

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: Scott Parkinson

(Image on cover: An image from Kim Logsdon on the Easter theme "Practicing Resurrection")

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – A Walk on the Camino Ashley Boyle

PRELUDE *"We Know that Christ is Raised"*
arr. Anna Laura Page

CHORAL INTROIT *"An Easter Canon"*
Johannes Ockeghem / arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Luke 24: 36-48)

One: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

All: we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.

We come with our questions and doubts,
and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:
"Peace be with you."

"Touch me and see who I am" says Jesus:
We look around at the lives of our neighbors and guests, and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage, and offering transformation.

**We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus!
Come, let us worship!**

***HYMN** – *"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"* #239

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Present God, our lives are filled with distractions big and small.
We confess that like the disciples we are easily scared by the unknown.
We are overcome with worry about illness, unemployment, our children, and the world as a whole.**

**In our most vulnerable moments we demand that you answer us when we call to you.
But often we do not listen for you or seek your unexpected, grace filled presence in our trouble.
Forgive us for our demands.
Be gracious to us and hear the longing found within our prayers...**

(A time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**Remind us that your light shines in all moments of life.
Give us eyes to see the light of your face shining on us, O God.
Let us feel the gladness you have placed in each of our hearts
more plentiful than grain and wine—
And let us live out of that glad confidence.
In our waking and in our slumber, give us peace.
Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Easter People, whose light is found in Jesus our risen Christ,
may the light of God's face shine upon you in all that you say, do, think, feel, and love.
You have the light of God within you this day and always!
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

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 1 John 2:7-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Practicing Resurrection: Caught By Grace"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – *"Because You Live, O Christ"* #249

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Let the Earth Rejoice"*
Kenneth T. Kosche

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – *"Christ Is Alive!"* #246

*BLESSING

(Taking the hand of the person next to you)

In this touch, connect to the risen Christ among us.
In this touch, remember that we are all God's children seeking to live as God's beloved together.
In this touch, remember that our spirits are held together with the spirit of God our Creator,
Christ our Teacher,
and the Holy Spirit of Light.
This day and forevermore.
Alleluia! Amen!

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"*
Stuart Dauermann

***POSTLUDE** *"Toccatà in C"* J.S. Bach

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: Diane Young and Karen Shearer

Acolyte: Elias Jones

The flowers on the communion table are given by Cal and Carol Klumb, celebrating a special day in their life together, their engagement.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Trinity Presbyterian
Sister Churches: The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Judy Cross, John Curry, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, 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 Jenn Walter on behalf of Christian Education.

MINISTRY NEWS:

New Members Class

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 our final Inquirer's Class at 11:30 in the Molyneaux lounge.

OPC Chancel Choir: The OPC Choir is welcoming new members to join us on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Geneva Room. Sunday morning rehearsals start at 9:00 a.m.

Interested students, please email Kent Peterson at dlckwp@aol.com or just show up. All are welcome!

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet in the Country Kitchen at the Knolls on April 17 at 1:30 p.m. Prue Dana will be leading Lesson 7. Jean Butterfield will do the Mission Yearbook and Becky Quay will do the Least Coin. The study lesson will be Lesson 7 "In Community with Hope for the Future."

Kroger Rewards Program: Those who wish to sign up for the Kroger reward can find instructions on the website under "About Us" and the "Leadership". Instructions are included on the bottom of that page. If you are already a member, your proceeds roll over on a yearly basis. We appreciate your contributions and all they provide.

Newsletter Deadline: Don't miss the May Newsletter deadline. All submissions due by Friday, April 20. Please submit articles to Nancy Moeckel: moeckenj@miamioh.edu.

Special Guest for Next 4 Months: Mr. Tim Bredemeier, a senior at Kings High School, will be developing a profile of the heritage of the Oxford Presbyterian Seminary Church as the focus of his Eagle Scout project. During the first phase of this project Tim will be interviewing church members who were members of the Seminary congregation and who are willing to share their stories and memories which he may videotape. In addition, Tim's activities may involve creation of visual historic displays and/or publications which will enhance an understanding of our Seminary heritage. It is hoped that his project completion date will coincide with the grand reopening of the Seminary building later this summer.

Tim will be working under the guidance of a support team consisting of Arly Allen, Chuck Crain, Scott Parkinson, Bill King and Mary Jane Roberts. You may be contacted by Tim or a member of his support team over the next few weeks to share your stories and memories. If you have any questions or contributions you might make, please feel free to contact someone on his support team. Thank you in advance for sharing your stories of our rich heritage that will inspire our ministry for years to come.

Plastic Egg Collection: If you don't want your plastic eggs from the Easter hunt, you can bring them to the narthex and place them in the marked box for reuse. Thank you.

Hello friends!

My name is Ashley Boyle, and I'm a sophomore at Miami University, studying architecture, sustainability, and urban design. You might recognize me from the choir, where I sing in the front row. Being at Miami and part of the Oxford Presbyterian Church has helped me grow as a student and as a Christian.

One of the opportunities I've come across while at Miami is the Undergraduate Summer Scholars program. This program funds students research across all disciplines for a nine-week long student-designed project. I designed a project focusing on the religious architecture along El Camino de Santiago in northern Spain. My project was accepted, and I'll be traveling by myself this summer to complete the research, which involves hiking around 500 miles of the Camino.

While I was awarded this grant for academic reasons, I am also interested in the pilgrimage aspect of El Camino. I will have opportunities throughout the rest of the semester to share my story in more detail, as I would love to include my church family in this journey. One of these aspects is to invite you to sponsor my pilgrimage. *Since the Camino is about 500 hundred miles, I hope to raise \$500 for emergencies or any other contingencies. The average day of hiking is about 18 miles. I respectfully invite you to consider sponsoring me for a day or two or even more!*

Overall, my goals for this journey, aside from the academic ones, are to understand myself more fully and build my relationship with God in a way that I haven't been able to build it in the past. My hopes for telling the congregation about this pilgrimage opportunity are not only to ask for your prayer, support and encouragement, but also to use this as an experience to connect more deeply to the church.

Peace and blessings,
Ashley Boyle

Sunday, April 15

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

Monday, April 16

Tuesday, April 17

1:30 Tuesday Afternoon Circle (The Knolls)
7:00 Session (Molyneaux)

Wednesday, April 18

8:00-Noon CCNS Picture Day (Molyneaux/Sanctuary)
7:00 Deacons (Molyneaux)

Thursday, April 19

6:30 APNC (Molyneaux)
7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva Room)

Friday, April 20

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, Saturday 21

10:00 Lenten Study Group – All the Families (Molyneaux)
10:00 A.A. (AV Room)

Sunday, April 22

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

Pastor: Lawrence H. Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia R. Fisher

Third Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 15, 2018



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