

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

\* RESPONSE: “Doxology” – GTG #606

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sealing of the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.  
Words of Institution  
\* Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

Bearing and Following the Word  
Into the World

- \* CAROL: “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” — GTG #152
- \* THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
- \* CAROL: “Silent Night, Holy Night!” — GTG #122
- \* CELEBRATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
(extinguish your candles during the singing of the following hymn)
- \* CAROL: “Joy to the World” — GTG #134
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

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Worship Leaders this evening are:  
Rev. Steven Barnes, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Rev. Sue Jacobson, Parish Associate  
Alan Bunn, Interim Director of Music Ministries  
The Barnes Family, Advent Candle Lighting  
Karen Bergmann, Cello  
Cameran Butryn, Trumpet  
David Gregory, Bagpipes

Looking Ahead

- 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
- Tuesday, December 30th**  
10:00 am – OPC Walkers (Thomas Farm Preserve)
- Thursday, January 1st (New Year’s Day)**  
Church Office Closed
- Friday, January 2nd**  
7:00 am – Interdenominational Men’s Group (Upstairs)
- Sunday, January 4th**  
9:15 am – Sunday School of all ages  
10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal  
10:15 am – Fellowship & Refreshments  
10:45 am – Worship  
12:00 pm – Faith Formation Team Meeting (Art Room)  
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](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

Merry Christmas

## Order of Worship

December 24th, 2025 — Oconee Presbyterian Church  
Christmas Eve

### *Gathering Around the Word*

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING and CALL TO WORSHIP

\* **OPENING CAROL:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” — GTG #133

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

### *Proclaiming the Word*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “O Holy Night”

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 2:1-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** “*What Gift Do We Bring?*”

Rev. Steven Barnes

#### MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

### *Responding to the Word*

\* **CAROL:** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” — GTG #119

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

#### CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE