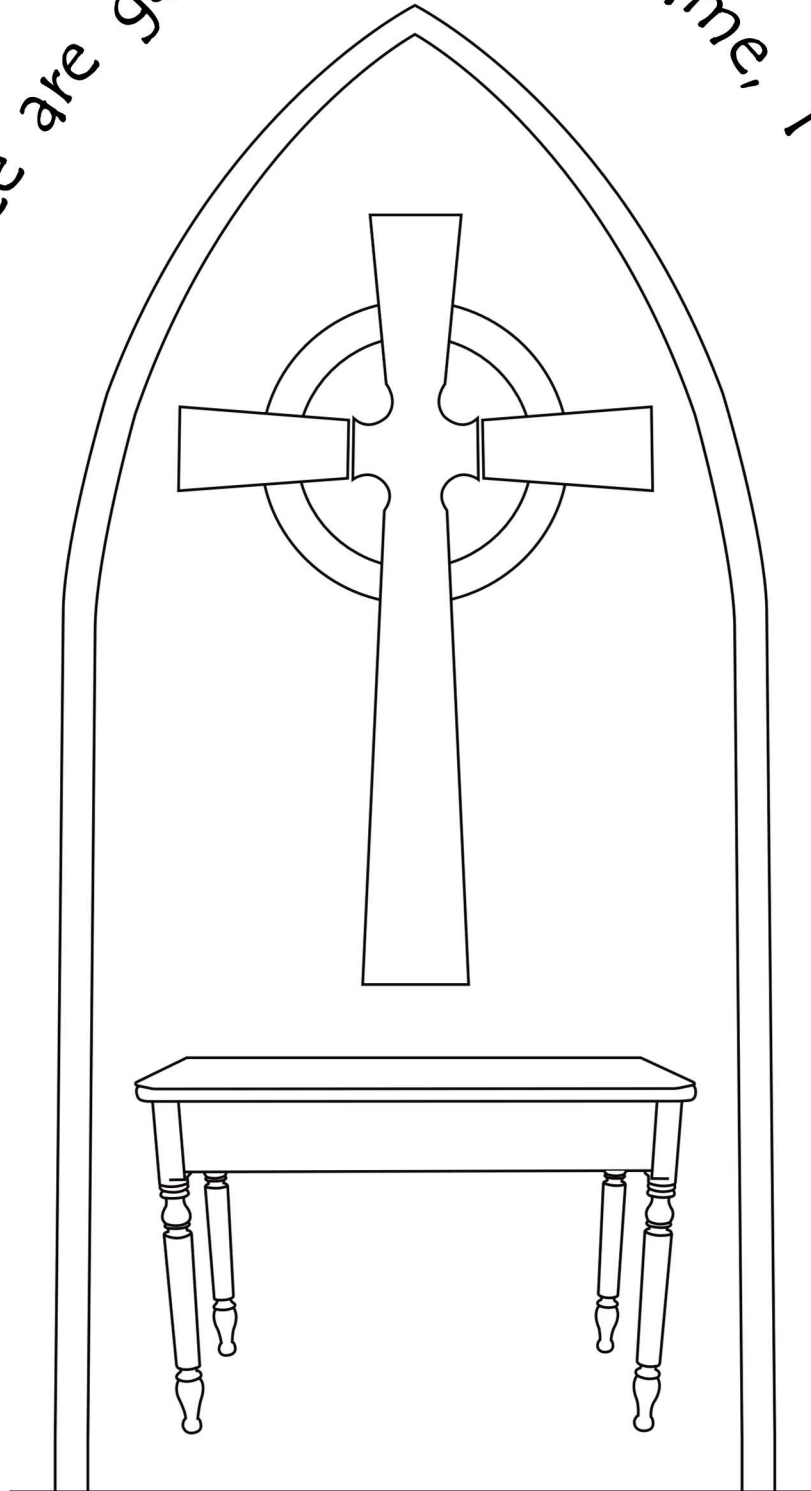


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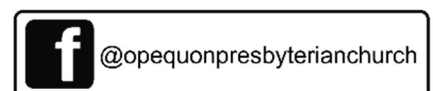
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **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

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Communion; CCAP

- ☞ **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..... *Lullaby* By: George Winston

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG No. 520 (refrain = all; verses = choir)..... *Taste and See*

[ALL: refrain] **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
of the Lord.**

[choir] I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord,
for God has been so good to me. [refrain]

[choir] Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles, I was set free. [refrain]

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here among us, calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast.

Christ is here among us, speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers.

Christ is here among us, binding us as one body, sending us out in service.

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here among us as we worship our living God.

†OPENING HYMN No. 767 *Together We Serve*

**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.**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us confess our sins in unison and then in personal silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear:

Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love.

