
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: Carol Klumb

(Image on cover: "Christ Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law" by Rembrandt.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Youth Group

PRELUDE

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"
arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

CHORAL INTROIT

"You Are My All in All"
Dennis L. Jerrigan

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Isaiah 40:21-31)

One: Good people of the church,
Lift up your eyes and see.

**All: Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God greets us here.**

Good servants of the Most High,
Open your ears to hear.

**Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God meets us here.**

Good children of the light
Open your hearts and know what it means
to delight in God.

**For we have seen, heard and known
From the beginning to the end,
Our God...is "I Am".**

*HYMN – "Here in This Place"

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What do we hold and treasure most?
Is it the promises of God?

What captivates our attention?
Is it the grace of God?

God of mercy and grace:

**We are vulnerable people
who sometimes ignore the vulnerable.
We are broken people who don't always
pay attention to the world's brokenness.**

Heal us, O God, to make us better healers.
Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders.
Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the
damage of hurt and oppression.

**We are yours, loving God. Help us to turn around,
embrace an intimate relationship with you and
share your abundant life with all we meet. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Have you known? Have you heard?

**Our Lord lifts us up on eagle's wings
Strengthening us so that we won't be weary.**

The burden of sin is but a far and distant memory
For, through Christ, our sins
– all of them – are forgiven.

**God is great in strength, mighty in power, and
full of endless love for us all.
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

**Shine upon us, God of glory,
And by your Spirit reveal to us
The grace and truth of Jesus Christ,
Your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Mark 1:29-39

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Stewards of Second Chances"

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

ANTHEM

"The One"

Craig Courtney

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

One: "Light shines in the darkness
and the darkness cannot overcome it."
... we are bold to proclaim:

All: The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.

When we are overwhelmed by powers we cannot control
we find comfort in these words:

The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.

As God's people we offer witness to a hurting world,
and proclaim to all the nations of the world:
The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.

And so we gather here, in this place ...
God's universal and unconditional love for all people.

One: (Singing) The Lord be with you.

All: (Singing) And Also with you
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Lord, we ask now the presence of your Spirit.
We have come from many places and many
backgrounds. Around this table, we are one
and we call ourselves your people.

**We thank you that you have surrounded us with
so gentle and powerful a host of witnesses. We
thank you for the wholeness that you have given
us in the flesh and blood of Jesus the Christ, for
his dying and rising that life might be more
precious to us than death.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
all the saints in proclaiming your glory, saying:

All: (Singing)

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

In thanksgiving and remembrance we ask you to
bless this bread and this wine so that, in sharing
them together, we shall be your church.

So we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...
(Prayers will be offered up at this time.)

Through the grace that we have known in Christ,
we pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be
your name, (saying sins...sinners)**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As you pass the elements to your neighbor please say:
The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

*(Please hold the elements so we can receive it together
as a symbol of our oneness in Christ.)*

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

As you pass the elements to your neighbor please say:
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

OFFERING

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
arr. Karl Osterland

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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*BLESSING

As people of the heart and spirit of Jesus our Lord,
go boldly into the new week,
fully expecting opportunities for greater love
to be placed squarely in your path.

We will pray without ceasing.

We will speak wisely.

We will act justly.

**We will breathe and feel deeply
the presence of our Lord until we meet again.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"I Come with Joy"

American folk melody / text: Brian Wren

*POSTLUDE

"How Small Our Span of Life"
setting Jacob B. Weber

**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: Leanne and Eric Staley

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Northminster Presbyterian
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, 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 Lisa Brunckhorst on behalf of Stewardship and Finance.

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet Tuesday, February 6 in the home of Janet Ziegler. Janet Holmes is the co-hostess and Nancy Sturgeon will lead the program. Devotions will be given by Karen Simpson. Anyone needing a ride should contact Karen Simpson, 523-8363. Visitors are welcomed.

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 February 4, and 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!

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Tuesday, February 13th, 5:00-7:00pm, Seminary building. Join us for some food, fellowship and fun! Tickets can be purchased February 4th and February 11th after worship service in the Molyneaux Lounge and also at the door the night of the event. \$5/person or \$20/family. This event is being hosted by our youth as a fundraiser for their Youth Mission Trip to Charleston, SC this summer.

Church Services 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 February, it will be shown on the 13th & 27th. If you would like to join us, but need a ride, just give Becky a call at 523-5747.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on February 20th with Special Guests Dave and Sue Wilson speaking about "Angels". After their talk, Lynn Cronk will be presenting the lesson, "Cloud of Witnesses the Community of Christ in Hebrews". The optional lunch at the Commons is at 12:00 p.m. with the Circle beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Country Kitchen. **Luncheon reservations are due by Friday, February 16.** Visitors are always welcome.

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.

Calendar

Sunday, February 4

- 9:00 MEF (CE Office)
- 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 Worship
- 10:20 Sunday School
- 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

Monday, February 5

- 7:00 PCCM (2nd floor Seminary)
- 7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, February 6

- 5:30 Worship and Music (2nd Pastor's Office)
- 7:30 Tuesday Evening Circle / Hostess: Janet Ziegler

Wednesday, February 7

- 6:30 Christian Education (2nd Pastor's Office)
- 6:30 Stewardship & Finance (Molyneaux)

Thursday, February 8

- 12:30 PEO (Seminary)
- 7:00 Youth (Seminary)
- 7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva)

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

- 9:00 Presbytery (Xenia, OH)
- 10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, February 11

- 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 Worship
- 10:20 Sunday School
- 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
- 5:00 Time to Dine Kick-off Potluck (Seminary)

Pastor: Lawrence H. Bartel
Organist: Lynn Jacobs

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

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany



Sunday, February 4, 2018



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