

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Jesus did this, the first of his signs,
in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory;
and his disciples believed in him.*

John 2:11, NRSV



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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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 16, 2022

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE.....*Prelude on "Diadem"*
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 No. 505 (v v. 1,2).....*The Feast is Ready*
CCLI# 1622560

The trumpets sound; the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.

**The gates of heaven are open wide, and
Jesus welcomes you inside.**

(Refrain) **Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.**

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things;

O taste the peace and joy he brings.

He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine.

(Refrain)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God, stretching to the heavens —

God, lofty like the clouds —

God, mighty like the mountains —

God, immense like the great deep —

Your salvation is expansive and generous,
touching people and creatures alike.

We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love!

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**(Refrain) Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the light of Christ,
We see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's saving love,
Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us – like water into wine – to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has lifted you up from all that pushed you down. Gone are old names of derision: Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God calls you by new names: Wise, Knowing, Faithful, Healer, Prophet, Mystic. Hear, believe, and trust your new name:

In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven.

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 475 (w. 1,3) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
CCLI# 1622560

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy
grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm, fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM..... *We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light*
Sanctuary Choir

We are singing, Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.
We are singing, Oh we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord may be our light.

One thing have asked of the Lord, yes, this is one thing we seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord, to live with God forever.
When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high, yes, high upon a rock.

We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5.....Pew Bible p. 604

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 2:1-11.....Pew Bible p. 863

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN....."Still Working Miracles"

†HYMN No. 156 (vv. 1,2,3).....*Sing of God Made Manifest*
CCLI# 1622560

**Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold given and God and king foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."**

**Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.**

SERMON....."Wedding Crasher, Invited Guest?"
Pastor David Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY.....*Telemann's Festive Fanfare*
Arranged by Lani Smith

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 37).....*"A Brief Statement of Faith"*
..... Section 2

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. 699.....*Fill My Cup*
CCLI# 1622560

**Refrain: Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow;
fill my cup; let it overflow; let it overflow with love.**

**Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land;
let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can. Refrain**

**It's my desire to live for you and to always walk upright;
give me the strength to face each day; stay with me
through each dark night. Refrain**

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 600 *Amen*
CCLI#1622560

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

†POSTLUDE

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

A diadem is a headband worn by a royal ruler. A crown is a type of diadem. The hymn tune "Diadem" was written in 1838 as a setting for the hymn text "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" The tune seems more suited as a choir anthem and many hymn books use the alternate tune "Coronation" as the setting for that hymn. Both tune names are relevant to today's Old Testament lesson. George Philipp Telemann (1681-1767) was a German composer during the Baroque period. His music strongly influenced both Bach and Handel, who he knew well. In addition to training organists, he composed for many different instruments. Today's offertory features the organ's orchestral strings and flute voices. The joyous tune would have been well suited for the wedding celebration in today's New Testament lesson.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

The 2022 Flower Calendar is available. You can link from the OpequonChurch.org website (flowers) or call Linda in the office @ 540-662-1843. We invite you to "adopt a Sunday or two" this year to help us beautify our worship experience – and to mark a special occasion, to remember or honor a loved one, and to glorify God, the Creator of the flowers of the field!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 16 – 23, 2022

TODAY

No Blood Pressure Checks Today

8:30 AM	In-Person Worship
9:45 AM	Faith Formation – Bageant Room
11:00 AM	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
12:15 PM	Safety Team – Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM	Deacon Training – Bageant Room

THIS WEEK

Monday:	Elder Training – 11:00 AM – Bageant Room Life Goes On – 12 Noon – Café' del Sol Windsong – 6:00 PM – Sanctuary
Tuesday:	Staff Meeting – 10:00 AM – Fellowship Hall Session Meeting – 7:00 PM – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday:	Newsletter Deadline LOGOS – 4:30 PM – "Hats -Scarves-Gloves OH MY" Choir Practice – 7:15 PM – Sanctuary
Thursday:	Tai Chi – 10:30 AM – Memorial Sanctuary Sherando Food Pantry – 6:30 PM
Friday:	Zoom With Becky – 1:00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