We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Christ does not judge us harshly but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life. We will not take this forgiveness for granted but will let it transform how we live and love.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 518 (v. 1, 3, refrain) *Your Only Son*

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.**

[refrain] **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God.** [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 ✠

ANTHEM..... *At the Table of the Lord*

By: Jay Althouse

At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed. We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: "This is my body," He said. At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured. We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord. At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one. For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be, there our Lord will be. At the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord we shall be free.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12:1-14Pew Bible p. 51

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 18:15-20Pew Bible p. 799

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "How to Talk with Each Other"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†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]

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

SERMON..... "Remembering and Reconciling"
Pastor David Witt

✠ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ✠

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Promised Land* Arr. by: Joseph M. Martin

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

**Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and
faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these
gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and
grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.**

†HYMN No. 770 (v. 1-3) *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

**I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.**

**I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.**

**I'm gonna join with my sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with my sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
I'm gonna join with my sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with my sisters, brothers, Alleluia.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Hymnal p. 9-10, spoken response)

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music..... *Brother James' Air* Arr. by: Joseph M. Martin

Closing Communion Prayer

✠ WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME ✠

†CLOSING HYMN No. 770 (v. 4, 5)..... *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

Here all the world will find a welcome;

here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome;

here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey;

we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey;

we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 468..... *Lord, Be Glorified*

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

COMMUNION TODAY WILL INVITE YOU FORWARD

We will come forward to the communion table to receive the sacrament this morning. Each section of pews should move to the left as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available in the center section. Please see an usher for assistance. Please come forward, receive a piece of bread handed to you and eat immediately. Receive a small cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) and drink immediately, taking your used cup back to your pew and placing it in the cup holder. Return to your seat by the right aisle of your section.

Elders/Deacons serving at the 8:30 AM service today are: Winter Brooks, Ben Brooks, Nancy Picklap, Marc Desmarais, Jennie Wright, and Jim Youngblood.

Elders/Deacons serving at the 11:00 AM service today are: Marj Praml, Jack Marquis, Robin Cooke, Bill Thomasson, Laurel Hathaway, and Nick Sardelis.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory for Bob Weidele from his wife Denise and all his family.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Vern Gamble	Tony Bennett	Middle East War
Nepal Disaster	Jim Keeler	Jolissa Matthews
Brenda	Hazel Spriggs	Lori Jones & Stephen
Harry Brooks	Katie Happel	Armstrong
Kathy Ludwig	Don Black	Mike & Trish Crawford
Colton Heavner	Marcia Jaureguizar	Lynne Rosamilia
Dale Barley	Mark McKee	JoAnne Farrell
June Windle	Chick Doroffee	Judy Camper
Rick Ours	Darcus Breneman	David Lewis
Judy Gaines	Lyn Warren	David DesMarias
Jessica Brogler	Carol Schempp	Megan Tschappat
Connie Byrne	Linda Swiger	Charlotte Rosamilia
Robin Owens	Bud & Becky Proctor	All Struggling with
Bill Gesell	Mike Shade	Mental Illness
Lorin & Bill Goulart	Karen Lemons & Family	Nancy Kerns
Mid-West Flood Victims	Bonnie Triplett	Jewish & Muslim Victims
Johnny Clark Family	Al Schollenberger	Worldwide
Gary Rutherford	Cheri Norris	Cindy Corell
Sandy Widell	Mo & Heide Mohler	Katie Wolf
Kraig Hawkins	Marge & Tim Higgins	Ukraine
Roger Callis	Susan Arthur	Ethiopia Church Mekane
Cora Helen Anderson	Tammy Mowery Earhart	Yesus
Tim & Katherine Loftis	Dan Cammer	

❧ **THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES** ❧

Kaylynn Tavenner, 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

❧ **OUR SCHOOL OF THE WEEK** ❧

Staff & Students at Dowell J. Howard Center in Frederick County, VA

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY – September 6

Communion; CCAP

- 8:30 AM** **Worship** – Sanctuary
9:45 AM Faith Formation – Bageant Room & Zoom
9:45 AM Opie's Playhouse – Playground
11:00 AM **Worship** – Sanctuary & Livestream

THIS WEEK

- Monday: **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** (Memorial Day)
 5:30 PM Windsong Practice – Memorial Sanctuary
- Tuesday: 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Mission – Bageant Room
 11:00 AM Retired Teachers Meeting – Picnic Shelter
 1:00 PM Disciple Faith Formation – Bageant Room
 6:00 PM God-Loving Opequon Women (GLOW) – Bageant/Dell Rooms
 7:00 PM Vision Team – Assembly Room
- Wednesday: 12:00 PM Happy Days – Fellowship Hall
 5:30 PM Logos Staff Orientation – Fellowship Hall
 7:15 PM Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Thursday: 10:30 AM Tai Chi – Memorial Sanctuary/Picnic Shelter
 7:00 PM Architectural Review Team (ART) – Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY – September 13

Grandparents Day

Scriptures: Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "Transformed by God"

- 8:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM Faith Formation – Bageant Room
9:45 AM Medical Mission Trip Interest Meeting – Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
12:15 PM Senior Outreach Ministry
1:30 PM Spring Arbor Worship

OPIE'S PLAYHOUSE MEETS TODAY (9:45 AM)

All families with young children are invited to join us for fun and fellowship **today, 9:45 – 10:45 AM**, on the playground. In the event of rain, we will meet in the Memorial Sanctuary.

