

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

Responding to the Word

- * HYMN: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” — GTG #465
- * 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: “May the God of Hope Go with Us” — GTG #765
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * CLOSING RESPONSE: “Go with Us, Lord” — GTG #748

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Worship Leaders this morning are:

Rev. Sue Jacobson, Parish Associate
Alan Bunn, Interim Director of Music Ministries



Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 19th

- 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 (Movie Night)

Monday, October 20th

- 8:00 am – Bible Times (via Zoom)
- 2:00 pm – Fab Fit & Fellowship (OPC Narthex)
- 7:30 pm – Friendship Circle (Stained Glass Room)

Tuesday, October 21st

- 9:00 am – OPC Walkers (Thomas Farm Preserve)
- 9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool
- 5:30 pm – The Table (OPC to serve)

Wednesday, October 22nd

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

Thursday, October 23rd

- 9:30 am – Firefly Homeschool
- 10:30 am – Lily Pads (Stained Glass Room)
- 11:30 am – Prime Timer’s (Carolyn Ashley’s Home)
- 3:30 pm – Care & Prayer Team Meeting (Stained Glass Room)

Friday, October 24th

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

Sunday, October 26th

- 9:15 am – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:45 am – Worship/Kirkin/Commitment Sunday
- 12:00 pm – Session Team Meeting (Art Room)
- 5:30 pm – Trunk or Treat (Pavilion & Parking Lot)

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):

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:

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. We are using the Presbyterian women Bible Study, “Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Christ”. We will also be making treat bags for OPC's Trunk-or-Treat. 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 – Lunch Potluck Gathering, Thursday, October 23rd, 11:30am – 1:00pm. Carolyn Ashley's Home, 1061 Summit Circle, Watkinsville, 30677. BBQ & Beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share (side dish, salad, or dessert). **RSVP no later than Wednesday, October 22nd at 12 noon** to 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. Our next gathering will be on *October 28th*. We are studying the book “*How we Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*” by Bishop Budde. 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.

October Mission of the Month: Thornwell Home for Children

November Mission of the Month: Chris-Missions including: Our Daily Bread, Family Promise, Food for Kids, Thornwell, Athens Area Homeless Shelter.

Order of Worship

October 19th, 2025 — Oconee Presbyterian Church
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN: “For the Beauty of the Earth” – GTG #14

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 121

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

RESPONSE: “Where Children Belong”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:1-8

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “*Prayers That don't Work: The Prayer That Quits*”

Rev. Sue Jacobson