

SERMON: “The ABCs of Spiritual Success – Acknowledging God”
Rev. Steven Barnes

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

Responding to the Word

- * HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” — GTG #268
- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(adapted from the PCUSA Study Catechism, Question 3)

OFFERTORY INVITATION
OFFERTORY ANTHEM



- * RESPONSE: “Doxology” – GTG #606
- * PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sealing of the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation
Great 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

Bearing and Following the Word
Into the World

- * HYMN: “I Come with Joy” — GTG #515
- * 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*
Alan Bunn, *Director of Music Ministries*
Bill Hinesley, *Liturgist*



Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 2nd
10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments (Narthex)
10:45 am – Worship / Communion / Blessing of the Backpacks
12:00 pm – August Connecting & Fellowship Event (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, August 4th
9:00 am – OPC Walkers (Thomas Farm Preserve)
10:30 am – Staff Meeting (Steven’s Office)
12:00 pm – Firefly Homeschool Meeting

Wednesday, August 5th
6:00 pm – Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 7th
7:00 am – Interdenominational Men’s Group (Upstairs)

Saturday, August 8th
1:00 pm – Firefly Back to School Bash

Sunday, August 9th
9:45 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) – Mondays at 8:00am via Zoom. We are on summer break and will resume meetings in early September. We will study the book “TELLING the TRUTH - The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale” by Frederick Buechner. Please contact James Braswell at 706-281-1255 or dr.jamesbraswell@gmail.com

Friendship Circle: (Evening Women’s Small Group) – We are on summer break until September. Please contact Amy Neill at amyneill63@gmail.com for more information.

Lily Pads (Women’s Group – All are welcome!) – Our next gathering will be **Thursday, August 13th at 10:30am** in the Stained Glass Room at OPC. Contact Carolyn Ashley at Carolynashley2015@gmail.com.

Prime Timers – Contact Becky at 706-202-7530 or email at rebeccamccaskey72@gmail.com for more information on Prime Timers.

Pub Theology – Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, August 11th**. Contact Bob Haltiwanger at bobhalti@yahoo.com for more information.

Walkers – Tuesdays at 9:00am. 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

Little Free Pantry – Nonperishable, tightly sealed food items, personal care items, no home cooked items.

Mission of the Month – Food for Kids OARC. Watch for more details.

Order of Worship

August 2nd, 2026 — Oconee Presbyterian Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **CALL TO WORSHIP**
- * **HYMN:** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” – GTG #267

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

SUNG RESPONSE: “Spirit of the Living God” — GTG #288

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 3:1-12

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.