greeters:** Joan & Bob Aylor,  
Will Baker, Grace Eberle

**Ushers:** Betty Chicklo, June Malone,  
Alyce Callahan, Henry Link,  
Liam Pingley-Guzman

**Acolyte:** Mason Vandertoorn

**Water Steward:** Malayna Bates

**Building Steward:** Jack Marquis

### 11:00 AM Worship

**Beadle:** Jasper Kirby-Yoder

**Door Greeters:** Sven Thulin,  
Kathi Lehnhard, Will Baker,  
Grace Eberle

**Ushers:** Annemarie Matthews,  
Dennis Boyd, Pat Heavner,  
Henry Link, Liam Pingley-Guzman

**Acolyte:** Mason Vandertoorn

**Water Steward:** Malayna Bates

**Livestream:** Susan Ritter, John White

## WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

### Notes on Today's Music

✂ How did today's music witness to God as the source of our joy?

### 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 brings you joy?

### Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

✂ What is bringing you joy these days?

✂ What steals your joy?

✂ What does the Bible say about joy?

✂ What is the source of your joy?

✂ How do we see joy as a "fruit of the Spirit" rather than just a feeling?

✂ Can you think of a time when you experienced joy in a difficult situation?

✂ How will you practice a joy-filled life this week by choosing joy?

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