

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Matthew 5:13-16

*Drawing by:
Bo Weber*

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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.

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany – Youth Families & Young Adults Sunday; "Souper Bowl of Caring"

- ☞ **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 *The New World*
By: Jason Robert Brown

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALT & LIGHT PROCESSION

Progressive Art (by Kennedy Jordan)

†GATHERING SONG No. 401 *Here in This Place*

**Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by Jenkins Family)

God calls us to come out and not be hidden away.

Let our light shine in our homes.

God calls us to ask for help and God will say "Here I am".

Let our light shine in our church.

God calls us to help those in need; feed, clothe, and house the afflicted.

Let our light shine in our community.

God calls us to be salt of the earth and light of the world.

Let our light shine in our world.

†OPENING HYMN No. 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Joshua Batcha, alto saxophone; Mackenna Bell, euphonium

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSiON (Written by Bell Family & Adapted from Pope Francis)

The Prophet Isaiah commands us to shout out and lift our voices like a trumpet, naming the ways we have fallen short of God's desire. Too often, we perform rituals of faith while ignoring the yokes of injustice at our own borders. We confess our indifference toward those who flee violence, the 'strangers' within our gates, and our own complicity in systems that prioritize comfort over compassion. Let us approach God with honest hearts, seeking the strength to truly become repairers of the breach.

PRAYER OF CONFESSiON (Written by Bell Family & Adapted from Pope Francis)

Merciful God, we pray to you for all the people who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life. Wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness. May we never forget them, but honor their sacrifice with deeds more than words. Heal our blindness to the root causes of displacement and remove the fear that keeps us from welcoming the stranger as our own sibling. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER *This Little Light of Mine*
Traditional Folksong
Adelyn Astorino, violin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Written by Ervin Family)

When we feel tangled up by our mistakes, God does not let us go!
When we feel stuck, weighed down, or unsure, God sets us free!
When our light feels hidden or dim, God helps us shine!
Our bonds are loosened, the darkness is pushed back, and our lives are filled with grace.

In Jesus we are forgiven, we are loved, and we are free!

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE..... *This Little Light of Mine*

By: Harry Dixon Loes

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no; I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no; I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no; I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes; I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine tell Jesus comes; I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine tell Jesus comes; I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

†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..... *Walk in the Light*

By: Joseph M. Martin

Youth Families & Young Adult Choir

Walk in the light of His love. Walk in the light of His Word. Walk in the light as He is in the light, walk in the light of the Lord. Walk in the light of His love. Walk in the light of His Word. All people walk in the light as He is in the light, walk in the light of the Lord. Do not walk in darkness searching for a way. Do not walk in darkness, turn and face the day. See the dawn is breaking. All people come, come now and sing Jesus is the Light of the world, He is the Light of the world. Walk in the Light. Walk in the light of His love. Walk in the light of His Word. All people walk in the light as He is in the light, walk in the light of the Lord. Walk in the light, of the Lord.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Told Through Freeze Frames: Isaiah 58:1-12

(Written by Amy Robinson / Engage Worship)

THE WORD OF GOD THROUGH VOICES

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "I am me. I am a Child of God. I am the light of the world!"

†HYMN..... *A Little Bit of Salt*

By: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Sarah Brill, flute

**A little bit of salt will quickly show its worth;
A little bit of faithfulness will change the earth.
God, make us worth our salt – a church that's glad to be
The change that you desire in each community.**

**A lamp that's in a house gives safety, warmth and light;
It's set upon a table where it shines so bright.
God, make your church a light that bravely takes a stand
To bring your love and justice into all the land.**

**A garden is a place where so much beauty grows,
Where flowers bloom and food is raised and water flows.
When worship leads us out to care for the oppressed,
O God, you say we're like a garden at its best.**

**When worship leads us out to love and serve the poor,
To welcome in the immigrant at our own door,
O God, then we'll be called "repairers of the breach,"
And we your church will be "restorers of the streets."**

**It's tempting to remain well-hidden, quiet, bland –
Yet, God, you make us salt and light to change this land.
You send us out to love, to build and to repair,
Till peace and justice flourish here and everywhere.**

SERMON..... "The Gift of Salt & Light"

Rebekah Witt, Director for Youth & Young Adults

Skit *Salt & Light – Literally*
With the Astorino Family

♪ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ♪

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS (Words written by Littman Family)

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Witness*
By: Jack Halloran & Dick Bolks

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606)..... Joshua Batcha, alto saxophone
MacKenna Bell, euphonium
Sarah Brill, flute

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Written by Link Family)

Loving God,

You don't just want our words – you want our lives.

