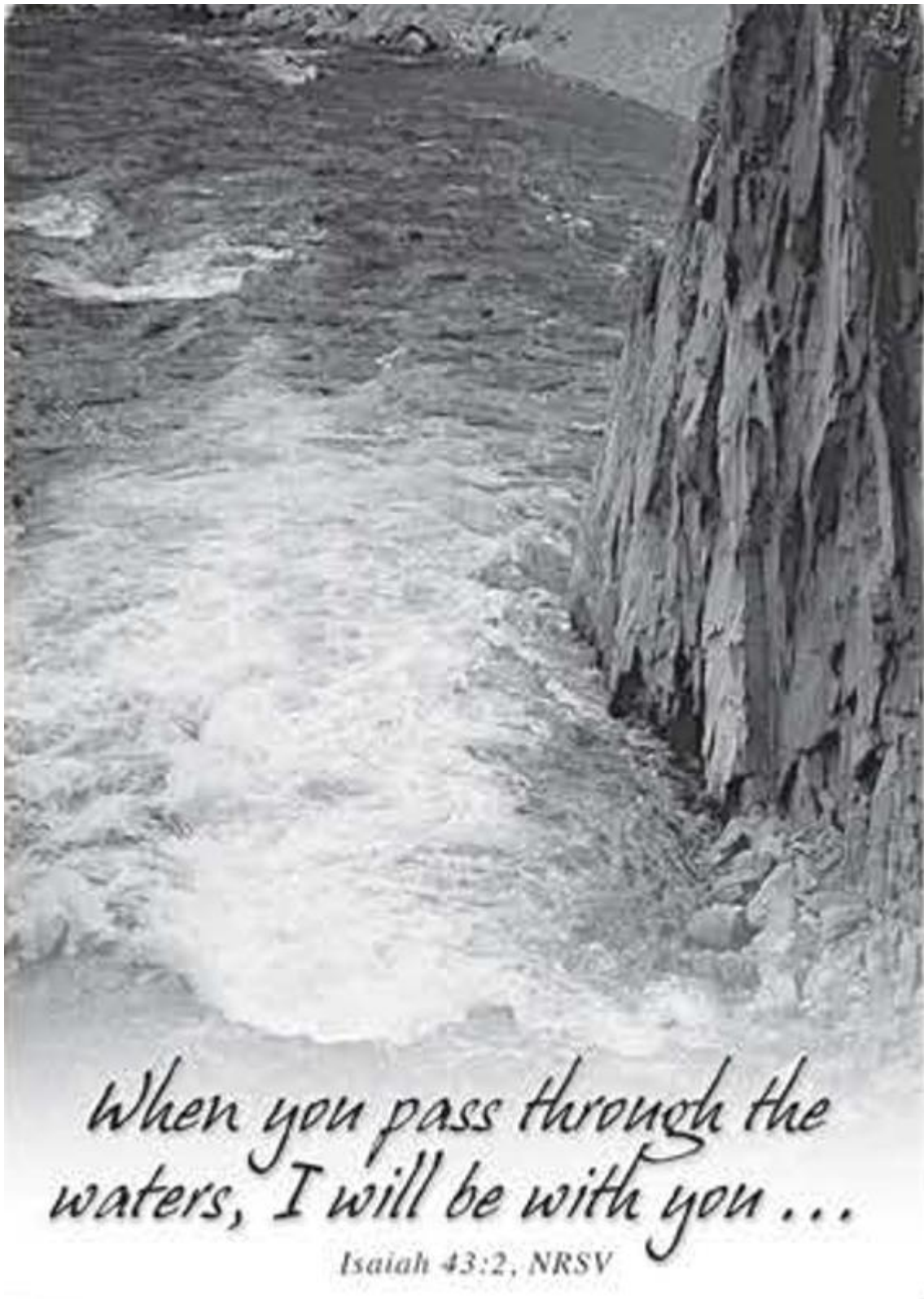


# OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

217 Opequon Church Lane, Winchester, VA 22602  
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*When you pass through the  
waters, I will be with you ...*

*Isaiah 43:2, NRSV*

*“Baptism of the Lord Sunday”*

## 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  
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Carole Witt ----- Director of Christian Education  
Rebekah Witt ----- Youth & Young Adult Director



# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 9, 2022  
8:30 am & 11:00 am

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE.....*Promised Land*  
Arranged by Dan Forrest

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**

### ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

GATHERING SONG .....*Wade in the Water*  
CCLI# 1622560

**Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water. God's a-gonna trouble the water.**

See that host all dressed in white,  
**God's a-gonna trouble the water.**  
The leader looks like the Israelite,  
**God's a-gonna trouble the water.** (Refrain)

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,  
**God's a-gonna trouble the water**  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,  
**God's a-gonna trouble the water.**

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

I am with you, says the Lord.

