

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

Responding to the Word

* HYMN: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” — GTG #394

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

* RESPONSE: “Doxology” – GTG #606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word
Into the World

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

* 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. Sue Jacobson, Parish Associate
Alan Bunn, Interim Director of Music Ministries
Ross Brown, Liturgist
Rev. Ed Rees, Guest Preacher



Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 21st

9:15 am – Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
10:45 am – Worship
12:00 pm – Session Meeting (Art Room)
6:00 pm – Youth Group at OPC

Monday, September 22nd

8:00 am – Bible Times (via Zoom)
2:00 pm – Fab Fit & Fellowship (OPC Narthex)

Tuesday, September 23rd

9:00 am – OPC Walkers (Thomas Farm Preserve)
9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool
10:00 am – Staff Meeting (Steven’s Office)
6:00 pm – Pub Theology (Authentic Brewery)

Wednesday, September 24th

6:00 pm – Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 25th

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 28th

9:15 am – Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
10:45 am – Worship
6:00 pm – Youth Group at OPC

Are You Connected?

- Visitor – 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) and Age(s):
- Address:
- Email:
- Phone:

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!

Ministry (please list the ministry you are interested in):

- 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 a 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 will be reading “*Genesis for Normal People*” by Peter
Enns. Contact Frank Broadrick for more information at
fbroadrick@gmail.com.

Fab, Fit & Fellowship – Balance, Cardio, Strength, Stretch.
Focus on movements to improve fitness levels. Mondays at
2:00pm. Join us in the Narthex. Contact Becky Galvin for
more information at bgalvin@uga.edu.

Friendship Circle: (Evening Women's Small Group) – Meets
the 3rd Monday of the month. Next meeting will be October
20th at 7:00pm in the Stained Glass Room. Contact Amy Neill
at amyneill63@gmail.com for more information.

Lily Pads (Women's Group – All are welcome!) – Thursdays
at 10:30am in the Stained Glass Room at OPC. We will be
reading “*Good Enough*” by Kate Bowler. Contact Carolyn Ashley
at Carolynashley2015@gmail.com.

Prime Timers – A group in their prime. Stay tuned for the
next gathering. For more information contact Becky at 706-
202-7530 or email at rebeccamccaskey72@gmail.com.

Pub Theology – Join us the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the
month at 6:00pm. We will study the book “*How we Learn to
Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*” by Bishop
Budde. Contact Bob Haltiwanger at bobhalti@yahoo.com for
more information.

Walkers – Welcome all! Tuesdays at 9:00am. On the first
Tuesday of the month, meet at State Botanical Gardens and
the remaining Tuesdays at 9:00am at Thomas Farm
Preserve, Watkinsville's new Park! 73 Simonton Bridge Road.

Mission Opportunities

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

September Mission of the Month: The Table (Presbyterian
Student Center). Dates OPC to serve: 10/21, 1/20/26,
3/03/26 and 4/21/26.

Order of Worship

September 21st, 2025 — Oconee Presbyterian Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN: “The Lord Is God” – GTG #63

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 73:25-28

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

RESPONSE: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”—GTG #582 (verse 2)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:31-38

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “*How's Your Death Coming Along?*”

Rev. Ed Rees