Today we dedicate ourselves to You:

our choices, our voices, and the way we treat others.

Help us not to just say we follow You,

but to actually live it out every day.

Show us how to care for people who are hurting,

to stand up for those who are treated unfairly,

to share what we have with those in need,

and to love without judging or pointing fingers.

Jesus, You call us the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Help us not to blend in when You call us to stand out.

Give us courage to shine,

to do good even when it's hard,

and to live in a way that points people back to You.

Guide us when we feel unsure.

Give us strength when life feels overwhelming.

Use us to help fix what is broken,

to bring hope where there is pain,

and to help make this world look more like Your kingdom.

We give you who we are and who we are becoming.

Use us for Your love, Your justice, and Your glory.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Written by Riley Family)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

❖ WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME ❖

†CLOSING HYMN *Pass It On*

By: Kurt Kaiser

It only takes a spark to get a fire going

And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing

That's how it is with God's love

Once you've experienced it

You spread His love to ev'ryone

You want to pass it on

**I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain-top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on**

†CHARGE & BLESSING (by Sam Hargreaves / Engage Worship)

"You are the salt of the earth."

**Sprinkle us across our town, God,
across our world,
to bring the flavour of your Kingdom wherever we go.**

"You are the light of the world."

**Uncover the radiance that is
within us, God,
to shine the truth of your love
wherever we go.**

"Let your light shine before others"

**that everyone we meet
may see our lives of worship
and glorify you,
our Father in heaven.**

Amen.

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 539 (v. 1, refrain)..... *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!**

†POSTLUDE

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Kevin and Lisa Reed and family in memory and celebration of Carolyn Reed's and Dick and Ann Martin's birthdays. We are truly blessed to love, and to have been loved by them!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We invite you to share your prayer requests with us. You may submit a request using the pink slips available during Sunday worship, or by contacting the church office or one of our pastors. When we receive prayer requests (unless marked confidential), they will be added to the prayer list in the weekly bulletin. Please let us know if you would also like your request shared with our email prayer chain.

Our email prayer chain, "OPC Prays," is made up of individuals who have set aside time during the week to pray for concerns as they may arise. Please email opcprays@gmail.com to submit a prayer request to OPC Prays or to join the email group.

In Remembrance:

Robert "Bob" Olshen Caldwell

February 25, 1940 - December 26, 2025

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.

*"Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."*

- John 11:26-26

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dale Barley	Ray Klinefelter	Katie Happel
Darlene & Dick Kent	Pat Young	Joyce Williamson
Evan Jewell Family	Mike & Trish Crawford	Judy Camper
Bill Wellman	Pastor Kristin Whitesides	Candi Gardner
Kelly & Abel Families	Jordan Hartman	Roger Murphy
Minneapolis	Scarlett Kibler	Bill Robinson
Karen Lemons & Family	David Cohen	Darrell Griffiths
Laura Lee Fritz Family	June & Nathan Windle	George Schwantes
Ashleigh & Sutton Barber	Patricia Brannon	Carole Schwantes
Titus Orndorff	Al & May Schollenberger	Krista Strukoff
David Goode	Sharon Miller	(DeCeault)
Murray Shantz	Krista Bowen	David Lewis
Norma Horsburgh	Krystal & Quinn Place	David DesMarias
Michelle Hall	Carole Walker Family	Megan Tschappat
Hilda Zalonis	Kay Caldwell & Family	Judy Orndorff
Carol Nutry	Gary Johnson	Charlotte Rosamilia
Denise Weidele	Rick Ours	Susan Arthur
Caroline Hastreiter	Judy Gaines	Bill Gesell
Lori Jones & Stephen Armstrong	Tim Loftis	Susan Kelican
Dan Cammer	Lisa Frye	All Struggling with Mental Illness
Michelle Hall	Carol Tubbs	Bereaved Israelites & Palestinians
Carol Fries	Ken Johansen	Mike Shade
Colton Frey	Andrew Wolfe	Jewish & Muslim Victims Worldwide
Sara Frey	Bonnie Pitzer	Cindy Corell
Sharon Boyd	Lynne Rosamilia	Nancy Kerns
Beth Drummond	Jeanne Crosby	Kennedy Ransom
Pat Raul	Cor & Agnes Kamerman	Ukraine
David Emery	Sue Friedrichsen	Ethiopia Church Mekane Yesus
Carolyn Morgan	JoAnne Farrell	
Jill Crocket	Doris Smith & Family	
Zachary	Jessica Wise	
Forrest Family	Michelle Whiteman- McKee	
	Paulette Fazio	

