

# Crossings

August, 2016

## Welcome Interim Pastor Jihyun Oh



On Sunday, August 1 we welcome our interim pastor Jihyun Oh to OPC. Jihyun was the unanimous choice of your Interim Pastor Nominating Committee, and their recommendation was enthusiastically agreed to by the Session on July 17.

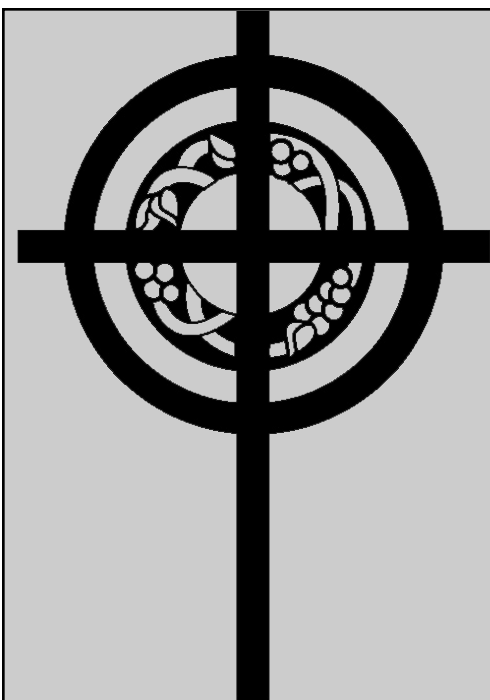
Jihyun (pronounced GEE hun) joins us after serving a year as interim pastor at Hamilton Mill Presbyterian Church, near Braselton, GA. Before that she was Staff Chaplain at Grady Memorial Hospital. Jihyun has served other churches in the Atlanta area as well as in Chicago and Florida. Some of you may recall meeting Jihyun when she was a guest preacher here at Oglethorpe Presbyterian in 2014.

According to Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) members Steve Allison, Charles Hawthorne, "We were looking for an interim pastor who will serve with energy and vitality, keeping worship and programming going, guiding us through the search process, and setting the stage for the next pastor. We believe the Holy Spirit brought Jihyun and OPC together and look forward to our time together with great anticipation." Jihyun was born in Seoul, South Korea and grew up in Lenexa, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, KS.

She has a Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and hopes to complete her DMin. at Columbia Seminary in 2017. She holds BS degrees in Biology and German Studies, with a minor in Chemistry, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She also has a Masters in Finance from Florida International University.

Jihyun's first Sunday with OPC will be August 7. Please pray for Jihyun and Oglethorpe Presbyterian as we start our time together. And please come to worship on August 7 (at 11 AM) and give Jihyun a warm OPC welcome.

Join us in a time of fellowship in the narthex following worship August 7 and 14 to meet Jihyun and welcome her to OPC.



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**Worship returns to  
11 am  
on August 7**

**Sunday School  
returns after  
Labor Day**

## DEACONS

### People in Our Prayers

Eugenia Whitfield, Martha Zea Robert Dosh, Sam Whitfield, Georgia Lozoff, Alan Greene, Roland Greene (Steve Greene's friends and family); Betty Jane Deadwyler, Dave Kelley (Diane Leyburn's family); Bruce Hall (Food Pantry); Beverly Moon; Trish Ashby; Roberta Widman (Emily Texter's mother); Chantal Jordan; Wemette Family (Lorraine Wynn's friends); Margy Jones, Sr.; Virginia O'Donnell (Chris' mother); Caelan, Nancy Brown, Jean Williams (Pat Morrison's friends); Jean Chance, Tony Zacek (Chances' family); Svetlana Sobolevskaia; Donna and Pete Brown (Austin's parents); Betty Dalziel; Cary Hestad (Mimi Averill's family); Madden Family (Rappoles' friends); Don Collier, (Hawthornes' friend); Jung Soon Park (John's mother); Roberta DaVia; Krissie Weeks (Marianne Martin's sister); First Presbyterian Americus; Cameron Lester; Mary Doras, Merritt Pearson, Terri Leslie (Jan Thomas' friends); Angela Olsen (Kristi Stephenson's family); Pat Poley (Mike's mother); Ken Wilkerson (Heather Bogle's friend); Jim & Anna Coulter; George Konow, Patricia Livingston, Chris & Dakota Matthews (Gunters' family); Mark Heimiller (Kelly Norris' family); Mallory Kate (Brian Pierce's friend); Horace Cox (Bill's father); Mary Smith; Lee Marley; Mary Shanks; Tyron Mackall (Samantha Cassidy's friend); Bill Co-

