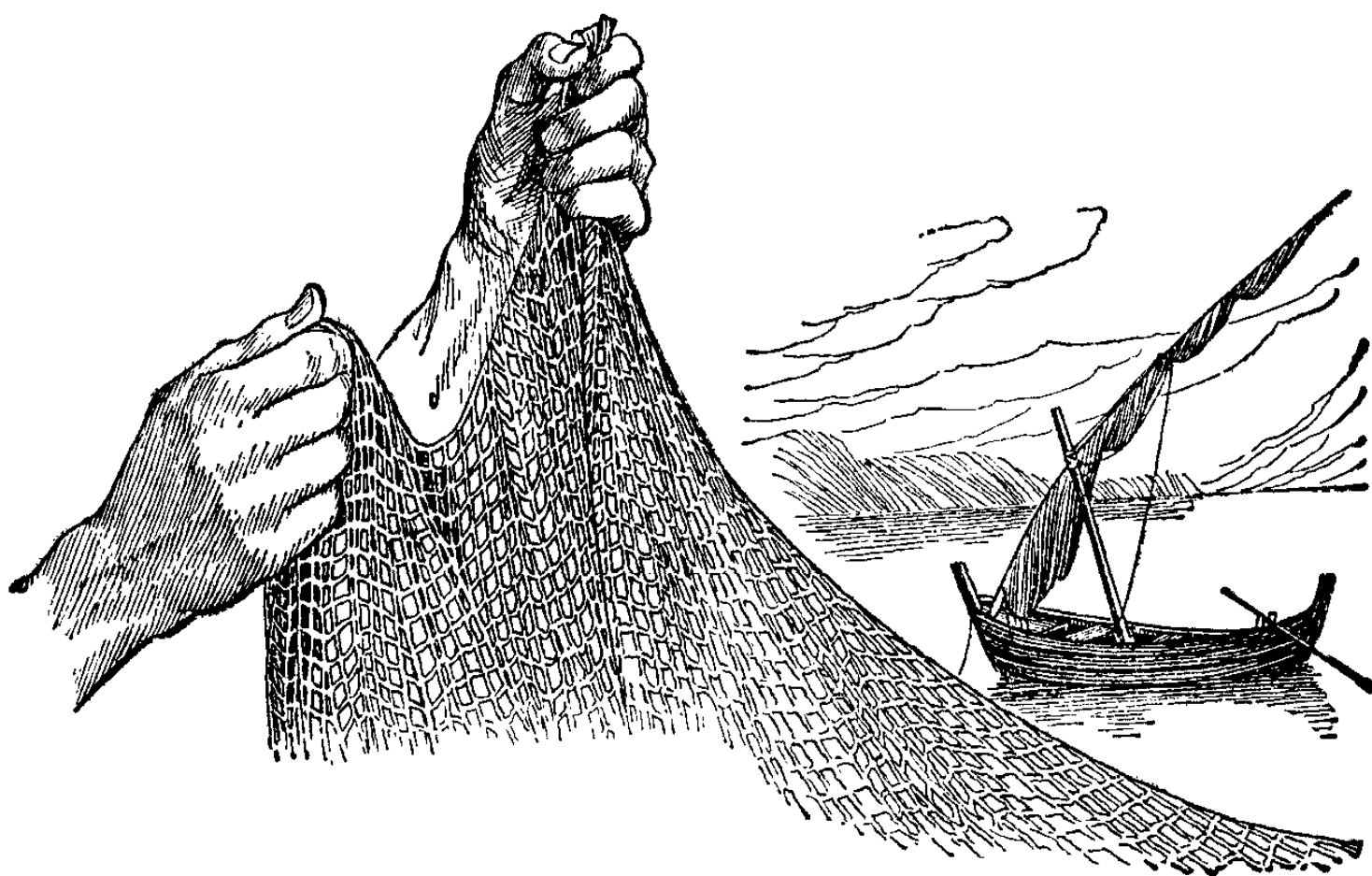


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 25, 2025

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM



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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

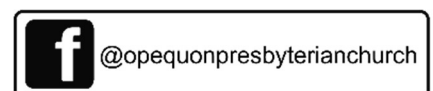
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **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.