❖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 – February 8

Youth Families & Young Adults Sunday; "Souper Bowl of Caring"

8:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
11:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
12:15 AM	Senior Outreach Ministry
1:30 PM	Spring Arbor Worship

THIS WEEK

Monday:	6:00 PM	MOO Meal – Chick-fil-A
	6:00 PM	Windsong – Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	MOO – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday:	9:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Mission – Bageant Room
	1:30 PM	Angel Class – Bageant Room
	7:00 PM	Vision Team – Bageant Room
Wednesday:	12:00 PM	Happy Days – Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	Logos (Theme: Jesus LOVES YOU Night)
	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday:	10:30 AM	Tai Chi – Memorial Sanctuary
	6:45 PM	Micah 6:8 Faith Formation – Bageant Room
Saturday:	1:00 PM	Memorial Service for Bob Caldwell – Sanctuary
	5:00 PM	Parents' Night Out – First Presbyterian Church (Winchester)

NEXT SUNDAY – February 15

*Transfiguration of the Lord; Jazz Sunday; Blood Pressure Checks
Scriptures: Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9 Sermon: "Listen to Him!"*

* Deadline for March Newsletter Submissions *

8:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary
9:40 AM	VBS Team Meeting – Assembly Room
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
11:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream

CHURCH LIBRARY TABLE

Starting **today**, a special selection of "Color the World with Kindness" Opequon library books are on display in the Gathering Area. You are welcome to look through and borrow them to enjoy the wonderful messages the authors bring your way! There may be some new books that you haven't seen before.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CAN COLLECTION – TODAY

Opequon Youth are collecting soup cans for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Please bring the type of soup according to where you typically sit in the Sanctuary.

Choir Side = Chicken Noodle

Center Section = Tomato

Window Side = Vegetable Beef

The collection spot is in the Gathering Area. Which section of the Sanctuary will be crowned the winners and bring in the most soup cans?! All donations are due **TODAY** and will be given to the Sherando and Highland Food Pantries. Monetary donations (marked "Souper Bowl") are welcome for the Pantries as well. You can give online or in person. Questions? Ask Rebekah Witt!

MEN OF OPEQUON

The Men of Opequon (MOO) will meet at **6:00 PM tomorrow** for dinner at the Pleasant Valley Road Chick-fil-A. Then, at **7:00 PM**, we'll gather at the church for a "Journey to Australia," led by Rich Schempp. Join us to hear the stories and see the slide show of Rich and Carol's 3-month adventure in Australia. Dessert will be provided.

HAPPY DAYS GATHERING

The monthly older adult fellowship time known as 'Happy Days' will be held this **Wednesday, February 11**, at **NOON** in the Fellowship Hall, beginning with a covered dish lunch. Rotisserie Chicken will be provided, as well as drinks. You are invited to bring a covered dish to contribute to the lunch. After lunch, we will enjoy our guest speaker from Family Promise. All older adults are welcome. Come enjoy the friendships, warmth around the tables, and this interesting speaker.

MEMORIAL SERVICE & RECEPTION

The Memorial Service for Bob Caldwell will be on **Saturday, February 14**, at **1:00 PM** in OPC's Sanctuary, followed by a reception and visitation in the Gathering Area. Please keep his wife, Kay, and their family in your prayers.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

Enjoy pancakes, eggs, biscuits, sausage, and fruit on **February 17**, anytime between **5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall. No reservations needed. All are invited as the Youth and Leaders serve you! Monetary donations are welcome.