ble; Tim Simons; Joy Rogers, Roger Mudd, Kit Young, Barbara Pinson (Genie Stringer's friends & family); Tom Weaver, Phil Lord, Sophie Essex (Weavers' friends & family); Doug Hill (Timmons' family); Tyler Harmon (Mary Ann Hawthorne's friend); Brian Delinski; Jeff & Erin Schneider, Lawrence Docherty (Betty Dalziel's friends and family); John Suder; Mary Ratliff; Greg Smith, Pat Lee, Jane Newton (Kyle Newton's friends and family); Al Paul; Mary Zumot; Martha Stoy; Journey Night Shelter; Penny Hill (Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta);  
The Rev. Denise Anderson and The Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston (Co-Moderator, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.));  
Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church during our transition.

### In Memoriam

**Frank Walker**

**Janet Larry**

(Susannah Larry's mother in law)

**Nancy Freeman**

(Emily Edwards' mother)

*Nothing in all creation  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

-Romans 8

### MISSION

Emily Texter

#### AMIS

International college students will be arriving in the Atlanta area in August. Many of these international students have never been to the US before and would like to learn more about our community and culture. If you would like to be a friend to an international student or for more information the Atlanta Ministry with International Students at <https://amis-inc.org/volunteers/amigo/> A Welcome Reception on Sunday, October 11, at Georgia Institute of Technology's Student Center Ballroom from 3-5PM. This event is free and open to the public in honor of the Atlanta-area international students and scholars.

#### Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers from OPC celebrated with the owners of the new Habitat house dedicated on Saturday, June 25.

#### The Food Pantry

Volunteers are always needed at the Food Pantry at the Suthers Center in Chamblee. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings and we would love to have you join the team!

#### Mercy Community Church

OPC volunteers delivered coffee and supplies to the congregation at Mercy during July.

#### Journey Night Shelter

Volunteers are needed the 4th Saturday of each month to bring dinner to the homeless shelter. For almost 30 years, The Journey Night Shelter at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church has provided dinner, hospitality, a shower, a safe night's sleep, breakfast, and counselling for up to thirty homeless men who are actively seeking work. But it's more than bringing dinner - it's about encouraging people to seek God's dreams and God's best for their lives. Please sign up on the bulletin board for 2016. See the new website at <http://journeynightshelter.org/> and Facebook page at JourneyMen. Contact Edyie DaVia for more information.

#### Missions Committee at OPC

Mission and outreach are central to our identity at Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church. Our mission programs are a way to serve those in need and also provide opportunities for us to share our time, talents, and resources. To find out more about how you can get involved in these missions, contact Emily Texter at [emilytexter@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilytexter@bellsouth.net)

# Calendar: August, 2016



## STEWARDS SERVING

### August 7, 11am:

**liturgist:** Linda Morris; **ushers/greeters:** Jean Cox, Pat Morrison; **ushers/counters:** Mary Lee Williams, Matt Kim; **sound/open:** Jesse Rappole ; **refreshments:** Mary Frances Jung; **PowerPoint:** \_\_\_\_\_; **nursery:** Steve Allison.

### August 14, 11am:

**liturgist:** Georgia Gunter; **ushers/greeters:** Jean Cox, Diane Powell; **ushers/counters:** Mary Ann Hawthorne, Ethan Gillespie; **sound/open:** Jean Cox; **refreshments:** Edyie DaVia; **PowerPoint:** Jennifer Allison; **nursery:** [Deborah O'Donnell](#).

### August 21, 11am:

**liturgist:** Eleanor Timmons; **ushers/greeters:** Charles Hawthorne, Eleanor Davis; **ushers/counters:** Eleanor Timmons, Georgia Gunter; **sound/open:** Jeff Morris; **refreshments:** Pat Morrison; **PowerPoint:** Brian Pierce ; **nursery:** [Debbie O'Donnell](#).

