

# 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.*

**Guest Pianist: Leonard Lunsford**

**Liturgist: Steve Flee**

(Image on cover: "Get Thee Behind Me Satan" by French artist, James Jacques Joseph Tissot, between 1886-1894.)

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Assoc. Pastor Nominating Comte.

**PRELUDE** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
William Runyan / arr. Fred Bock

**CHORAL INTROIT** "You Are My All in All"  
Dennis L. Jerrigan

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: "Walk before me, and be blameless," said God to Abram,  
"And I shall make my covenant between me and you."  
(Genesis 17: 1-2, paraphrased)

One: Quite openly, we've measured that distance.

**All: Quite openly, we've stayed away.**

Quite openly, we've distanced ourselves.

**Quite openly, we didn't want to be closer.**

Quite openly, we are not blameless.

**Quite openly, we are here.**

**We are here to open ourselves  
to our In-between God.**

\*HYMN – "God Is Here!"

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are quite open about our successes.**

**We feel free to boast when we have done well,**

**but we are not quite so open when things have  
gone wrong. We do not praise God in either case.**

**Instead, we recognize the distance  
between me and you  
between you and God  
between God and me.**

**Let's be quite open about it  
as we open ourselves  
to our Living God in silence ...**

(after a moment of silence, let us join one another in our  
Sung Confession #422 "Create in Me a Clean Heart")

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Though fear may greet us when we put  
our feet on the floor;  
though danger may cause us to close up our doors;  
though troubles blitz us and  
lead us away from the ways of abundant life;  
only one thing is necessary:  
just turn back to God's promise of grace.

Remember that the Lord is reaching out with loving arms,  
and let yourself be held.

Only ask for forgiveness, and it is yours.

Jesus assures us that in the asking,  
we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! 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

In the beginning was the Word  
**And the Word was with God.**

A reading from Mark 8: 31-38

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "The WHAT and the HOW Behind the WHO"

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*HYMN – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 1-2

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\*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (Parts 1, 3)

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

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Lamb of God"  
Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 3-4 #366

### \*BLESSING

God is our light, our hope, our all in all:  
**Blessed be the Lord, now and forever!**

Christ is our home, our life, our joy:  
**Blessed be the Lord, now and forever!**

Empowered by the Spirit,  
Our worship concludes; our service continues.  
**Blessed be the Lord, now and forever!**

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Jesus, Remember Me"  
Jacques Berthier

### \*POSTLUDE

"Who Would Image a King"  
Mervyn Warren and Hallerin Hilton Hill

*\*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:** Scott and Nancy Parkinson

**Acolyte:** Abigail Curry

**The flowers** on the communion table are given by Cornelia Browne in celebration of her son, Michael's birthday on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and his daughter's and Cornelia's granddaughter's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:** Collinsville United 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, Larry Hardy, Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman, Betty Reinhart, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles Skipper, 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 Stewardship and Finance Committee.

## UPCOMING DATES:

### The Honored Woman Award Deadline Drawing Near

Nominations are due by March 1 for the Honored Woman Award! Each year the Oxford Presbyterian Women present this 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. If you are unsure if a special woman has received the award previously, please contact Pat. Other members of the Honored Woman Committee are Johanna Reinhart and Carol Burkhalter will also gladly accept letters of nomination.

**The Deacon's Lenten Food Drive:** Please leave the donated items for the Oxford Choice Pantry in the Narthex, (the front entrance to the Sanctuary) from February 18 -March 24. Monetary donations can be made during offering by writing a check with "Deacon's Food Drive" in the note field or placing cash in a pew envelope with the "Deacon's Food Drive" on the front.

**Items needed: "Big Three":** Spaghetti, Tuna & Peanut Butter

**Other Items: Canned meals** (Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Chef Boyardee). Varieties of cereal, canned fruit and vegetables

**Personal Care Items:** Toilet paper, body wash, deodorant, shampoo and hair conditioner

**Lenten Materials:** Lenten Calendars and devotionals for adults and children are available in the Molyneaux Lounge.

### 2018 World Day of Prayer All God's Creation is Very Good

will be celebrated Sunday March 4, 3 to 5 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement led by Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action. This year's worship was written by the Women of Suriname and focuses on the many rivers and creeks, the rich tropical rainforest and great biodiversity. All are invited.

### Deacon's Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 27 ~ 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
(The Seminary Building)

### Appointments Recommended

**To Donate Blood:** You are encouraged to sign up online at [www.Donortime.com](http://www.Donortime.com) / use **Sponsor Code 321**. Choose "Donor Login", you will be given instructions on what to do.

