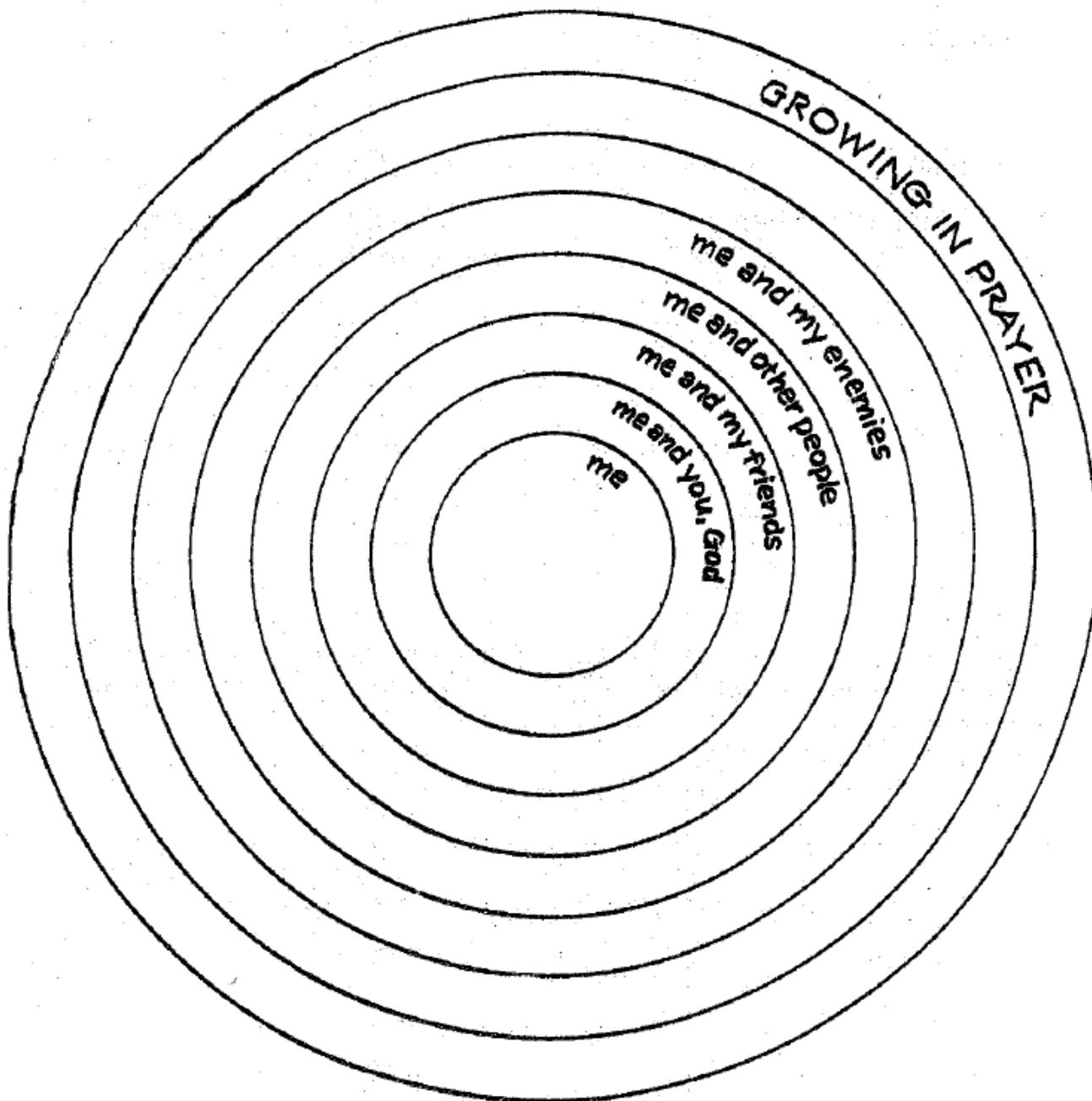


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"CIRCLES OF FAITH": RADICAL HOSPITALITY

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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David R. Witt.....	Pastor
Julia H. Burkley.....	Associate Pastor
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Laurie Carver.....	Nursery Supervisor
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Susan Homan.....	Director of Music
Patty Klinefelter, Bill Martin, Mike Nutry, Pat Williams.....	Faith Community Nurses
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Robert Sydnor.....	Sexton
Carole Witt.....	Director of Christian Education
Rebekah Witt.....	Youth & Young Adult Director

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 31, 2022

10:00 am

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE..... *O God Beyond All Praising*
Arranged by Robert Wallace

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. 399 (3X)..... *God Welcomes All*

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**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

If you are filled with excitement, welcome home:

Here we proclaim that the world is beautiful and God is good.

