

Responding to the Word

* **HYMN:** “We Are One in the Spirit” — GTG #300

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Profession of Faith

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*based on 1 Corinthians 15*)

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayer and Baptism

Laying of Hands

Welcome

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

* **RESPONSE:** “Doxology” — GTG #606

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Sealing of the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

* Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

* **HYMN:** “For Everyone Born” — GTG #769

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CLOSING RESPONSE:** “Go with Us, Lord” — GTG #748

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Worship Leaders this morning are:

Rev. Steven Barnes, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

Rev. Colleen Cook, *Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, & Outreach*

Rev. Sue Jacobson, *Parish Associate*

Rachel Townes, *Guest Accompanist*

OPC Youth, *Liturgist*

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 3rd

9:15 am – Sunday School for all ages

10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments (Narthex)

10:45 am – Worship/Communion/Baptism/Confirmation

12:00 pm – Worship Team Meeting (Art Room)

12:00 pm – Faith Formation Meeting (Stained Glass Room)

5:00 pm – Bridge to Youth Group

6:00 pm – Youth at OPC

Monday, May 4th

8:00 am – Bible Times via Zoom

Tuesday, May 5th

9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool

9:30 am – OPC Walkers (Thomas Farm Preserve)

Wednesday, May 6th

4:00 pm – Mission Team Meeting (Pine Top Table)

6:00 pm – Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 7th

9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool

5:00 pm – Piano Recitals (Jenny Taylor – Sanctuary)

Friday, May 8th

7:00 am – Interdenominational Men’s Group (Upstairs)

6:00 pm – Firefly Homeschool Performing Arts (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 10th

10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments (Narthex)

10:45 am – Worship

Will you SERVE?

Did we invite you today to give talent to this church, or time to a mission partner? Did one in particular tug at your heart? If so, volunteer below! Please list the ministry you are interested in.

- Ministry:
- Name(s):
- E-mail(s):
- Phone(s):

Are You Connected?

Visitors – Do we have your contact information?
Members – Are there any changes in your information?
Everyone – Are you, your children, and youth connected to a small group?

Name(s) & Age(s):

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Find out more!

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May we PRAY with You?

We would love to pray with or for you. Write your prayer request below, or email to office@opcusa.org

- For now, share **only** with Pastors and Prayer leaders.
- I would like to have deeper conversation about this request.
- I would like to have my prayer request listed in the bulletin.

What's Happening at OPC

Small Groups

Bible Times (Adult Study) – NEW DAY! MONDAYS at 8:00am via Zoom. We are reading The Bible Jesus Read “*Why the Old Testament Matters*” – by Phillip Yancey. If you would like to join, please contact James Braswell at 706-281-1255 or dr.jamesbraswell@gmail.com

Friendship Circle: (Evening Women’s Small Group) – We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. Our next gathering will be Monday, May 18th at 7:00pm at Costa Alegria. Contact Amy Neill at amyneill63@gmail.com for more information.

Lily Pads (Women’s Group – All are welcome!) – Our next gathering will be Thursday, June 4th at 10:30am in the Stained Glass Room at OPC. Contact Carolyn Ashley at Carolynashley2015@gmail.com.

Prime Timers – For more information contact Becky at 706-202-7530 or email at rebeccamccaskey72@gmail.com.

Pub Theology – Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. We are reading “*No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice.*” Bob Haltiwanger at bobhalti@yahoo.com for more information.

Walkers – Tuesdays at 9:30am. All are welcome to join us at Thomas Farm Preserve, Watkinsville’s new Park! 73 Simonton Bridge Road. Contact Wayne Peacock at wpeacock@gmail.com

Mission Opportunities

Mission of the Month – Athens Area Homeless Shelter: Provides collaborative, comprehensive services to homeless individuals and families working toward sustainable independence.



Order of Worship

May 3rd, 2026 — Oconee Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN: “In Christ There Is No East or West” – GTG #318

Being Renewed in Grace

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

* RESPONSE: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” —GTG #582
(verse 1)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

RESPONSE: “Where Children Belong” – Sing the Faith #2233

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:1-14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Asking Questions”

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION