



**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reveal your presence to us this day,  
O God of light, love, and glory.  
May the brilliance of your newborn face  
illuminate this place  
as we dare to proclaim your Word  
and may we, your people, be never unable  
to tell all of that we have heard. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

A reading from Luke 2:22-35 pg. 55

Homily

Hymn – *"What Child Is This"* (vs. 1) #145

A reading from Luke 2:36-38 pg. 55

Homily

\*Hymn – *"What Child Is This"* (vs. 2-3) #145

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** (sins...sin)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *"Lully Lullay"*      Traditional English Carol  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN**      *"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"*      #141

**\*BLESSING**

May the God who comes through the child Jesus  
bless the child in each of us  
and receive the blessings that we return. Amen.

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**      *"Will You Come and Follow Me"*      Traditional Scottish melody  
Text: John Bell and Graham Meule

**\*POSTLUDE**      *"Joy to the World"*      setting, Benjamin M. Culli  
(Quoting "Jauchzet, frohlocket!" from J. S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*)

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*



## First Sunday after Christmas

### Oxford Presbyterian Church

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December 31, 2017

Office Hours: Monday – Friday  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 31**

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday school –  
only Nursery, and Preschool  
classes available  
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

**Monday, January 1**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR - OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, January 2**

7:30 Tuesday Evening Circle  
Hostess: Jane Baer

**Wednesday, January 3**

**Thursday, January 4**

6:30 APNC (Molyneaux)  
7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)  
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva Room)

**Friday, January 5**

**Saturday, January 6**

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

**Sunday, January 7**

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday School  
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

**OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Lawrence H. Bartel  
**Music Director:** Kent Peterson  
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**OFFICERS OF OPC SESSION**

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Katie Payne, Deb Sayers,  
David Wilson  
**Class of 2019:** Jenny Bailer, Lynn Cronk,  
Greg Hughes, Nancy Moeckel,  
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**Class of 2017:** Danny Cross, Connie Everhart,  
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**Class of 2018:** Lee Fisher, Virginia Layton,  
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**Class of 2019:** Carol Burkhalter,  
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Janet Holmes, Pat Roberts,  
Diane Young

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**December 31 - January 7, 2017**

Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're so glad you're here! As fellow seekers, we welcome all who wish to learn and grow with us. **Serving others...**Following our Servant Savior, we give our time, talent and resources to help bring fullness of life to others. **Sharing Christ's love with all...**Through our words and actions, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ. Filled with joy and hope, we build relationships across any boundaries that separate us."

**WELCOME MIAMI STUDENTS!** We're so glad you're here! We invite you to make this church your church home away from home during your time at Miami.

**Greeters:** Rick and Anne Bailey

**Acolyte:** Bella Walter

**The flowers** on the left side of the communion table are given by Joy Russell wishing a Happy New Year.

**The flowers** on the right side of the communion table are given by Jim and Billie Maynard in honor and thankfulness for God on their 64th wedding anniversary.

Mission Partners Prayer List:  
**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church,  
Piqua

**Sister Churches:** The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

**Congregational Prayer Concerns:**  
Betty Barnhart, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Tom Holmes, Breanna Kinneman, Betty Reinhart, Jan Reinhart, Marilyn Rettig, Sarah Soika, Dave Wilson, Stacey Winn

Email prayer requests to Jean O'Connell, [occonnelljm17@yahoo.com](mailto:occonnelljm17@yahoo.com), call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)

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Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Deacons.

**2017 Pledging Reminder**

For the past several weeks we have been focused on pledging for the coming year. We have had an encouraging response to date and are currently building a budget to reflect projected income for 2018. At this time, we also need to address pledging for the current year. We are within the final month of 2017 and are operating on a budget built on the basis of last year's pledging. Just a reminder, if you are able, please complete those pledged 2017 donations by the end of December.





**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children's Bible Stories and Activities Books, and bags are available in the Narthex.

**Consider A Special Gift at the End of the Year**

During the past year we have been grateful for those individuals who chose to make a special gift to the Oxford Presbyterian Church. These gifts address needs not routinely supported via the operating budget. As we approach the end of 2017, it is a good time to consider supporting additional special funding needs while benefiting from an associated tax deduction.



A complete listing of opportunities available can be obtained in the church office or contact Bill King (513-720-7345) for a personal



**OPC Office Closed Monday, January 1, 2018**

**Open for the rest of the week Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Alternative Christmas Gifts**

Still looking for a Christmas gift to give the person who already has everything? A gift that will help the person who has nearly nothing! Donate to the Bethesda Christian Community Center in your friends or family member's name. Your donation will help furnish the newly completed Center so that their mission can continue and expand to provide services for the displaced women and children in Barranquilla, Colombia. Beautiful handmade cards are available for Alternate Giving Donations in the Molyneaux following worship today.



**Journey Through the Bible**

Last week's Questions and Answers

- Which book of the prophets is the source of the quotation used by Paul, "The righteous live by their faith"? (Habakkuk 2: 4)
- Why will there be no temple in the new Jerusalem according to John's vision in Revelation? (The Lord God and the Lamb will themselves function as the temple, that is, the place where God and people meet.)

Next week's Questions

- There are none! We've read through the entire Bible in one year!! May the journey continue to inspire and transform us.

**The Deacon's Christmas Food Drive**



The Deacons request your continuous donations of food and money for the Christmas Food Drive.

Please leave bags of food in the Narthex and if you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to the Oxford Presbyterian Church with Christmas Food Drive in the note field or if cash, mark pew envelope Christmas Food Drive. The Deacon's will use the money to purchase food for the Oxford Choice Food Pantry.

Oxford Choice Food Pantry needs canned fruit, canned vegetables; spaghetti sauce, cereal, and peanut butter. Also, meals in a can (e.g. Chef Boy-Ar-Dee-type food like ravioli and others, including Kroger brand). We always put them in the bags and for some reason have not been getting as many as in past years in food drives. Toilet paper, personal care items like body wash, deodorant, shampoo and hair conditioner. **Note: We are collecting plastic bags for use in the Oxford Choice Food Pantry. Please leave bags in the food pantry box in the hallway past the offices.**

**2018 Pledge envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex.**



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**The Tuesday Evening Circle** will meet January 2 at Jane Baer's home, starting at 7:30 p.m. Janet Ziegler is the co-hostess. Sue Wilson will lead the program. Jo Reinhart will give the devotions. Visitors are welcomed. Contact person is Karen Simpson, 523-8363, [k.simpson2007@yahoo.com](mailto:k.simpson2007@yahoo.com).

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**Church Service at The Knolls**  
If you are unable to attend some of our church services on Sunday mornings, we have another option for you. Becky Quay shows recent church services on DVD in the Country Kitchen at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. In January, it will be shown on the 9th & 23rd. If you would like to join us, but need a ride, just give Becky a call at 523-5747.

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**The Tuesday Afternoon Circle** meets January 16 at 1:30 p.m. in The Knolls Country Kitchen. Study Leader is Pat Gifford. Please call Lynn Cronk 524-8574 by Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> for reservations for the optional \$8 noon lunch at the Knolls. Visitors, guests, and new members are always welcome.

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**Habitat for Humanity**  
Presbyterian Saturday for Habitat, Carter Circle is January 13. We are committed for 5 volunteers and lunch for 20. Those who work should come to the site at 8:30 a.m. Depending on the weather, we will work until 3:30 p.m. Work will break at noon for lunch.

Can you help? Please contact Prue Dana [pdana@woh.rr.com](mailto:pdana@woh.rr.com)