MOO GATHERING – RSVP BY TOMORROW

All Men of Opequon are invited to an off-site gathering at Capon Springs and Farms Resort in Capon Springs, WV on **Monday, September 14**. We will depart from the church by bus/van at **4:30 PM**. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a campfire gathering, local history, pit barbecue chicken dinner, devotions with Pastor Mike Funkhouser, and a beautiful sunset on the golf course following the flag lowering. Please RSVP to Mitch Orndorff (540-539-7337) **by noon tomorrow (September 7)**. A firm headcount is required by this deadline—no exceptions. We hope you can join us for this evening of fellowship and great food in "Wild & Wonderful" West Virginia!

GLOW: God-loving Opequon Women

GLOW is Opequon's multi-aged Women's group that meets monthly to build friendships and enjoy heart-warming activities together. Opequon women will meet this **Tuesday, September 8**, at **6:00 PM** at the church for our annual BUNCO NIGHT. As the 'ticket to play', ladies are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for our Blessing Box. Bunco requires no skill but provides opportunity for loads of laughs, great conversation and the chance to win a prize. This dice rolling game is learned in a matter of minutes! All Opequon Women are invited. There is a place for you at the Bunco tables. Drinks and refreshments provided.

HAPPY DAYS GATHERING

The monthly older adult fellowship time known as 'Happy Days' will be held this **Wednesday, September 9** at **12:00 noon** in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a covered dish lunch. Chicken and drinks are provided. Please bring a covered dish item to share. Our theme for this Happy Days Event is "Back to School – Class is in Session". After lunch, we will enjoy some 'school days fun' such as a new kind of spelling test, a couple fun word problems, a class picture and more. Everyone will be a class star! All older adults are welcome. Come enjoy the friendships as we meet together as the class of 2026.

LOGOS STAFF ORIENTATION

The LOGOS STAFF ORIENTATION will be held this Wednesday, September 9, at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A full dinner will be provided along with a full orientation of our upcoming LOGOS year. It's an evening of Food, Fun, and lots of important Facts about Logos. All LOGOS staff are asked to attend. The dinner menu includes Make Your Own Chef Salad, Fruit, Deviled Eggs, Rolls, and Dessert. Childcare is available.

LOGOS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Our 29th Logos year is set to begin **in just 2 ½ weeks on September 23!** Our opening night theme is "Old Opequon Night"! Logos is a midweek ministry for young people ages 4 through High School. Each week is full of holy hilarity and an abundance of great relationships with one another. Registration is available now with an early bird discount. Registration is available at the display in the Gathering area and online as well at opequonchurch.org. As each young person is registered their name will be entered for a BIRTHDAY BASKET prize drawing. We invite all young people to be part of the lively and worthwhile Wednesday evenings beginning in September. Questions – please ask Carole Witt (dce@opequonchurch.org).

CONCERT & DINNER FUNDRAISER TICKET REMINDER

Purchase your concert and dinner tickets now for the Annual Graham Taylor Concert & Meal Fundraiser Event! All proceeds benefit OPC's Mission Ministry Fund. Payments may be placed in the offering or through online giving on OPC's website with an indication of "GT-Concert" or "GT-Dinner."

- Concert tickets are \$20 each; kids 18 and under are FREE.
- The deadline to purchase (optional) dinner tickets is quickly approaching! All Fried Chicken Dinner Tickets (\$10 each) **must be pre-purchased by NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.**

***See full ticket and event details in the OPC newsletters!*

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Have you ever thought about going on a Medical Mission Trip? Come to the Fellowship Hall **next Sunday, September 13, at 9:45 AM** for an interest meeting and learn how you can serve with the Medical Ministry International in the Dominican Republic!

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

8:30 AM Worship

Liturgist: Rich Schempp

Beadle: Jim Horner

Door Greeters: Ellen Cunningham,
Sheryl Massey

Ushers: Steve Bock, Jim Horner, Mike
Butler, Virginia Barr, William Barr,
Malayna Bates

Acolyte: Virginia Barr

Building Steward: Mike Nutry

11:00 AM Worship

Liturgist: Thom Picciuto

Beadle: Ray Jones

Door Greeters: Bill Wellman, Maureen
Wellman, Bonnie Pitzer

Ushers: Mike Jeffries, Fran Jeffries,
Mike Nutry, Nick Jenkins, Ben Jenkins,
Flynn Hall

Acolyte: Nick Jenkins

Livestream: Susan Ritter, Rebekah Witt

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

✂ How did the music today witness to Jesus Christ bringing us together as people of faith?

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

✂ Why does Jesus tell us to talk with each other?

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

✂ What layer of meaning can I discover in these scripture texts? What am I called to remember? How am I called to act?

✂ How do the Passover event and our celebration of Holy Communion shape my faith and call me to remember?

✂ How do we, as a church, exemplify remembrance, reconciliation, and community?

✂ How do we extend the gospel to people who think differently than we do?

✂ What will love, not as a feeling but as a driving force, direct me to do this week?

✂ Where and how is Christ present?

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