
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 in spirit* Liturgist: Pat Roberts

(Image on cover: "Moses Receiving the Ten Commandments" in a sixth century mosaic at St. Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Youth Group

PRELUDE *"O Lamb of God, I Come"* arr. Edward Broughton

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

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

One: Sometimes we are sure of our call,
but unsure of our destination.

**All: Friends who travel with us, come –
we journey along Christ's way of life.**

Sometimes we run out of energy and fear the future.

**Friends who look with us for help, come –
we seek God's strength for life.**

Sometimes as people of a growing faith,
we have more questions than answers.

**Friends who long for deeper understanding, come –
we find new life in the Spirit.**

And so we come as we are.

We come to worship the Lord!

***HYMN** – *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* #610

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Psalm 19)

The heavens
...stars and meteors, planets and supernovas,
are telling the glory of God; the firmament
...mountains and deserts, oceans and rivers,
proclaim God's handiwork. The days speak
...in the wordless voice of creation;
the nights proclaim knowledge of God
...known and held deeply by all of nature.

These voices ring out through all the world
**...resounding through all time,
into all the ends of the universe.**

The sun encircles the earth with joy

**...as a bride and groom embrace their community
with joy, nothing is concealed from this radiance.**

The law of God is like the sun, nothing is hidden from it.

It revives our souls and grants us wisdom.

What the Lord perceives brings joy to our hearts.

What God decrees brings light to our lives.

We are awed by the nature of God and
when we see what is true and righteous,

**we desire these truths more than gold and
all the sweet things of the earth.**

These are the things on to which we will firmly hold

...for the great reward we have in

keeping covenant with God

...is that God will look upon us as blameless
and innocent of transgression.

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of
our hearts, be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock
and our redeemer. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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

O God of truth and life,

open our eyes – open our hearts now.

**Remind us of your love as we read the scriptures,
that we may be strengthened and renewed by your
Word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

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

A reading from Exodus 20:1-17

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 Dream is Ours to Evoke"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

ANTHEM

"One Bread, One Cup, One Faith"
Bert Stratton & Vicki Tucker Courtney

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

One: When things become cross-shaped and the way pulls us
forward in Lent beyond where we have been before,
meet us here, O God.

**All: Meet us here where everything we believe becomes
real and all on which we stake our faith becomes
tangible, in bread, in wine, in being here,
and nowhere else today.**

Meet us here, for this meal needs sharing
with those willing to travel on the journey
and the way of the cross.

**Because it matters,
we all matter in the Lord, because bread and wine
matter, all are welcome here
to taste and see the good things God is doing.**

Welcome to the table of life.

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.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: O Lord our God...

...Now hear us, O Lord, as we sing with the angels -

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
and in the lives of those who have gone before us,
we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your
name, (saying sins...sin)**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

(At the invitation of the pastor, 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. If it's not comfortable for you to walk, a
steward will joyfully offer you communion in your seat.)

OFFERING *"Living Bread"* arr. Richard A. Williamson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* #853

*BLESSING

God calls you to continue on life's journey in faith:
we go, trusting in the Lord.

God loves the world more than we can ever understand:
we go, trusting in Jesus the Christ.

God is at work among us bringing new possibilities:
**we go, trusting the Holy Spirit to
bless our going out and our coming in,
now and forever. Amen.**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *"Jesus, Remember Me"* Jacques Berthier

***POSTLUDE** *"One Bread, One Body"* arr. Edwin T. Childs

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: Matt and Emily Lykins

The flowers are from the Memorial Service for Dick Fisher.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: First Presbyterian Church

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

Congregational Prayer Concerns: Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Bill King, Breanna Kinneman, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles Skipper, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Dave Wilson, Stacey Winn, Jean Woodruff

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

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Jean O'Connell and Sue Wilson on behalf of OPW.

UPCOMING DATES:

2018 World Day of Prayer All God's Creation is Very Good
World Day of Prayer will be celebrated TODAY at 3 to 5 p.m. in the Molyneaux Lounge. All are invited.

Tuesday Evening Circle: Tuesday, March 6 in the home of Jean O'Connell. We will be carpooling so if you need a ride call Karen Simpson, 523-8363.

