
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: Buzz Green

(Image on cover: Jesus healing the sick as portrayed on the doors of St. James Cathedral in Seattle, Washington.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Time to Dine Pat Gifford

PRELUDE "On Eagle's Wings" setting, Marilyn Biery

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 111)

All: This is the day that our God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Which god is that? Which god do we worship today?

The Lord God who created all things in heaven and on earth – the one and only "I am".
Yet we can be busy with our many other gods.

We have spent time with the god of appearances already today – putting ourselves together to look just right!
We have brought with us the god of money, holding our purses and financial dealings close to our hearts – guarding them fiercely.

Come, people of God, and let us celebrate that our Alpha and Omega, our Beginning and End, offers us freedom from all of this and new life each day!

This is our salvation. Come, let us worship the Lord.

***HYMN** – "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #667

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Friends in Christ,
what hopes do you bring to worship?

We bring hope for health and wholeness.

What afflictions do you bring to worship?
Physical pain?

From illness and injury.

Emotional pain?

From sad and scary life situations.

Mental pain?

From dis-ease of many kinds.

With all of these afflictions,
it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

But where else would we be?

We yearn to know Christ's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.

In today's gospel, a person with an "afflicting spirit" interrupts Jesus

And Jesus sets the person free.

And where does the miracle of this story and our stories begin?

When we bring all of who we are --hopeful, afflicted, bold-- into relationship with the Divine.

So come, let us enter this worship with our whole selves
--hopeful, afflicted and bold--

Let us pray:

Jesus Christ, divine healer, we confess that sometimes we yearn for you to wave a magic wand on our wounded lives to remove our pain, illness, and suffering. We hear the gospel story of the one seeking healing from Jesus and assume you will perform a similar miracle for all of us – if we just pray hard enough! And we do pray!

Open our eyes to recognize the teachings and tools you have given us with which to seek healing in the midst of our afflictions and dis-eases.

You whisper to us that wholeness requires self-care and rest;

(silent prayer reflecting on some of these ways...)

You nudge us toward caregivers who can support and advise us;

(silent prayer reflecting on who may help us...)

You breathe into us energy to move and stretch and reach toward health;

(silent prayer reflecting on what are some ways...)

You place in us an urgency to seek justice so that all may enjoy adequate health care;

(silent prayer reflecting on what are some actions...)

Renew our spirits in the midst of our dis-eases and afflicting spirits.

Transform us, O Lord, for the health of your creation. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the midst of struggle, dis-ease and affliction, we know that we are made in God's image and Jesus sees us as whole and good.

So may we celebrate the Lord in our midst through opportunities of healing and wholeness. 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

A reading from Mark 1:21-28

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Just Then"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)
Our prayers of the people begin with a couple of extended joys in which we hear about the Lord's healing in the lives of our church family. After each story, we will sing two verses of the hymn "Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries" #653.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Through the Night"
Lee and Susan Dengler / Michael Irwin, Soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "Come! Live in the Light!" #749

*BLESSING

And now in the wholeness and the goodness of God, we go forth. We go out and laugh with our friends, to reconcile with those who have hurt us, to receive all as we would receive Jesus Christ himself. Now and forevermore. Amen!

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

***POSTLUDE** "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"
Arr. Anna Laura Page

***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: Mark and Debbie DeGennaro

Acolyte: Spencer Lykins

The flowers on the communion table are given by Joy Russell in loving memory of Paul Russell

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: The Presbyterian Church

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

Congregational Prayer Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Roberta Crain, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, 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 Becky Quay and Diane Young on behalf of the Deacons.

UPCOMING DATES:

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

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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. 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: Sign-up to be the Second Adult at Youth Group or to bring Snack for the students. 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.)

2018 Time to Dine!! Join a group for fun, fellowship, and FOOD! The Membership, Evangelism, and Fellowship Committee is coordinating a new season of get-togethers. Come one, come all! Everyone welcome!

You can sign up after worship in the Molyneaux on January 28, February 4, & February 11; or by following this link, <https://goo.gl/forms/ig9L7ncxyTAWk3nA2>. You can choose to be in a group with your children, an all adult group, or just be surprised! The MEF committee will form the groups, based on your preferences.

On February 11, at 5:00 at the Seminary we will come together for a giant pot luck to kick off the 2018 Time to Dine and find your group!

Calendar	
Sunday, January 28 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux	Thursday, February 1 7:00 Youth (Seminary) 7:30 Choir (Geneva)
Monday, January 29 7:00 Art Class (Seminary)	Friday, February 2
Tuesday, January 30 12:00 Staff (Molyneaux)	Saturday, February 3 10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)
Wednesday, January 31 5:30-6:30 Community Meal (Seminary)	Sunday, February 4 9:00 MEF (CE Office) 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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, January 28, 2018



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