
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: Rick Bailey**

(Image on cover: Detail from the mosaic of Jesus Christ Pantocrator ("Sustainer of the World") in Hagia Sophia, Istanbul.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS FOR MISSION – Deacon's Blood Drive

PRELUDE *"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"* arr. Benjamin M. Culli

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather to worship.

All: O God, we wish to see Jesus!

We come to worship, to pray, and learn.

We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our own life experiences, in helping our world, in prayers for each other.

We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.

We lay bare before God and one another our own wilderness journey filled with some gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow, with fear and confusion.

O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!

Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world.

O God, we wish to see Jesus!

We come to worship the Lord!

***GATHERING HYMNS** – *"I Love You, Lord"* #627
"We Are Standing on Holy Ground" #406

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Inspired by Psalm 51)

O Lord, we pause, look within and examine our conscience.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Where we have neglected prayer, been apathetic in worship, found reasons to avoid generosity, or lacked compassion:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Where we have colluded in the oppression of those who become invisible in their suffering, and ignored on the streets:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Where anxiety has eroded the gift of your peace, and where we have cared too much about what others think:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our Gracious Lord, teaches us to live and to move with God's wisdom; to open the doors of our hearts that will draw us deeper still, to live in the truth that God desires.

Here and now we begin again.

We open wide the windows so that those who pass by will see Christ looking out. 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 John 12:20-33

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 Time for Commitment Is at Hand"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

#725

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICER

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

I Cor. 12: 4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION & INSTALLATION Moderator

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Clerk

Deacon: Mickey Simonds

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE ORDINATION OF DEACON

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servant whom you have called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant her the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

Give her the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servant gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility and humor, courage and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart"
Anna Laura Page

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – *"Together We Serve"*

#767

*BLESSING

Dear God, we thank you for today, for being with us, accepting our worship and prayers, and for guiding us on our way.

Bless us as we go, and in turn, may we bless others.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Jesus, Remember Me"
Jacques Berthier

*POSTLUDE

"That Priceless Grace"

arr. David Lasky

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: Keith, Katie, Thomas and Nicholas Payne

Acolyte: Lydia Bartel

The flowers are given by Joe Runkle in memory of Dick Fisher on behalf of the Joe Runkle family. Joe is Judy Fisher's brother.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Clifton United Presbyterian
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 Pat Gifford, and Becky Quay on behalf of OPW.

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet March 20. We will meet for lunch at the Knolls followed by our study at 1:30 in the County Kitchen area of the Assisted Living area. Visitors are always welcome.

Easter Special Music Fund and Spring Flower Order: This year Spring flowers will be placed at the front of the church on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$16.00. Contact the church office, 513-523-6364 or office@oxfordpresbychurch.org, if you would like to purchase a flower in celebration, honor or memory of a loved one. Monetary donations can be made to the Special Music Fund. **Flower orders are due by Thursday, March 29th. Order forms are available outside the church office and can be placed in the Administrative Assistant mailbox.**

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OPC Community Meal: Wednesday, March 28 at the Seminary Building. 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: Lasagna ____ Salad ____ Bread ____ Dessert ____

Name: _____

Tel. No. _____ Email _____

Tear this portion of your bulletin and place in the Administrative Assistant mailbox.

Youth Ministry: Parents and Youth (6-12 grade): On Sunday, March 25 at 5pm in the Molyneaux Lounge, there will be a meeting for parents and youth involved in the Youth Ministry at OPC. We will be discussing upcoming plans and events for Youth Group, Kirkmont Spring Retreat, Kirkmont Summer Camp, and the Mission Trip to Charleston, SC. Please contact Mitch Hardy, Youth Director, if you have any questions. (513) 907-5641 or mitchelljameshardy@gmail.com

Maundy Thursday: March 29, 2018 at The Knolls. We will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by our worship service at 6:15 p.m. Contact the church office, 513-523-6364 or office@oxfordpresbychurch.org, to make your reservations. Meal reservations at a cost of \$6.00 per person due by March 27. **No reservations required to attend the worship service only. Reservation forms are available outside the church office and can be placed in the Administrative Assistant mailbox.**

The Deacon's Lenten Food Drive: Please leave the donated items for the Oxford Choice Pantry in the Narthex until 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.

"Big Three" Items needed: Spaghetti, Tuna and 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.

Deacon's Community Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 27 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ~ Seminary

Appointments Recommended

To Donate Blood: 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 or office@oxfordpresbychurch.org, give your name, date of birth, phone number, and preferred appointment time.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are needed for April 23 and 30 and for all of May. You may sign up on the calendar which is located next to the water fountain or call Marge Smith at 523-2895.

<p>Sunday, March 25 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux</p> <p>Monday, March 19 7:00 Art Class (Seminary)</p> <p>Tuesday, March 20 1:30 Tuesday Afternoon Circle (Knolls)</p> <p>Wednesday, March 21 7:00 Deacons (Molyneaux)</p> <p>Thursday, March 22 12-3 PEO (Seminary)</p>	<p>Thursday, March 22 – con't 7:00 Youth (Seminary) 7:30 Choir (Geneva)</p> <p>Friday, March 23 Saturday, March 24 10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)</p> <p>Sunday, March 25 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux</p> <p>5:00 Parent/Youth Mtg. (Molyneaux)</p>
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Fifth Sunday of Lent



Sunday, March 18, 2018



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