PRAYER BREAKFAST EVENT – February 22 (9:45 AM)

The Prayer Breakfast has become a beloved annual tradition that helps us celebrate the season of Lent. The Christian Education Team is so pleased to sponsor this special time. You are invited to come for a warm, delicious breakfast with Breakfast Casseroles, Fruit, Cereals, and Danish. We will be making a **HUGE** Paper Prayer Chain that will be displayed in the Gathering Area! We will also share in prayer together and there will be special tokens for you to take home. The food will be yummy, the company will be super, and your time will be well spent. There is a place for You at the table! Come to the Prayer Breakfast on **February 22**.

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!" regarding any of these questions, you are cordially invited and encouraged to attend our upcoming Newcomers' Class starting **THIS MONTH**. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at **4:00 PM** on **Sunday, February 22**, and again on **Sunday, March 1**. If you have questions, please contact Pastor David Witt (pastor@opequonchurch.org or 540-662-1843), who will be facilitating this time of sharing. To help us prepare the appropriate resources, please also let him know you would like to attend.

SIGN-UP FOR OPC'S ANNUAL TALENT SHOW!

Got a song you want to sing? Got a poem you'd like to share? Got an instrumental or dance act you want to present? We are ready to applaud your talents! There's still time to be one of the acts in our annual Fellowship Talent Show! Sign-up in the Gathering Area or contact Marj Praml (540-327-2667 / pramlmarjory550@gmail.com).

SEWING FOR THE MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

We are so grateful for those who have already told us they are sewing items (dresses, pharmacy bags, etc.) for the Medical Mission Team to bring on their trip to the Dominican Republic. Completed items need to be placed in the collection tubs in the Gathering Area by **February 22**. Please see a team member if you have questions.

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP SUPPLY COLLECTION

Our Medical Mission Team needs your help collecting supplies to take to the Dominican Republic. Donations of the following supplies may be placed in the black and yellow tubs in the Gathering Area until **February 22**:

Matchbox Cars / Hot Wheels, Legos / Duplos, Stickers, Empty Liquid Medicine Bottles (30ml & 60ml), Hats For Sun Protection, Glasses (readers or prescription), Sandals, Socks, Hot Pads, Hand Towels, Hair Ties / Clips, Nail Files, Toothbrushes (adult & children)

If you would prefer to support the team with a financial donation, go to:
<https://mmiorg.app.neoncrm.com/OPC>

LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

In the season of Lent which is the six weeks that lead up to Easter, a special devotional booklet will be available to help us all reflect on Jesus and on our faith during this time.

The Road to the Cross for adults is a booklet of 'a word a day for Lent' written by Rev. Jill Paulson of Wildwood Presbyterian Church. Jill is Ann Denison's sister and mom to Ben Paulson, a member of the choir. We are grateful for permission to share this booklet with Opequon during this Lent season. May you find the focus of a word a day a great way to deepen and challenge your faith. This Lent devotional booklet can be picked up from the Gathering Area or the Dell Room beginning next Sunday.

Beatitudes at home Family Devotional, developed by the PCUSA, is great for families. This is a pack of cards that focuses on blessings from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The artwork is captivating, the conversation questions are interesting, and there are ideas of things to do! It is very manageable to do two cards a week to enrich your families' Lent season. These will be available in the Gathering Area and distributed through Logos.

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

8:30 AM Worship

Beadle: Katie Jordan
Door Greeters: Shaffer Family
Ushers: Mike & Wendy Wygant, Larry Donovan, Sheyenne Ervin, Alex Plumb, Kennedy Jordan
Acolyte: Kennedy Jordan
Building Steward: Mike Nutry

11:00 AM Worship

Beadle: Carrie Rockwell
Door Greeters: McGunnigle Family
Ushers: Marj Praml, Kyle Homan, Jason Hathaway, Vern Gamble, Stephen Gamble, Bailey Rockwell, Alex Bock
Acolyte: Bailey Rockwell
Livestream: Susan Ritter, John White

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

❖ How did the blend of instruments speak to you today?

Notes on Today's Prayers

❖ How will prayer change my attitude this week?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

❖ How can you be yourself (I am me), remind yourself that your identity is in Christ (I am a child of God), and share your talents with the people around you (I am the light of the world)?

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

❖ In the skit, we were reminded that we should live our lives in a way that points people to God, not us. How can you put that into daily practice?
❖ If you are committed to listening for God's call and following Jesus, in what ways do you need to change when you walk out the church doors?
❖ Where do you see hatred and how will you speak out with love?

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