

SERMON: “Just a Little Bit Can Make All the Difference”

Rev. Steven Barnes

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

Responding to the Word

- * HYMN: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” — GTG #716
- * 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 Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” — GTG #624
(This hymn first appeared in the French Psalter published in 1545 under the leadership of John Calvin. The hymn has been ascribed to Calvin; however, it cannot be proven.)

* 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
David Gregory, Bagpiper
Anita York, Liturgist



Looking Ahead

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 Meeting (Art Room)
- 5:30 pm – Trunk or Treat (Pavilion for dinner & Parking Lot)

Monday, October 27th

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

Tuesday, October 28th

- 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

Wednesday, October 29th

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

Thursday, October 30th

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

Friday, October 31st

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

Saturday, November 1st

- 9:00 am – Property Workday

Sunday, November 2nd

- 2:00 am – Daylight Savings Time (turn your clocks back 1 hour)
- 9:15 am – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:45 am – Worship/Communion
- 6:00 pm – Youth 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!

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 are 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) – We
meet the 3rd Monday of the month. 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 are reading
“*Good Enough*” by Kate Bowler. Contact Carolyn Ashley at
Carolynashley2015@gmail.com.

Prime Timers – Watch for November 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. 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd at 2:00 AM –
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!**

Order of Worship

October 26th, 2025 — Oconee Presbyterian Church
20th Sunday after Pentecost
COMMITMENT SUNDAY and KIRKIN ‘O’ THE TARTANS

Gathering Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN:** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” – GTG #385

(During the Reformation, John Calvin believed worship should be simple and consist of prayer, preaching, and the singing of the Psalms. The Old Hundredth tune used for this text, which is based on Psalm 100, is the melody known by Christians today for the Doxology. This hymn setting is known as “Calvin’s Reformation Hymn”.)

Being Renewed in Grace

*(The Prayer of Confession and the Declaration of Forgiveness
(also known as the Assurance of Pardon or Absolution) are from 1539; they were used by both
John Calvin at Geneva and John Knox in Scotland.)*

* 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: 1 Corinthians 13

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.