If you are nursing some heartbreak, welcome home:

Here we offer comfort to those who weep and rest to those who are weary.

If you are swirling with questions, welcome home:

Here we nurture belief but make space for doubt.

If you are committed to the story, welcome home:

Here we trust old words while listening for new understanding.

If you are searching for hope, welcome home:

Here when we worship, God is among us, and everything is possible.

Whoever you are, however you come, welcome home:

We are gathered together, gathered by God, so welcome home.

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here
the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger, bear the image of God's face:
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We turn away from God, often not knowing any better. Yet God keeps inviting us and keeps reaching to us in love. In penitence and faith, let us turn towards God and seek forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

With grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 647.....*Give Thanks*
CCLI# 1622560

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Form groups that spell out **WELCOME**. Your letter is on the front of your bulletin. Pass the peace with your group and wait for instructions

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC.....*Angels Unaware*

Susan Homan, Soprano

Johanna Abell, Accompanist

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-2, 15-16Pew Bible p. 979

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14: 1, 7-14.....Pew Bible p. 849

God's Love Story Bible p. 222

Refrain **Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.**

**Though you maybe have no money,
though you maybe feel unworthy,
in your strength or in your weakness you are welcome, come.**

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.

**See, you are an honored guest,
from constant serving you may rest;
so sit you down, be fed and blessed, for you are welcome, come.**

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.

**Woman, wise one, mother, maiden,
see your plate with food is laden
and your place is set and waiting. You are welcome, come.**

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.

**Worker, father, little boy, old man or youth without employ,
come rest your worry, here is joy, and you are welcome, come.**

Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.

**Whether you've been lost or faithful,
whether you've been wise or wasteful,
here's a place of rest and grace, and you are welcome, come.**

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES....."All Are Invited"
"Circles of Faith": Radical Hospitality

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY.....*Bright, Beautiful, Wonderful World*

Arranged by William Heavner

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

**Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may
be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. We share
gifts – time, talents, treasure – from your abundance with no
fear of scarcity. We greet strangers as angels you have sent!
Send your Spirit now upon these gifts and upon us as givers so
that all may find a place at your table and welcome others with**

**radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables,
we give thanks and pray. Amen.**

CELEBRATORY MOMENTS

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. 767..... *Together We Serve*

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**Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
Extending God's love to the last and the least.**

**We seek to become a beacon of hope,
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.
We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
Together, by grace, we witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.**

†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

July 31 – August 7, 2022

TODAY

Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

10:00 AM In-Person / Live Stream Summer Worship
Circles of Faith Fellowship – Gathering Area
5:30 PM Newcomers' Class – Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

Monday: Older Adult Ministry Meeting – 9:30 AM – Bageant Room
LOGOS Leadership Team – 5:00 PM – Bageant Room
Windsong – 6:00 PM – Sanctuary
Tuesday: Staff Meeting – 10:00 AM – Bageant Room
Adult English Learner Class – 3:00 PM – Assembly Room
Technology Team Meeting – 4:30 PM – Bageant Room
Ministry Team Night – 6:30 PM – Sanctuary
Thursday: Tai Chi – 10:30 AM – Memorial Sanctuary/Picnic Shelter
Adult English Learner Class – 3:00 PM – Assembly Room
Sherando Food Pantry – 6:30 PM
Vision Team Meeting – 7:00 PM – Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY

“Circles of Faith” Worship Series: Worship Enhancement “Blessing of the Backpacks” Communion