John Trump: Because of John's love of potluck meal fellowship, the Deacons will host a potluck at the Seminary Building after the 2:00 p.m. memorial service on Saturday, March 10. Ham and rolls will be provided. Anyone attending may bring salads, side dishes or desserts. For convenience, Deacons will be available at the Seminary to accept potluck dishes starting at 12:00 p.m. Anyone questions, please contact one of the following Deacons:

- Diane Young at 513/255-6051 or cyoung999@yahoo.com
- Joni Marcum at 513/377-1458 or jonibud57@hotmail.com
- Jill Grajewski at 765/969-4957 or jrethgra@frontier.com

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.

All the Families of the Earth: On Friday, March 9th you are invited to join one of our Lenten Study Groups on a journey to the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati for Friday Prayers. We will gather at the Memorial Church facility to carpool and leave at 11:45 a.m. After observing Friday Prayers, we will have the wonderful opportunity to engage in a conversation with the Imam. Time permitting, we will stop for dialogue and refreshments before returning to Oxford.

To plan transportation needs, please contact Pastor Lawrence if you are interested in this journey. *Please feel free to bring a friend...* OPC membership is certainly not a prerequisite!

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

Deacon's Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 27 ~ 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ~ Seminary

Appointments Recommended

To Donate Blood: You are encouraged to sign up online at 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 TODAY. 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 TODAY.**

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!

Sunday School: Preschool teacher needed for April and May - If interested, please contact Jenn Walter at 513-593-4883 or jenniferwalter37@yahoo.com.

Sunday, March 4

9:00 MEF
(Christian Ed. Office)
9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
3:00 World Day of Prayer (Molyneaux)

Monday, March 5

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, March 6

7:30 Tuesday Evening Circle
Hostess: Jean O'Connell

Wednesday, March 7

6:30 Christian Education
(2nd Pastor's Office)

Thursday, March 8

5:30 APNC (Molyneaux)
6:00 Lenten Study Group –
Way of Life (Seminary)
7:00 Youth (Youth Room)
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva)

Friday, March 9

12:45 Islamic Ctr. Grter Cincinnati

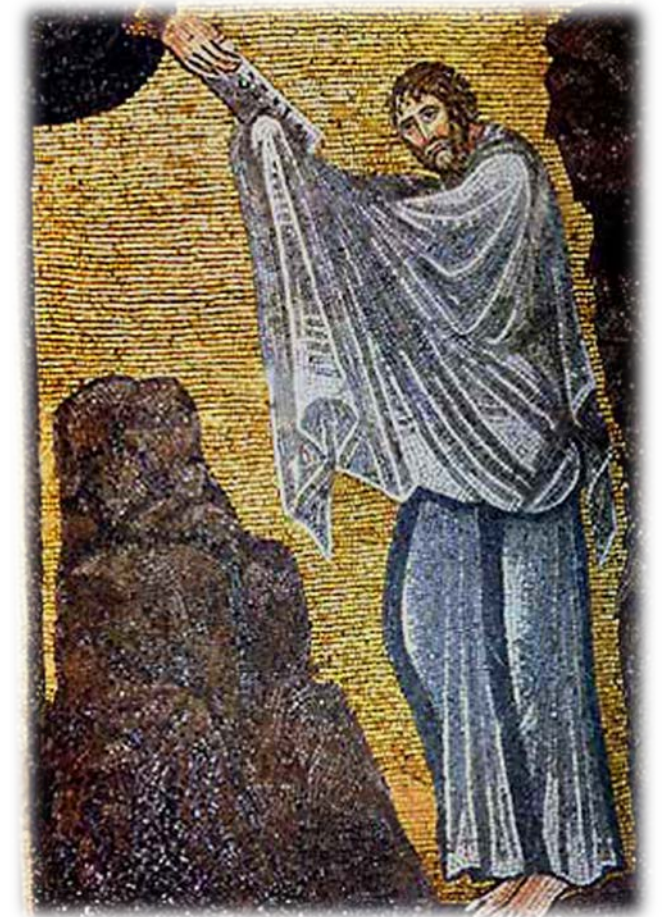
Saturday, March 10

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)
2:00 Memorial Service –
John Trump
(Reception following
service - Seminary)

Sunday, March 11

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Congregational Meeting
11:30 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

Third Sunday of Lent



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