**Do not fear.**

I have called you by name.

**Do not fear.**

You are mine.

**Do not be afraid.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE No. 375 .....*Shall We Gather at the River*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, Let us boldly confess our sins before God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace. and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.**

## MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The love of God flows ceaselessly. The mercy of God never ends. Know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

## LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 177 (vv. 1,2).....*I Will Come to You*

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM .....*Be Not Afraid*  
Sanctuary Choir

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you; Be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

## THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7.....Pew Bible p. 585 & 586

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.....Pew Bible p. 834

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN....."Sealed by the Spirit"

Pastor David Witt

†HYMN No. 490.....*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

SERMON....."Remember Your Baptism"

Pastor David Witt

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ..... *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Arranged by David Lasky

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

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

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 OF DEDICATION No. 547 .....*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 600 .....*Amen*

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**Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

†POSTLUDE

## FLOWERS

## **The whole month of January is open.**

The **2022** Flower Calendar is available. You can link from the [OpequonChurch.org](http://OpequonChurch.org) website (flowers) or call Linda in the office @ 540-662- 1843.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 9 – 16, 2022

### **TODAY**

### **Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Renewal of Baptism**

8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
11:00 AM	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
12:15 PM	Senior Outreach Ministry
2:00 PM	Officer Training – Fellowship Hall

### **THIS WEEK**

Monday:	Older Adult Team – 9:30 AM – Bageant Room Windsong – 6:00 PM – Sanctuary Men of Opequon – 6:00 PM – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday:	Tuesday Morning Mission – 9:30 AM – Bageant Room LOGOS Leadership Team Meeting – 5:00 PM – Bageant Room
Wednesday:	Happy Days – 12 Noon – Fellowship Hall LOGOS – 4:30 PM – “Winter White Out” (wear white) Choir Practice – 7:15 PM – Sanctuary
Thursday:	Tai Chi – 10:30 AM – Memorial Sanctuary

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

## **Blood Pressure Checks**

In-Person Worship – 8:30 AM

Faith Formation – 9:45 AM

In-Person & Live Stream Worship – 11:00 AM

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5, John 2:1-11

Sermon: "Wedding Crasher"

Safety Team Meeting – 12:15 PM – Fellowship Hall

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Kaitlyn Hagen	Shooting Victims	Ethiopia
Sheryl Hamilton Family	Louis Ebert	Nancy Kerns
Jeff Grim	Maxwell Mannario	David Trickel
Vivian	Al "Pop" Owens, Sr.	Racial Injustice
Dwayne	Sarah Fore/McMurdo	Reconciliation
Parker Plumb	Family	Homeless
Ann Denison	E. Frances Greene	Mike Shade
Nadine DeHaven	Hank Agregard	Associate Pastor
Jeffrey Graham	Annemarie Matthews	Nominating
Cheryl Arnold & Family	Carol Treece	Committee (APNC)
June Windle	Bob Zerkle	Brad Treece
Jack Marquis	Barbara McKenna	Women & Children of
Brenda Hawkins	Kevin & Debbie Paquette	Domestic Violence
Penny Campbell	Larry Ferdig, Jr.	Families of Children,
Daniel Batcha	Robin & Al Owens	Youth & Young Adults
Cheryl Friend	Daniel Brown	with Special Needs
Berson/Fraher Family	Donald Elson	Jane Lewis
Janet McDowell	Terry Caldwell	Doug Koch
Lisa Day Family	Afghanistan	E.E.C.M.Y.
Alice Everitt	Casey Carr	Church Mekane Yesu
Tornado Victims	Michael Weller	

### **PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE**

Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Edison Gomez, Jacob Heavner, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Katherine Tufts, Michael White, and their families.

### **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY**

<p><b>8:30 Worship</b>  Beadle – Betty Chicklo, June Malone  Liturgist – Melissa Youngblood  Ushers – Mike &amp; Wendy Wygant, Pat Williams, Alex Plumb  Greeters – Bill &amp; Lisa Frye</p>	<p><b>11:00 Worship</b>  Beadle – Bill Robinson  Liturgist – Ann Smith  Ushers – Bill Robinson, Kyle Homan, Jason Hathaway, Vern Gamble  Greeters – Ray Jones, Carolyn Rutherford</p>
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## **JUST A LITTLE THANK YOU**

To my Opequon Church family. I feel so blessed for all your prayers, cards, and food. I am now free of pneumonia. Thanks be to God! Hazel Spriggs

## **OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM**

The monthly meeting of the Older Adult Planning Team will be held **tomorrow**, January 10 at 9:30am in the Bageant Room. This meeting is open to any older adults who would like to join in the conversation and planning.