### August 28, 11am:

**liturgist:** \_\_\_\_\_; **ushers/greeters:** Steve Greene, Jennifer Soltis; **ushers/counters:** \_\_\_\_\_, Brandon Cassidy; **sound/open:** Bill Cox; **refreshments:** Lisa Kelly; **PowerPoint:** Tamara Lopata; **nursery:** Rachel Paterson.

### Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church Financial Summary

	<u>Jun-16</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>change</u>
Receipts	\$ 28,302	153,531	166,202	(12,671)
Expenditures	33,923	168,069	173,004	(4,935)
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>(5,622)</u>	<u>(14,538)</u>	<u>(6,802)</u>	<u>(7,736)</u>
Beginning bank balance	\$ 125,395	141,716	158,067	(16,351)
Cash increase/ (decrease)	<u>(10,644)</u>	<u>(26,965)</u>	<u>(24,660)</u>	<u>(2,306)</u>
Ending bank balance	<u>114,751</u>	<u>114,751</u>	<u>133,407</u>	<u>(18,657)</u>
Loan balance	\$ 0	0	28,929	(28,929)
Reserve funds	\$ 60,480	60,480	71,362	(10,882)
Reserves - months of budget expense	2.1	2.1	2.5	(0.4)

• Receipts are down from 2015 primarily because the additional "ask" in 2015 yielded higher donations of \$7,750 but other giving is also down \$4,405. Preschool is also one month behind on rent.

- The Capital Campaign loan was retired in April. Thanks to all for paying their pledges.
- Receipts and expenditures do not include Capital Campaign but bank balance does.
- Reserve fund is total of designated reserve fund plus retained earnings

OPC has an open book financial policy: for more information, contact the Treasurer, Barbara Landes at 404-931-3897.

## Regular Meetings

(except when noted elsewhere)

### Weekly

#### Sundays:

11am Worship

#### Tuesdays:

10am Food Pantry at Suthers Center  
8pm Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)

#### Wednesdays:

5:15pm Centering Prayer (Parlor)

#### Fridays:

10 am Food Pantry at Suthers Center  
8pm Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)

### Monthly

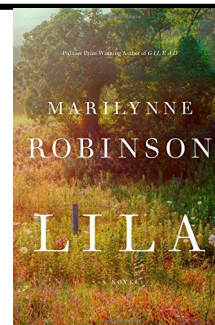
#### Third Sundays after Worship

Session Meeting

#### Fourth Saturdays

OPC Serves Dinner at Journey

**Book Club** will meet Monday **August 8th** at 7:00 PM at Margy Jones' home where we will discuss *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. If you would like more information or to join the OPC book club, contact Margy Jones at [mjnbai-ley@aol.com](mailto:mjnbai-ley@aol.com).



## God's Work.



## Our Hands.

Please join us for a church wide **Workday** scheduled for **August 13** from 9am to 12pm. We have a lot of projects and maintenance and need your help.

**Sunday School** returns after **Labor Day!**



**MISSION**  
Emily Texter

**New American Pathways**

OPC and Emory Presbyterian Church will co-sponsorship a refugee family this fall. *A special offering will be collected on August 14 and 21 to raise \$1250 for the co-sponsorship fee.* If you would like to make a donation, please indicate New American Pathways on the subject line of your check.

Here is a link to the website <http://newamericanpathways.org/> and a list of volunteer opportunities <http://newamericanpathways.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Volunteer-Opportunities-List-1.22.16.pdf> If you would be interested in working on this exciting new mission, contact Emily Texter at [emilytexter@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilytexter@bellsouth.net)

**I was a stranger  
and you welcomed me.**  
**Matthew 25:35**

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church  
Sunday School for All Ages: 9:45 am • Worship: 11am  
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DATED MATERIAL

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Deadlines for communications**

We work hard to make sure that you get all the news possible to help the church carry forth our mission and ministry as best as possible.



Please help us by getting us the information you need shared with others by the following deadlines:

- Weekly Bulletin Insert** - Monday - midnight
- Email News** - Monday - midnight
- Crossings** - on the 20th of the month
- Announcement for worship** - Tuesday midnight
- The Website** is updated every other week.

Please get all information to  
[Cheryl@opcbrookhaven.org](mailto:Cheryl@opcbrookhaven.org) and  
[Alexandria@opcbrookhaven.org](mailto:Alexandria@opcbrookhaven.org)

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