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday After Epiphany – 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 ☞

PRELUDE..... *Somewhere / Imagine*

By: Leonard Bernstein / John Lennon; Arranged by: Garrett Jones

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG No. 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Kow that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with hoy his courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Let your lives witness to Christ's love.

And may our words bring reconciliation.

Let your thoughts be of peace.

And our touch bring healing.

Let your actions count for justice,

And may our faith be a sign of hope.

Let your prayers offer healing to a troubled world

And may our presence be tuned toward understanding.

Let our time of worship here and now be a true blessing for us all and renew faith, joy and praise for our lives.

†OPENING 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.**

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We may be able to convince ourselves of our own faithfulness. But in the light of God's loving justice, we cannot hide. And yet, in the light of God's just love, we need not hide – God already knows the deepest yearnings of our hearts and is powerful to provide the healing and forgiveness we need. Let us confess our sin before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of our ancestors, of Simon, Andrew, James and John – you call us to service, but we have been apathetic in our response. You call us to faithfulness, but our response has been lukewarm. You call us to energy and joy in our walk with Christ, but our discipleship has become routine. Too often we have gone through the motions, rather than seeing each moment as an opportunity to serve you with our whole heart. You give us so much, gracious God. Your faithfulness endures to all generations. Pour out your Spirit on your stiff-necked people, once again, that we may seek you with vigor, and serve you with renewed energy and purpose. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus died and rose again, overthrowing the powers of sin and death, and he did it for the sake of the world. We are enslaved no longer by the powers of darkness. We are liberated, set free to follow Christ. Friends, believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE 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.

†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..... *The Summons*
Arranged by: John L. Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me? Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me? Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

[Congregation Joins in Singing]

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:1-4 Pew Bible p. 555

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 4:12-23 Pew Bible p. 785

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "Catch the Fish"
Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 721 *You Have Come Up to the Lakeshore*

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

[refrain] **Oh Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.** [refrain]

**You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labor to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.** [refrain]

**You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.** [refrain]

SERMON....."Fishing for People"
Pastor Tracie Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *Lift Every Voice and Sing*
By: J. Rosamund Johnson

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

**We come to this time of giving each week and all too often we
operate on automatic. Help us pause and think as we offer our
prayer today:**

- ♦ **As we search for our offering through pocket and purse, so let
us search in the corners of our lives for a lonely soul in need of
a touch of kindness.**
- ♦ **As our gifts pass through our hands, let us be reminded to use
our hands to help another.**
- ♦ **As our offertory song passes through our lips, let us remember
to speak kindly instead of sharply.**

- ♦ **As we watch our gifts being collected, let us be mindful of using our time wisely to appreciate vistas which nourish our souls.**
- ♦ **As we hear the words of our prayer, let us be aware of those around us with burdens too heavy to speak of.**

We give these offerings with our whole selves, O God, in gratitude for all you have given us through Christ our Lord, and we pray in his name. 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. 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? [refrain]

[refrain] **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [refrain]

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 468 (v. 1) *In My Life*

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

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

†POSTLUDE

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by James Horner in loving memory of his parents, William and Sara Horner.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

✿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 – January 25

4 Cents A Meal

ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS DUE

8:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM GIFT Event – Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream

THIS WEEK

Monday: 4:00 PM Discipleship Meeting – Bageant Room
 6:00 PM Windsong – Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Astronomy Club – Assembly Room
Tuesday: 3:00 PM TVOR Gathering
 5:30 PM Highland Food Pantry
 6:30 PM Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday: 9:30 AM Newsletter Crew – Bageant Room
 4:30 PM Logos (Theme: Cutest Baby Face Night)
 6:30 PM Worship on Wednesday (WOW) – Sanctuary
 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday: 10:30 AM Tai Chi – Memorial Sanctuary
 4:30 PM CC Finance Team – Bageant Room
 6:45 PM Micah 6:8 Faith Formation – Bageant Room
Friday: 8:15 PM Young Adult Escape Room – Worlds Away
Saturday: 10:00 AM Jubilee Kitchen

NEXT SUNDAY – February 1

Communion; CCAP

Scriptures: Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12 Sermon: "Hiking the Mountains"

8:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 AM Faith Formation – Bageant Room
9:45 AM Opie's Playhouse – Memorial Sanctuary
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
9:45 AM ART Meeting – Bageant Room

STAFF SCHEDULE NOTES

Today: David Witt – Continuing Education

January 26 – February 2: Tracie Martin – Vacation

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

For any inclement weather notifications about OPC worship and/or activity cancellations, please check your email, our website (www.opequonchurch.org), and/or our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/opequonpresbyterianchurch).

