

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.

Liturgist: Gwen Fears

(Images on bulletin cover were taken by Robert S. Smith during the 2013 Russian Partnership journey to Zlatoust and Chelyabinsk.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Servant Song" setting, Jeffrey Honoré

CHORAL INTROIT "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" Cesareo Gabarain

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God created all races and nations of the world and willed that we live together in peace and harmony.

All: **We are made to be family in Jesus Christ.**

As we struggle for reconciliation and wholeness one relationship at a time,
The Lord struggles with us.

As we strive for peace one day at a time,
The Lord strives with us.

As we work to build the beloved community,
The Lord works with us.

As we offer our gifts in worship,
The Lord blesses us.

Sisters and brothers, let us rejoice -
For we have gathered from north and south, east and west to worship the Lord!

*HYMN – "How Firm a Foundation" #463

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of life and love,
you broke into the world
not with the clamor of battle
but with the cry of a tiny babe;
now break into the lives of
your children around the world
that this might be a day of transformation.

God of hope and peace,
may we be counted among all your people,
younger and older, in Oxford and all of Ohio,
in Zlatoust and all of Chelyabinsk.

May we learn your ways of shalom.

May we work as one body so peace
with justice will increase.

May we build new global friendships knowing
there's great hope in serving you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We affirm, with the Apostle Paul,
"that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

*SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(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 AND SERMON

Mark 1:14-20
John 21:1-14

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – "From the Nets of Our Labor" (vs. 1 & 6) #751

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

I Cor. 12: 4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**
God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the
common good.**
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually
members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION & INSTALLATION Moderator

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Clerk

Elders: Candace Crist, Danny Cross, Pat Gifford, Buzz
Green, Richard Munson, Jenn Walter, Leanne Staley

Deacons: Cornelia Browne, Jill Grajewski, Stephanie
Hartman, Matt Lykins, Becky Quay, Mickey
Simonds

Trustees: Rick Bailey, Scott Parkinson

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servants
whom you have called through baptism as your own and
marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was
in Christ Jesus.

Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the
church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and
to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to
your servant's gladness and strength, discipline and hope,
humility and humor, courage and an abiding sense of your
presence. Amen.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I Want to See My Jesus" Jay Althouse

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN – "We All Are One in Mission" #733

*BLESSING

We go now in peace,
**for Christ has called us to live in peace
among our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

We go now in courage,
**for Christ has called us from our homes
to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.**

We go now in joy and thanksgiving,
for Christ is our light!

We go now as one body,
**to love and serve God as we love
and serve the world!**

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

**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: Nick, Gwen, Kylee and Bryson Fears

Acolyte: Spencer Lykins

The flowers on the communion table are given by Robert and Marjorie Smith in loving memory of our dear friend Cindy Abell.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Huntsville Presbyterian
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

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Matt Lykins on behalf of the Deacons.

UPCOMING DATES:

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Oxford Presbyterian Church immediately following worship.

Altar Flowers are needed for Sunday, February 11 and 25. You may sign up on the chart next to the water fountain or call Marge Smith at 513-523-3895.

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

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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 if you can help.

Please signup to volunteer:

I can help set up at 4:30 p.m. _____
I can help clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. _____
I can help serve 5:30-6:30 pm _____

I can bring:

Bread _____
Side Dish _____
Dessert _____

Name: _____

Tel. No. _____ Email _____

Tear this portion of your bulletin and place in the Administrative Assistant mailbox.

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, drop in my mailbox at church. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2018.

Youth Ministry News:

Spring Retreat: From April 6-8, students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the Spring Youth Retreat at Kirkmont Center, hosted by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. The weekend will feature keynote speaker Rev. Kori Phillips, Associate Pastor from Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD, as we explore the stories of Jacob and Esau. If your student would be interested in attending, please let Youth Director, Mitch Hardy know!

Chaperones: We are looking for one female Chaperone for the 2018 Youth 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) if you would be interested as soon as possible!

Snack/Second Adult sign-ups: We are still in need of parents and congregation members to sign-up to be the Second Adult at Youth Group or to bring Snack for the students to enjoy. Sign up: <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.)

Save the Date: Sunday, February 11 Time to Dine Kick-Off Potluck!! New in 2018!! MEF is re-starting our lively, scrumptious, fun-filled fellowship groups centered around the dinner (breakfast, brunch, lunch) table!! You will be able to sign-up after church on Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 or online through our website. We will announce groups and kick-off the season at a pot luck at the Seminary at 5:00, Sunday, Feb. 11. More information to follow...watch for details in the Voice next week, the bulletin and the OPC Newsletter.

Calendar

Sunday, January 21 Ordination/Installation 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School 11:15 Annual Meeting of the Congregation 11:45 Fellowship in the Molyneaux with Igor	Thursday, January 25 7:00 Youth Group (Seminary) 7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva Room)
Monday, January 22 7:00 Art Class (Seminary)	Friday, January 26
Tuesday, January 23 10:00 Church Showing (Knolls)	Saturday, January 27 10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)
Wednesday, January 24	Sunday, January 28 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

Pastor: Lawrence H. Bartel
Organist: Lynn Jacobs

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, January 21, 2018



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