
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.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Liturgist: Griffin Barrington and Abigail VanGorder

(Image on cover: "The Risen Lord" by Dr. He Qi a professor at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary in China.)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Alleluias" Robert Lau
"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" setting, James Biery

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT "An Easter Celebration"
Brass and Organ / Joel Raney

EASTER ACCLAMATION

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN – "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #232**

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: Sisters and brothers,
you have heard the good news, and
you hold firmly to this faith.

All: Christ appeared to the disciples.

Brothers and sisters,
it has already been proclaimed, and
you have already received this promise.
Christ appears to us.

Sisters and brothers,
this is the hardest claim in our faith, and
the good news is not ancient history.
Christ will appear again.

Brothers and sisters,
this is the mystery that we share, and
this is the good news that we proclaim.
Christ appears to us now.
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ANTHEM

"Joy in the Morning with Hymn to Joy"
Natalie Sleeth, arr. Lloyd Larson

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of life, thank you for the night:
for those who kept watch through its long hours;
for the gift of sleep, and the refreshment of dreams;
for your faithful presence that keeps us company
even when we are not aware of you;
Thank you, God of life!

God of life, thank you for this new day
and the brightening sky:
for the song of birds,
the early morning bustle of city streets,
for this day of all days when we celebrate the risen Christ;
Thank you, God of life!

Lord of life, thank you for the message of Easter:
for the affirmation of your steadfast love;
for the presence of Jesus who overcame death;
for the promise of life still to be revealed;
Thank you, God of life!

God of life, though creation shouts your presence,
we do not always know where to find you.

Lord of life, your Spirit is in all who love and choose life,
but we do not always recognize you.

God of life, your promises give us hope and confidence,
but we do not always understand or believe.
Open our senses and our hearts to your love that
cannot be weakened or diminished,
imprisoned or killed.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God of love does not give us over to death
but offers us life;
the Spirit of Jesus gives us a song of joy to sing.
We are witnesses to the life of the risen Christ!
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

*SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Resurrecting Lord, you conquered death and opened
the gates of life everlasting. In the power of the
Holy Spirit, raise us with Christ, open our ears and
loosen our tongues that we, too, may proclaim your
love, healing, and peace to the nations. Amen

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Mark 16:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Joy! Oh, Joy!"

Pastor Lawrence

***HYMN – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs. 1 & 2) #611**

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

ANTHEM "To the Lamb on the Throne" Dan Forrest

*The Congregation is invited to join with the Chancel Choir
for the final verse:

"Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: Come neighbors, do not be afraid!
What was once sealed is now open...
once dead, now living.

All: We come to share the bread and cup.

Come neighbors, do not be afraid!
Come to taste resurrection, share eternity,
and be touched by the hand of the risen Christ.
We come to Christ's table with joy.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: On this great day of celebration...
With all creation we sing your praises:

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!

All: Holy is the One who comes in your name, O God.
Holy is Christ who came in the power of your name
and the nature of your love.

Holy is Jesus of Nazareth who in life,
in death, and in undying life brought
life to us and led us to you.

One: Remembering his life, his teachings, and especially now his
costly choice of the way of the cross, the way of true love...
Now, let us join with one, strong voice in the prayer our
Savior taught us saying... **Our Father in heaven,**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(At the invitation of the ushers, all are welcome to approach
the communion stewards at the front or back of the
sanctuary. The crackers on the communion plates are
gluten free. Please return to your seat by the outer aisles.
If it's not comfortable for you to walk, a steward will
joyfully offer you communion in your seat.)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"In Christ Alone"
Getty & Townsend, arr. Lloyd Larson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs. 1 & 3) #611

***BLESSING**

Let us go out into the world
and in the joy of resurrection
seek out the abundant life of Christ.

When joy takes hold, resurrection doesn't let go,
it shakes the dead awake,
it shakes the darkness from the light,
it shakes the silence from our throats,
and it brings laughter from despair.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

***POSTLUDE** *"Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare
the Glory of God"*
Benedetto Marcello

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: Janet Ziegler and Stephanie Hartman

Email prayer requests call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org

Fellowship Hour following worship hosted by the Youth Ministry and Mary Shinn on behalf of Christian Education.

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CHANCEL CHOIR ROSTER:

Director - Kent Peterson Organist - Lynn Jacobs

Ashley Boyle - Carol Burkhalter - Deb Davidson - Pam Deahl
Judy Fisher - Katya Fisher - Joe Foltz - Paula Foltz - Michael Irwin
Jack Liles - Susan Maxfield - Dick Munson - Mary Jane Roberts
Joe Simpson - Karen Simpson - Diane Young

Guest Singers:

Dana Kuehn ~ Rachel Brown ~ Luke Wielgos ~ Steele Fitzwater

Brass Quintet:

Stephen Lytle, Mitch Hardy, trumpet Darren Ling, trombone
Greg Phillips, French horn Alex Stahl, tuba

William Albin, timpani

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UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday School: THIS MORNING, there will be no Sunday School classes for K-2, 3-5 and Middle School. Preschool and Nursery care is available.

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Evening Circle will meet April 3. Our hostess is Debbie Davidson. Janet Holmes will give the devotion. Janet Ziegler will present the program. Anyone needing a ride should contact Karen Simpson, 523-8363.

Congregational Concerns: There will be a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for the life of Betty Reinhart - Saturday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Become A Member of Our OPC Family!

We welcome all interested people to explore membership at the Oxford Presbyterian Church!! To find out more about the Presbyterian Church and specifically the Oxford congregation, join Pastor Lawrence for a series of Inquirer's Classes on April 8 and April 15 at 11:30 in the Molyneaux lounge.

OPW Spring Brunch: Program: Our featured event is Dr. Scott Parkinson presenting a program on the Seminary Church and OPC Pastors of the past. This should be a wonderful opportunity for all the women, children, grandparents, and friends of OPW. **Please make your reservation by Thursday, April 12.** Reservation forms are available outside the church office or Molyneaux Lounge and can be placed in the offering plate or the Administrative Assistant mailbox.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are needed for April 22 and 29 and May 27. You may sign up on the calendar which is located next to the water fountain or call Marge Smith at 523-2895.

Deacons Spring Blood Drive: Thank you to all OPC members and friends who generously gave of their time to donate blood for the Deacon's Spring Blood Drive! The Community Blood Center was pleased to report the following results: 27 people registered to give blood! 26 were successful! (goal was 20) 130% percent of goal! Over 78 lives will be positively impacted as a result of total donations! Blessings to all, The OPC Deacons.

Easter Sunday, April 1

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship:
Celebration of Easter
10:20 Sunday School – Only
Nursery / Preschool
11:10 Fellowship in the
Courtyard
(Easter Egg Hunt)

Monday, April 2

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, April 3

7:30 Tuesday Evening Circle
Hostess: Debbie Davidson

Wednesday, April 4

Thursday, April 5

5:30 M&O (2nd Pastor's Off.)
6:30 APNC (Molyneaux)

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7:00 Youth Group (Yth. Rm.)
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva)

Friday, April 6 – April 8

Presbytery Youth Spring Retreat
Saturday, April 7

10:00 A.A. (AV Room)
2:00 Memorial Service –
Betty Reinhart

Sunday, April 8

9:00 MEF (CE Office)
9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Fellowship in the
Molyneaux
11:30 Inquirer's Class
(Molyneaux)

Pastor: Lawrence H. Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia R. Fisher

Celebration of Resurrection: Easter Sunday



Sunday, April 1, 2018



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