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# Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

**Seeking God**, we strive to know God and love God.

**Serving others**, we follow our Servant Savior to help bring fullness of life to others.

**Sharing Christ's love with all** we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

*If you are a Miami student, we invite you to make this your church home away from home during your time at Miami.*

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Liturgist: Mike Sunderhaus

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *"Baptized and Set Free"* setting, Marilyn Biery

**CHORAL INTROIT** *"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"*  
Music: The Sacred Harp / Text: Ruth Duck

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Mark 1:1-11)

One: ... And in those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And as soon as he rose up from the water, he lifted up his eyes and looked around.

The sky was split, and the Spirit alighted upon him like a dove.

And there was a voice from the sky:

**All: You are my beloved child.  
I am delighted in you!**

God was speaking in those days, through prophets, preachers, and voices from the sky. Glory!

God is still speaking today, through Christ in us, the hope of glory.

And so in these days, we will not fail to rise up, and shine, and say:

**All: I am a child of God.**

**\*HYMN** – *"Sing of God Made Manifest"* #156

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we hear your voice and we see the way of Jesus set before us. But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again to live up to our baptismal vows and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world.

In repentance we ask you to forgive us. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Companions on the way of Christ, God hears our prayers and sets before us the way of Jesus. God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!**

### \*SHARING THE PEACE

### A TIME WITH ALL DISCIPLES

#### REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT Introduction

#### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, members of his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.**

#### Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.  
**Even so, come Lord Jesus!**

Let us pray.

O God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die...

... Speak to us once more your great good news of life, and pour into us afresh your love, stronger than death, until we can all rise, and each in our own voice proclaim,  
**I am a child of God.**

Even so, come upon us, Holy Spirit!  
**Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**

Come upon these waters.  
**Come upon these waters.**

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.  
**Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.**

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.  
**Let these waters fill us with hope for your now and coming reign.**

Most Holy God!  
**Glory to you!**

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!  
**Glory to you!**

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!  
**Glory to you!**

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!  
**All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!**

(All are invited to come to the baptismal font, dip your hands into the water, and renew your baptismal vows with joy and thanksgiving. Please take a stone to remind you of this reaffirmation of your baptismal covenant.)

Children in Preschool through Grade 8 are dismissed to class following the children's message.)

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Speak with authority in our lives, Christ.**

**Speak to us, and to what is in us, so that we might be whole.**

**Speak to us, with love, with hope and with strength, so that we might hear you, and know, deep inside, that we are your people, and that you are our God. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

A reading from Mark 1:4-11 pg. 32-33

Holy wisdom, holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *"And Still"*

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**\*HYMN** – *"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"* #488

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

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *"Down to the River to Pray"*  
traditional American / arr. Sheldon Curry

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN** – *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"* #744

### \*BLESSING

So you shall see, and stand in awe at the salvation of the Lord. And immediately, the Spirit drove Jesus out into the barren places:

**On this day our God has acted. We rise up! We head out to the barren places! We look around and see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ shining in your hearts for all the world to see. Amen.**

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

**\*POSTLUDE** *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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.**

**Greeters:** Dale and Ginny Layton  
**January 7 Greeters:** Carol Burkhalter and Paul Foltz

**Acolyte:** Spencer Lykins

**The flowers** on the communion table are given by Violet Suit in loving memory of Walter N. Suit.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:**

Slifers Presbyterian Church, Farmersville

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

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

Email prayer requests call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Pat Gifford and Katie Payne.

#### UPCOMING DATES:

**The Directories are here!!** Those of you who had your pictures taken may see Pat Gifford in the Molyneaux after worship this Sunday, January 14 to pick up your copy. Directories will be delivered to those at the Knolls who can't make it to church.

**Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration:** Monday, January 15 in the Heritage Room at Shriver Center. Doors open at 10:00 a.m., Events begin at 11:00 a.m. Guest Speaker: Dr. Rodney Coates.

**The Tuesday Afternoon Circle** meets January 16 at 1:30 p.m. in The Knolls Country Kitchen. Study Leader is Pat Gifford. Visitors, guests, and new members are always welcome.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** of Oxford Presbyterian Church will take place on Sunday, January 21 following worship.

**OPC Community Meal:** Wednesday, January 31 at the Seminary Building. We need the following: bread, side dishes, and dessert. Ham will be provided. Please call or e-mail Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or [fisherwf@miamioh.edu](mailto:fisherwf@miamioh.edu) if you can help.

#### The Honored Woman Award

Each year the Oxford Presbyterian Women present the Honored Woman Award to a special woman who has dedicated her time and talent to the work of the church. The selection is made through nominations from the congregation. If you have seen or worked beside a woman who has faithfully served the Lord and His church, please send a letter of nomination to Pat Gifford, at [gifforp@miamioh.edu](mailto:gifforp@miamioh.edu), drop in my mailbox at church, or send to 6511 Morning Sun Rd., Oxford, 45056. A new letter of nomination is needed each year, even if a woman has been

nominated previously. We are so grateful for the continued service of our Past Honored Women; however, the award is only given once to an individual. Other members of the Honored Woman Committee are Johanna Reinhart and Carol Burkhalter will also gladly accept letters of nomination. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2018.

**Mission Trip Chaperones:** We are looking for two female volunteers to be Chaperones for the 2018 Mission Trip to Charleston, SC! We will be serving from June 17-22. Whether or not your student is attending the Mission Trip, we would love to have you serve alongside us. Please let Mitch Hardy know ([mitchelljameshardy@gmail.com](mailto:mitchelljameshardy@gmail.com)) if you would be interested as soon as possible!

**Youth Group:** We are in need of families and congregation members to volunteer to be Second Adult and to bring Snacks to Youth Group on Thursday evenings! For snacks, we usually have somewhere between 10-15 students attending per week. Sign up link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ca4ac2ea3fa7-second1> (Note: A background check must be completed and on file at OPC prior to serving as Second Adult for Youth Group.)

**Sunday School Teachers Needed for March, April and May!** If interested, please contact Jenn Walter at [jenniferwalter37@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferwalter37@yahoo.com) or (513) 593-4883.

#### Calendar

##### Sunday, January 14

9:00 MEF (CE Office)

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Worship

10:20 Sunday School

11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

##### Monday, January 15

Office Closed

##### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

##### Tuesday, January 16

1:30 Tuesday Afternoon Circle (The Knolls)

7:00 Session (Molyneaux)

##### Wednesday, January 17

7:00 Deacons (Molyneaux)

7:00 Facilities Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor's Office)

##### Thursday, January 18

6:30 APNC (Molyneaux)

7:00 Youth Group (Seminary)

7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva)

##### Friday, January 19

##### Saturday, January 20

##### Newsletter Deadline

##### Leadership Retreat

9:00-1:00 (Seminary)

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

3:00 Pris Berry Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

##### Sunday, January 21

##### New Officers

##### Ordination/Installation Congregational Meeting

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Worship

10:20 Sunday School

11:15 Annual Meeting of the Congregation

11:45 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

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**Pastor:** Lawrence H. Bartel  
**Organist:** Lynn Jacobs

**Music Director:** Kent Peterson  
**Clerk of Session:** Julia R. Fisher

# Baptism of the Lord Sunday



Sunday, January 14, 2018



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