***Notifications will only be sent out if the schedule changes.** Keep in mind weather/road conditions may vary where you live and please use your best judgment when deciding whether to drive to attend services or view services online from home. Thank you.

GIFT EVENT – TODAY (9:45 AM)

GIFT stands for 'Generations in Faith Together,' so it is a time when all ages come together for an intentional experience of learning, sharing, and enjoying one another. You can count on there being loads of fun and a very happy atmosphere. Today the theme is "LIKE ME." This is a story about disabilities and God's image in each of us. Come be a part of this heartwarming experience that always proves to be inspiring. We will be enjoying muffins, fruit, and hardboiled eggs! There is a place for You at the table!

RESCHEDULED: Gathering To Remember Shaw Paterson

Due to the forecasted snowstorm, the dinner to remember Shaw Paterson has been rescheduled and will now be on **Sunday, February 22, at 6:00 PM.**

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY (WOW) SERVICE

All are invited to gather with our Logos young people for the Worship on Wednesday (WOW) Service this **Wednesday, January 28, at 6:30 PM.**

OPIE'S PLAYHOUSE MEETS NEXT SUNDAY

Opie's Playhouse will meet next **Sunday, February 1, 9:45 – 10:45 AM**, in the Memorial Sanctuary. Please join us for fun, friends and fellowship at this Sunday morning playgroup. Families with infants, toddlers and elementary-aged children are all welcome.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CAN COLLECTION: February 1-8

Starting **next Sunday**, Opequon Youth will be collecting soup cans for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Please bring in the type of soup according to where you typically sit in the Sanctuary:

Choir Side = Chicken Noodle

Center Section = Tomato

Window Side = Vegetable / Beef

You will find the collection spot 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 by February 8 and will be given to the Sherando and Highland Food Pantries. Monetary donations for the pantries (marked "Souper Bowl") are welcome as well. Questions? Ask Rebekah Witt!

ANGEL BOOK

The Tuesday Faith Formation Angels Class begins on **February 3 at 1:30 PM** in the Bageant Room. We will be referencing the book *A Study of Angels* by Edward P. Myers, Ph D. Please let Tracie know as soon as possible if you would prefer the church to order a copy of the book for you. While the book is not essential, it will be used to direct our study.

SEWING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

If you want to help sew some dresses for young girls and/or patient medication bags for our team to take on their Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip, contact Jane Vandertoorn (540-313-2112 / jmvdt5@gmail.com).

OPC'S ANNUAL TALENT SHOW SIGN-UPS

Sign-up today in the Gathering Area or contact Marj Praml (540-327-2667 / pramlmarjory550@gmail.com) of Fellowship Ministry to be part of our 2026 Talent Show. We need ten 10-minute acts and one MC. 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! Let us know what you think. Thank You!

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

8:30 AM Worship

Liturgist: Brian Steffens

Beadle: Ben Brooks

Door Greeters: Becky Proctor,
Helen & Rex Richie

Ushers: Betty Chicklo, June Malone,
Alyce Callahan, Conner Link, Henry
Link, Hunter Frey, Hailey Frey

Acolyte: Conner Link

Building Stewards: Michelle Hammer

11:00 AM Worship

Liturgist: Ben Weber

Beadle: Bill Wellman

Door Greeters: Nancy & Richard Lloyd

Ushers: Annemarie Matthews, Dennis

Boyd, Pat Heavner, Aubrey

McGunnigle, Logan McGunnigle, Sierra
McGunnigle

Acolyte: Aubrey McGunnigle

Livestream: Susan Ritter, Brad Jordan

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

✂ How did today's music remind you that you are called, just like the disciples?

Notes on Today's Prayers

✂ Is there a special form of language that should be used for prayer?

✂ Did you have time to add your own personal prayers to the public ones?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

✂ Have you ever taken a child fishing?

✂ How creative did you have to be to keep their interest?

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

✂ Does your personal sense of call feel real?

✂ Where are you called to use your gifts?

✂ Do you wish you had been called to do something else?

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