Prayer List

We protect the confidential nature of our prayer requests.
The complete list of requested prayers is provided during worship rather than in this "online" bulletin.

You may contact the church office concerning any needs for prayer, or you may also email prayer requests to prayercircle@ottawapresby.org.

Announcements Cont.

On October 4, we will collect World Communion Offering. Our gifts will support reconciliation, peacemaking and global education.

A fellowship meeting will be held on October 4, after church, to discuss the quarter auction. Everyone is welcome!

We will have extended fellowship time on Sunday, October 4, to allow conversation with Chip Hardwick.

The Church will be passing out candy during Ottawa's downtown Trick or Treat night Thursday, October 29 from 7-8 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for anyone that would like to pass out candy. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to the church and leave it on the kitchen counter marked for Trick or Treat.

The memorial service for Nancy Haughn will be Saturday, October 10, 11am, with lunch following. Help is needed for set up, clean up, greeters and more. Sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

Rekindle Retreat at Kirkmont is November 6-8. All youth in 6th -12th grade are invited. Registration is available on the presbytery website - https://maumeevp.org/news-events/. Deadline is October 31. See Ashley Roberts with questions.

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Welcome to OPC!

*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

One: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Why do you come to this place?

All: We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

One: Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God's Word?

All: We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God's love.

One: Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God's house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

All: Let us worship God together!

*Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #610

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. *(Silent prayers)*

*Words of Assurance/Passing the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you.

*Response *Glory to God* #582

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

1st Scripture Reading Psalm 25:1-9

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Time with Kids

2nd Scripture Reading Matthew 21:23-32

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "By Whose Authority?" Leslee K.

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith On screen
(adapted from A Declaration of Faith)

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #65

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

When you hear "Listening God" please respond "hear our prayer"

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Call to Offering

*The Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn *At the Name of Jesus* #264

*Charge & Benediction

Announcements

Our liturgist today is Becky Riepenhoff and our elder on duty is Victoria Otto.

October newsletter articles are due to the office on Monday, September 28th.

A Bible Study on the book of Romans is tomorrow, September 28, from 6:30-8pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Communion Workship: Sat. October 3, in Fellowship Hall, at 10am. ALL FAMILIES with children preschool through youth are welcome. We will play some games, study the Bible, learn about the sacrament, make communion bread and have pizza! A parent must accompany all children, as a way to continue conversations at home (Leslee will have materials). So adequate planning happens, please let the office know how many will attend by Wednesday, September 30. Families should also look for direct communication from Leslee. (Fun 'spoiler' the children/youth in the workshop will on Sunday present the communion bread during worship!)