

Responding to the Word

- \* HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” — GTG #88 (vs.1,2,6, & 7)
- \* 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: “People, Look East” — GTG #105
- \* 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  
Dan & Sarah Henkel, Advent Candle Lighting  
Becky Galvin, Liturgist



Looking Ahead

- Sunday, December 21st**
  - 10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
  - 10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
  - 10:45 am – Worship
- Tuesday, December 23rd**
  - 10:00 am – OPC Walkers (Thomas Farm Preserve)
  - 10:30 am – Staff Meeting (Steven’s Office)
- Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)**
  - 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service with Candlelight & Communion
- Thursday, December 25th (Christmas Day)**
  - Church Office Closed (Merry Christmas)
- Friday, December 26th**
  - 7:00 am – Interdenominational Men’s Group (Upstairs)
- Sunday, December 28th**
  - 10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
  - 10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
  - 10:45 am – Worship

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](mailto: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)** – We are taking a break during the Holidays and will resume in January 2026. Contact Frank Broadrick for more information at [fbroadrick@gmail.com](mailto:fbroadrick@gmail.com).

**Friendship Circle: (Evening Women's Small Group)** – We meet the 3rd Monday of the month. Contact Amy Neill at [amyneill63@gmail.com](mailto: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 taking a break during the Holidays and will resume on January 8th. We are reading “*Good Enough*” by Kate Bowler. Contact Carolyn Ashley at [Carolynashley2015@gmail.com](mailto:Carolynashley2015@gmail.com).

**Prime Timers** – Watch for our next gathering. For more information contact Becky at 706-202-7530 or email at [rebeccamccaskey72@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccamccaskey72@gmail.com).

**Pub Theology** – Join us the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. We are taking a break during the Holidays and will resume on January 13th. 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](mailto:bobhalti@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Walkers** – Tuesdays at 10:00am. All are welcome to join us 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.

**December Mission of the Month:** (PDA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

**Christmas Eve, December 24th**  
**Worship @ 6:00pm**  
**With Candlelight & Communion**

### Order of Worship

December 21st, 2025 — Oconee Presbyterian Church  
4th Sunday of Advent

#### *Gathering Around the Word*

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING and CALL TO WORSHIP

\* **HYMN:** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates – GTG #93

#### *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: Isaiah 7:10-16

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

RESPONSE: “Where Children Belong”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 1:1-7

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: “A Geography of Salvation: *Somewhere In-Between*”

Rev. Steven Barnes

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION