

SERMON: “Glory Days????”

Rev. Pam Driesell

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

Responding to the Word

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

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

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

* RESPONSE: “Doxology” – GTG #606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Bearing and Following the Word
Into the World

* HYMN: “Come! Live in the Light!” — GTG #749

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* RECESSIONAL OF WORSHIP LEADERS

* POSTLUDE

* 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*

David Gregory, *Bagpiper*

Rev. Pam Driesell, *Guest Preacher & OPC’s Founding Pastor*

Linda Ferrara, *Liturgist, Ruling Elder, & OPC’s Founding Member*

Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 13th

9:15 am – Sunday School hour (Fun and Fellowship Activities)

10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments (Narthex)

10:45 am – Worship with Communion

12:00 pm – OPC 25th year - Celebration Lunch (Pavilion)

Monday, September 14th

8:00 am – Bible Times via Zoom

5:30 pm – Girl Scouts (Art Room)

5:30 pm – Admin & Finance Team Meeting (Pine Top Table)

6:30 pm – NAMI

Tuesday, September 15th

8:00 am – OPC Walkers (Thomas Farm Preserve)

9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool

10:30 am – Staff Meeting (Steven’s Office)

6:00 pm – OPC serving dinner @ The Table

Wednesday, September 16th

6:00 pm – Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17th

9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool

10:30 am – Lily Pads (Stained Glass Room)

Friday, September 18th

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

5:00 pm – Firefly Karaoke Night

Sunday, September 20th

9:15 am – Sunday School for all ages

10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments (Narthex)

10:45 am – Worship

12:00 pm – Session Meeting (Art Room)

6:00 pm – Youth Group at OPC

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 studying 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 will resume **Monday, September 21st. NEW TIME: 6:30pm.** Please contact Amy Neill at amyneill63@gmail.com for more information.

Lily Pads (Women’s Group – All are welcome!) – Meetings are on Thursdays 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 5:30pm at Athentic Brewery. We are reading “Genesis: A Beginners Guide to the Beginning.” by Amy-Jill Levine. Contact Bob Haltiwanger at bobhalti@yahoo.com for more information.

Walkers – Tuesdays, at 8:00am. 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.

September Mission of the Month – The Table. The Table leadership and students will be here at OPC on Sunday, September 27th to lead worship.

Order of Worship

September 13th, 2026 — Oconee Presbyterian Church
OPC’s 25th Anniversary

Gathering Around the Word

RINGING OF THE HISTORIC BELL: *Brett & Susan Atchley Family, Charter Members*

PROCESSIONAL OF WORSHIP LEADERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL of CHILDREN & YOUTH with WORSHIP ELEMENTS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN:** “God Is Here!” – GTG #409

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)

REFLECTIONS ON OPC’S HISTORY

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Selected verses from Isaiah 43 and 46, Philippians 3, Luke 22

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.