FOUR CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

In-Person Worship – 8:30 AM
G.I.F.T. Event – 9:45 AM
In-Person & Live Stream Worship – 11:00 AM
Scripture: Nehemiah 8 (selected verses), Luke 4:14-21
Sermon: "Jesus' Mission Statement (and Ours?)"
Youth Group at 12:15pm-Legos & The Bible-Fellowship Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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

8:30 Worship	11:00 Worship
Beadle – Betty Chicklo, June Malone	Beadle – Bill Robinson
Liturgist – Melissa Youngblood	Liturgist – Ann Smith
Ushers – Terry Hartman, Heide Mohler	Ushers – Andy Homan, Joel Witt, Joe Seaton
Greeters – Bill & Lisa Frye	Greeters – Ray Jones, Carolyn Rutherford

LIFE GOES ON "Life Goes On" is our fellowship group for individuals who have lost a spouse or significant other. Life Goes On will meet tomorrow at Café del Sol at 12 Noon.

MLK JR. HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Monday, January 17, 2022. 1 pm - 3 pm @ Wilkins Athletic & Events Center, Shenandoah University. The OPC Mission Ministry Team has donated \$1,500 to the upcoming Rise Against Hunger Event hosted by Shenandoah University on the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. If anyone is interested in volunteering along with other community members, SU Students, Faculty & Staff, please register through the link below. You will be helping to pack meals that are distributed around the world to those experiencing hunger. You will be required to wear a mask during the event. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMHVUT9RodA5vjVi9kse5grzyLzSBBwESn47YuhzPuAqBk8w/viewform>

GIFT EVENT: NEXT SUNDAY, January 23, 9:45am- For Everyone
Are you still confused about what "GIFT EVENTS" really are? Let's try to erase any confusion! Here is the simplest and most important information about GIFT:

1. GIFT stands for 'Generations in Faith Together' so EVERYONE IS INVITED!
2. GIFT is held on one Sunday morning a month at 9:45am.
3. GIFT is a time of learning, playing, laughing, talking, sharing- many good things happening!
4. GIFT is typically centered on a creative THEME.
5. GIFT IS SO MUCH FUN! FUN that we want to share with YOU TOO.
Actually, YOU are the most important part of GIFT. The gift of your presence makes it all even better!

Make plans to allow yourself some FUN. Come next Sunday when the theme is "**Flakey the Naked Snowman**", based on the fantastic book by Amy Tubbs. There will be copies of the book given away as prizes. There will be games, lessons from the story and an INDOOR SNOWBALL FIGHT! Erase any confusion about GIFT- come be part of it on January 23 at 9:45am.

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 Shenando & 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 or call her at Church.

HAVE YOUR OWN MOVIE NIGHT!

These cold winter evenings are perfect for curling up with a blanket and watching a movie! Why not borrow one available from the church library! Here are 3 great choices to choose from. Let Carole Witt know if you would like to borrow one for your movie night.

> **Amazing Grace** (PG-118minutes) An inspiring story of how one man's passion and perseverance changed the world. Based on the true story of a man's courageous quest to end the British slave trade.

> **Heaven is for Real** (PG-99 minutes) The story of a small town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world.

> **Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY** (PG-81 minutes) Disney's heartwarming comedy will have the whole family laughing. Follow Alexander through his VERY BAD DAY as he wonders if bad things only happen to him. On rotten days, families can grow even closer.

ORDER AN OPEQUON FACE MASK!

Would you like to have an Opequon face mask? Masks will be royal blue with "Opequon Church" and the Presbyterian symbol imprinted on them. The mask includes a nose wire and easy-to-use adjustable ear straps. They cost \$15 each. Please make all checks out to Opequon Church and write, "Face Mask," in the memo line. Cash can be given to the Office in an envelope labeled, "Face Mask." Want to order or have questions? Contact Rebekah Witt at wittrebekah2@gmail.com or call her at the Church. Orders and money are due by Sunday, February 6.

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music testify to the joy of Jesus' life and ministry?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

What miracles do you see and experience?

Notes on Today's Prayers

Where do I need to focus my prayers this week?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

- What experiences have you had at weddings?
- Did everything go smoothly at the wedding and reception?
- What was Jesus' role at the wedding in Cana of Galilee?
- Why was this such an important sign?
- How do Jesus' miracles help you understand who he is?
- How do joy and purpose come together at this wedding?
- How do joy and purpose unite in your life, in God's call to you?