**If you would like us to sign you up, please contact the church office at 513.523.6364, give your name, date of birth, phone number, and preferred appointment time.**

**Questions about donor eligibility contact:**  
CBC at: 1-800-388-4483 or 777-4428.

**Youth News: Spring Retreat:** If your student is interested in attending Spring Retreat, you must fill out the Google Form by **Sunday, March 4**. The retreat is April 6-8 and takes place at Kirkmont. Sign-up link: <https://goo.gl/forms/hfN340zzdfBzcai52>

**Summer Camp:** The Youth Ministry at Oxford Presbyterian Church is offering an opportunity for students having completed grades 7-12 to attend the Presbyterian Youth Connection Camp at Kirkmont Center (PYC Jr. for those students having just completed 6th grade). From June 24-30, students will spend time engaged in activities within their selected track (Sports, Science, Art, Robotics or Music) and will learn more about their faith. Check out the Kirkmont Center website for more information. **Please email Mitch Hardy if your student is interested in attending by Sunday, March 4.**

**Mission Trip:** We are in need of **one male chaperone** for the 2018 Sr. High Mission Trip to Charleston, SC. If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to Mitch Hardy ASAP!

**Tuesday Evening Circle:** The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet Tuesday, March 6 in the home of Jean O'Connell. Nancy Sturgeon is the co-hostess and Jo Reinhart will lead the program. Devotions will be given by Connie Everhart. Anyone needing a ride should contact Karen Simpson, 523-8363.

**Special Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the correction to Pastor Lawrence's terms of call for 2018. An Excel spreadsheet formula error and Board of Pensions calculation error generated a series of incorrect figures in the Pastor's compensation that were not noticed until after it was approved by the congregation in January. This very brief congregational meeting will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

**Habitat for Humanity:** The Oxford Chapter of Habitat for Humanity builds housing for low income families in Oxford that otherwise would not be able to afford a home. The Mission and Outreach Committee is requesting the congregation's help in meeting the Oxford Presbyterian Church's pledge to fund the two homes that the Oxford Chapter of Habitat for Humanity is building in 2018. Please write a check payable to the Oxford Presbyterian Church, put Habitat in the note-field, and place in the offering plate. If you prefer to donate cash, place the cash in a Pew Envelope, write Habitat on the Pew Envelope, and place in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Sunday, February 25

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

#### Monday, February 26

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

#### Tuesday, February 27

10:00 Church Showing (Knolls)  
12:00 Staff (Molyneaux)

#### Wednesday, February 28

5:30 APNC (Molyneaux)

#### Thursday, March 1

5:30 APNC (Molyneaux)  
7:00 Youth (Seminary)  
7:30 Choir (Geneva)

#### Friday, March 2

7:00 Lent Study –  
Way of Life  
(Seminary)

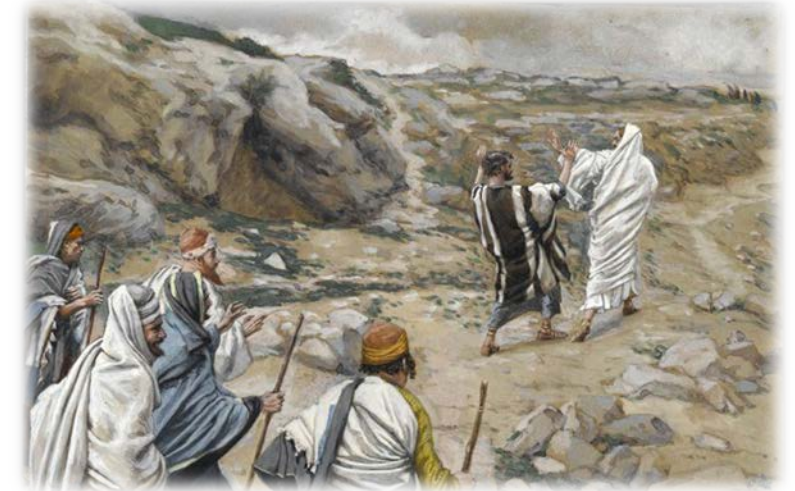
#### Saturday, March 3

10:00 A.A. (AV Room)  
11:00 Memorial Service  
Dick Fisher  
(Reception to follow  
service – Seminary)

#### Sunday, March 4

9:00 Chancel Choir  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday School  
11:10 Fellowship in the  
Molyneaux  
3:00 World Day of  
Prayer (Molyneaux)

## Second Sunday of Lent



Sunday, February 25, 2018



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