## **MEN OF OPEQUON WILL MEET TOMORROW**

After a festive and Spirit-filled Christmas party in December, the Men of Opequon (MOO) will re-gather tomorrow at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dan Cammer will provide a music/video presentation of "Communion on the Moon" (Did you know they shared communion on the moon in 1969?) and Dan and Pastor David will lead a discussion on all the changes in the world through technology/invention/development since then.

You are invited to bring your own supper if you would like. We'll enjoy being together and look at the rest of 2022! Happy New Year!

## **HAPPY DAYS EVENT** this Wednesday; 12:00 Noon

Happy Days is a monthly older adult fellowship time, typically with some form of lunch and then a program. **This month we are each bringing our own bagged lunch.** We will have a guest speaker from the Rescue Mission and we will be able to present a check to them for the Coin Jar total from the past year. All older adults are invited to come and join in this fantastic fellowship time as we share together in the Fellowship Hall!

## **ZOOMING WITH BECKY**

We will be making a Valentine's Day card during Zoom on Friday, January

21, at 1:00 p.m. The deadline for sign-up is Friday, January 14. Once signed up, you will then receive a kit of the materials needed prior to the step-by-step instructions on January 21; arrangements for delivery of the kits will be made. If interested, please contact Becky Proctor at 540-868-8149 or e-mail at [beckyproc@comcast.net](mailto:beckyproc@comcast.net) with questions or to sign up.

### **WORTH SHARING WITH YOU-**

Last month one of the weekly LOGOS themes was "Baby Shower for Jesus" night. LOGOS families and staff contributed Onesies, Bibs, Infant toys, Diapers & Wipes, Sleepers and Outfits. The donations were tremendous! All of these items were donated to ABBA along with a brand-new Car Seat that we donated as well. What a generous Baby Shower it was! ABBA was most grateful for our generosity which will bless many parents in our community.

### **SOUP TO-GO FEBRUARY 13**

In addition to collecting soup cans on Souper Bowl Sunday, Opequon Youth are organizing Soup To-Go on February 13, 11:30am-1:00pm. Order homemade soup to support our local Sherando & Highland Food Pantries. Cups: \$2, Quarts: \$8. Checks should be made out to Opequon with Souper Bowl in the memo line. Cash should be placed in an envelope and labeled Souper Bowl. You may order chicken noodle, potato, vegetarian bean, traditional chili, or white chicken chili. All orders are due by February 4 at Noon. Soup will not be served hot. Questions or want to order? Contact Rebekah Witt at [wittrebekah2@gmail.com](mailto:wittrebekah2@gmail.com) or call her at Church.

### **2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you would like offering envelopes for 2022 and do not find them on the table located outside the Sanctuary doors, please contact: **Ron Smith**, Treasurer: 703-216-9588 / [ronaldsmith1@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldsmith1@gmail.com) or **Ken Smiy**, Financial Administrator: 540-327-3725 / [financialadmin@opequonchurch.org](mailto:financialadmin@opequonchurch.org) Thank you.

### **WINDSONG COMMUNITY CHORUS**

NEW Female A cappella Community Chorus starting January 17, 2022! Age 18+, No Audition, Love to Sing, Covid Vaccinations

Required and Masks. Monday night rehearsals at Opequon Presbyterian Church, 217 Opequon Church Lane, Winchester 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Open Rehearsals so come any Monday! For more details: Con Burch, Artistic Director 540-335-6111 or [Sing2you@shentel.net](mailto:Sing2you@shentel.net) New Year! New Chorus! New Face's!

## **WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS**

### **Notes on Today's Music**

How did today's music witness to the gift of baptism?

### **Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages**

What does baptism mean to you?

### **Notes on Today's Prayers**

Where do I need to focus my prayers this week?

### **Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon**

- How essential is water to you throughout the day?
- What part does water play throughout the scriptures?
- What do you imagine in the baptismal scene from Luke's gospel?
- What does it mean to "remember your baptism?"
- How does baptism connect us to one another?
- Who is here to remind you that you are God's beloved?

- How does baptism mark and seal us for life?