In-Person & Live Stream Summer Worship – 10:00 AM
Scripture: Psalm 150, Hebrews 10:19-25
Sermon: “Here I Am to Worship”
Confirmation Orientation – 11:30 AM – Bageant Room
Newcomers' Class – 5:30 PM – Fellowship Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jack & Carol Treece	Jeff Jenkins	Carlene Lemasters
Nancy Grubb	Patricia & Richard	Brenda & Terry Caldwell
Bill Heavner	Young	Ukraine
Gene Walker	Thomas Shade/Mia	Parker Plumb
Bill Robinson	Mazzoccoli	Afghanistan
Evans/McMullin Family	Al Owens, Sr. "Pops"	Casey Carr
Tim Bullis	Ward Edwards	Michael Weller
Ellie Lingo	Caregivers	Ethiopia
Bill Burslem	Lance & Cindy Weeks	Nancy Kerns
Highland Park	Pettit Family	David Trickel
Steve Vess Family	Dick & Sandy Widell	Racial Injustice
Will Schwantes	Caroline Hastreiter	Mike Shade
Margie Ellis	Nadine DeHaven	Brad Treece
June & Nathan	Ellen Neff	Jane Lewis
Windle	Betty Lou Kelly	Doug Koch
People Bullied	Mary Lou Thomas	E.E.C.M.Y.
Debi Hodgson	Grieving Communities -	Church Mekane Yesus
Jim & Jeanette	Victims/Families	
Baccary		

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:	Ron Smith
Bell Ringer:	Mo Mohler
Greeters:	Carole Fox, Cora Helen Anderson
Liturgist:	Julia Burkley, Carole Witt, Rebekah Witt, David Witt
Livestream:	Susan Ritter, Brad Jordan
Ushers:	Linda Butler, Mike Nutry, Jason Hathaway, Steve Bock

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

"O God beyond all praising, We worship you today And sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder At ev'ry gift you send, At blessings without number And mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord." Thus is the text of the opening verse of the hymn serving as this morning's prelude. It is set to the majestic tune, "Thaxted", pulled from the "Jupiter Suite", and part of Gustav Holst's larger work "The Planets". Today's offertory pairs the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" with a 1960's pop song, "What A Wonderful World" whose closing lyrics are: "The colors of the rainbow, So pretty in the sky, Are also on the faces Of people going by. I see friends shaking hands Saying, "How do you do?" They're really saying "I love you". I hear babies cry. I watch them grow. They'll learn much more Than I'll ever know, And I think to myself What a wonderful world".

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!" to any of these questions, you are cordially invited and encouraged to attend our Newcomers' Class. We will gather two times, both this evening and next Sunday, August 7th at 5:30 pm. We'll meet each time in the Fellowship Hall until 7:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Pastor David Witt (662-1843 or pastor@opequonchurch.org), who will be facilitating this time of sharing; to help prepare the appropriate resources, please also let him know you would like to attend.

ROOTS N SHOOTS

This past week, 45.25 pounds were sent to the Sherando Food Pantry and 20.5 pounds were donated to The Highland Food Pantry. We had our first harvest of corn this week, and recently started harvesting eggplant, tomatoes, and tomatillos. We are still continuing to harvest cabbage, chard, cucumbers, herbs, kale, onions, and peppers to help feed those in the community who need it most.

VACATION FOR PASTOR JULIA

Julia Burkley will be on vacation beginning this Friday, August 5 and continuing through Monday, August 8. She will return to the church office on Tuesday, August 9.

LOGOS REGISTRATION BEGINS in 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 25th year at Opequon! All K-12th 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 will be open August 1. Registration is easy and can be done by completing the one-page form in the Gathering Area or going online to www.opequonchurch.org.

OLDER ADULT PLANNING MEETING

The Older Adult Planning Team will be meeting tomorrow at 9:30am in the Bageant Room. This meeting is open to any older adult who would like to participate in the discussion and planning for Happy Days events as well as other older adult ministry opportunities here at Opequon. The meeting usually lasts one hour with a healthy dose of laughter and a morning treat too!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION FOR FAMILIES

An orientation to share about the upcoming confirmation year will be held on two occasions to allow for convenience to families. If you have any interest in your 8-9th grade young person participating in confirmation, please attend ONE of these orientation times: Sunday, August 7 at 11:30am or Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00pm. The orientation will last one hour and is for parents and potential confirmation students. Please send a quick email to Carole Witt (dce@opequonchurch.org) to respond which date you plan to attend.

OLDER ADULT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

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, dropped off at the church or turned into the box on the Gathering Area table. Nominations will be received until August 14. The session will make the selection of our 2021 Older Adult at their August meeting and the individual chosen will be announced at the September 7 Older Adult Luncheon.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music call us to embrace hospitality?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Where do I need to focus my prayers this week?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Conversation with All Ages

- When have you been surprised by a welcome?
- How can we enhance our welcome at Opequon Church?
- What is welcome? How do you see welcome in the book? In the scriptures?
- What is hospitality? Is it any different from welcome?
- What is radical hospitality? How does it go beyond being hospitable?
- In what ways can we express radical hospitality at Opequon Church?