

SERMON: “Pick Me!”
Rev. Colleen Cook

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

Responding to the Word

- * HYMN: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” — GTG #834
- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of 1967*)

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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

Bearing and Following the Word
Into the World

- * HYMN: “Guide My Feet” — GTG #741
- * 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*
Rick Robins, *Liturgist*



Looking Ahead

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

Monday, September 21st

- 8:00 am – Bible Times via Zoom
- 6:30 pm – Fellowship Circle (Stained Glass Room)

Tuesday, September 22nd

- 8:00 am – OPC Walkers (Thomas Farm Preserve)
- 9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool
- 5:30 pm – Pub Theology

Wednesday, September 23rd

- 6:00 pm – Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24th

- 9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool
- 10:30 am – Lily Pads (Stained Glass Room)

Friday, September 26th

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

Sunday, September 27th

- 9:15 am – Sunday School hour
- 10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments (Narthex)
- 10:45 am – Worship
- 12:00 pm – Worship Team Meeting (Art Room)
- 12:00 pm – Faith Formation Meeting (Stained Glass Room)
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group at OPC

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:

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):

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) – Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Stained Glass Room at OPC. 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 – Tuesday, September 29th at 11:30am. Meet us at WINGHOUSE Grill, 50 North Main St., Watkinsville, 30677. **RSVP** no later than Sunday, September 27th at 2:00pm to Becky at 706-202-7530 or email rebeccamccaskey72@gmail.com.

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 20th, 2026 — Oconee Presbyterian Church
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN:** “I Love to Tell the Story” – GTG #462

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 85:8-10

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14:22-33

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.