

# 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: Nancy Moeckel**

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

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORED WOMAN AWARD – Oxford Presbyterian Women

PRELUDE "When Love is Found" arr. Janet Linker

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*inspired by John 15: 1-8*)

One: Jesus says, remain here.  
Christ says, remain here with me.

**All: Remain in this soil.  
Remain in this earth.**

One: Jesus says, remain among these branches.  
Christ says, remain watered in this love.

**All: Remain where we can grow.  
Remain here where God loves you.  
Remain here with us**

**\*HYMN** – "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" #192

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we are so worried about future generations.  
We want them to remain so that they can learn your ways.  
We worry that we won't be here to tell them about you.  
We are worried they won't know about your love.**

**Remove this bad fruit from us, O God.  
Trim away this branch. Remove that twig.  
Burn it in the fire.**

**Remain with us so that we might show your glory as we seek to grow again.  
Feed us with your words so that we might find the new life we need. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, God will remain in you.  
You will always be a branch on God's vine.  
God will always grow with you.  
**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 4:7-21

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Practicing Resurrection: When Love Casts Out Fear, Not People" Pastor Lawrence

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**\*HYMN** – "Lord of All Hopefulness" #683  
(sung to the tune of #450 – "Be Thou My Vision")

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Gloria, Alleluia!" Emily Crocker

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN** – "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12

**\*BLESSING**

Remain with us, O God.  
**Grow with us, O God.**

Go with us, O God.  
**Love us always, O God.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"  
Stuart Dauermann

**\*POSTLUDE**

"The Risen Christ" arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

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:** Pat Roberts and Ellen Buerk

**Acolyte:** Elias Jones

**The flowers** on the communion table are given by Susan Maxfield in love and appreciation of present and absent friends and family.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:** Covenant 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](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Sarah Miller, Deb Sayers and Debbie DeGennaro on behalf of Christian Education.

**MINISTRY NEWS:**

**Mosaic of Peace Pilgrims:** Please pray for the pilgrims commissioned in worship last week to participate in the [2018 Mosaic of Peace Conference in Israel & Palestine](#) through the Peacemaking Office of the PC(USA). These pilgrims from the OPC family include - Janet Ziegler, Amir Zahoor, Greg Hughes, Angela Trubceac, and Pastor Lawrence.

As they walk among the ancient stones of the Holy Land, they will also learn about the "living stones" as the people of the region are described by Palestinian archbishop, Elias Chacour. In Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth, they will meet Israelis and Palestinians from all walks of life. They dialogue with Jewish Rabbis, Palestinian Pastors and Imams. They will engage with those who seek its peace and share these stories upon our return. Please pray for them and follow their journey at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/swords-plowshares/>

**Tuesday Evening Circle:** The Evening Circle will meet May 1. Our hostess is Janet Holmes. Debbie Davidson will give the devotion. Jean O'Connell will present the program.

**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](mailto:dlckwp@aol.com) or just show up. All are welcome!

**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.

**Church Women United 2018:** May Friendship Day will be celebrated Sunday, May 6, 3 to 4: 30 p.m. at the Interfaith Center and the Haven at College at 16 South Campus. Janae Arno, Student Care Manager will be our speaker. The theme is *Reaching for Wholeness*. We will learn about ways we can support this program that is a national provider of substance use treatment and support services for college age young adults. All are welcome.

**Habitat:** Can you help? Presbyterians are scheduled next to work on the Habitat House Saturday May 12, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are committed to 5 adults and making lunch for 20. See Prue Dana after the service to sign up.

**Tuesday Afternoon Circle:** The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet in the Country Kitchen at the Knolls on May 15 at 1:30 p.m. If you can join us for lunch, call Lynn Cronk. Please make reservations by Friday May 11. The lunch is \$8 and begins at 12 noon at the Café. Our study begins at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen.

**2018 Jamieson Award:** The Oxford Presbyterian Women are pleased to announce that on Sunday May 20, 2018, the S. R. and Luna Weede Jamieson Award will be presented to three deserving youth. Noah Curry, son of John Jr. and Ann Curry, Valerie Green, daughter of Matt and Paula Green, and Evan James, son of Steve and Angie James.

**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.

**Pentecost Offering:** The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost, this year on May 20. It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults.

**Companions Along the Way**  
Hello friends!

My name is Ashley Boyle, I'm a sophomore architecture major at Miami, and on most Sundays, I sing in the front row of the choir. While at Miami, I have been awarded a grant to pursue research about religious architecture in northern Spain. To complete this research, I'll be hiking El Camino de Santiago this summer. While I was awarded this grant for academic reasons, I am also interested in the pilgrimage aspect of El Camino. I would love to include my church family in this journey. *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!* 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.

Thank you so much for your support already. I'll be available in the Molyneaux lounge after worship again today to share with you more about this exciting pilgrimage opportunity. Please make your donation by today, April 29.

Peace and blessings,  
Ashley Boyle

#### Calendar

##### Sunday, April 29

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

##### Monday, April 30

##### Tuesday, May 1 Mosaic of Peace, May 1 – May 16

6:00 Facilities Planning Team (Molyneaux)  
7:30 Tuesday Evening Circle Hostess: Janet Holmes

##### Wednesday, May 2

##### Thursday, May 3

5:30 Mission and Outreach (2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor's Office)  
7:00 Youth Ministry (Youth Room)  
7:30 Choir (Youth Room)

##### Friday, May 4

##### Saturday, May 5

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

##### Sunday, May 6

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 MEF (CE Office)  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday School  
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## Fifth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 29, 2018



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