

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: Ginny Layton

(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 – Kroger Rewards Program for the Deacon's Food Ministry

PRELUDE "Lift High the Cross" setting, Nancy Raabe

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A new day:

All: Christ lives!

In our hearts and in our world:
Christ lives!

In the face of an unexpected neighbor:
Christ Lives!

As we share God's abundance:
Christ lives!

As we care for the Lord's creation:
Christ lives!

As we share the good news,
let our joy be complete, for:
Christ lives!

**HYMN – "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"* #240

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Resurrection,
you are the One who made us all –
who made us whole –
so why do we live as though we are self-made,
and in doing so, move to brokenness:
within ourselves,
with others,
and with the world around us?

You are the One who made us –
wonderfully and in mystery –
so why do we settle for something less than awe
for ourselves and others?

Restore in us your Spirit,
that we may share life and breath with all creation.
This we pray in the name of Christ,
who spoke of such wonder,
in the birth of Spirit's new life.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Like the mountains whose depths
go far beneath the surface, beyond our sight;
so is the assurance of new life in this Season of Easter.
Jesus' love that goes deep, anchoring us securely.
It is love that flows freely,
bringing life from death.
Thanks be to God.
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 1:1-2:2

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Practicing Resurrection: Pastor Lawrence
When Practice is More Than Belief"

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**HYMN – "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"* #231

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Lamb" Gerald Patrick Coleman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN – "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*

#248

*BLESSING

As we go out into the world,
peace be within and among us.

As we go and live the good news,
peace be within and among us.

As we follow the path of Jesus,
peace be within and among us.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"
Stuart Dauermann

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Diademata*
arr. Anna Laura Page

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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: Debbie Davidson and Jill Grajewski

Acolyte: Elias Jones

The flowers on the communion table are given by Amy McGoldrick with love and appreciation for her church family.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Good Shepherd United Presbyterian Church

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 Carol Klumb on behalf of Christian Education.

UPCOMING DATES:

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 TODAY and April 15 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!

Church Services at The Knolls: If you are unable to attend some of our church services on Sunday mornings, we have another option for you. Becky Quay shows recent church services on DVD in the Country Kitchen at 10:00 A.M. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. In April, the dates are 10 and 24. If you would like to join us, but need a ride, just give Becky a call at 523-5747.

Deliberate Dining: Hosted by Miami's Office of Community Engagement and Service, Oxford Presbyterian Church and Hillel. Tuesday, April 10 from 7-9:00 p.m. at Bystrom Room in Shriver. All are welcome to attend. To register, please visit: https://MiamiOH.formstack.com/forms/2018_deliberate_dining_party_registration

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. Reservation forms are available outside the church office or Molyneaux Lounge and can be placed in the offering plate or the Administrative Assistant mailbox. Ladies of our two circles will be providing our brunch. Bring along your friends. Please reserve a place for yourself and any guests. This is so we know how much food to prepare. See you there! **Reservations due by April 12.**

Spring Cleanup: Calling all youth and adults - we need your help with spring clean on Saturday, April 14. Raking, trimming and mulching at the Memorial from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Gloves, trowels, rakes and wheelbarrows needed.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet in the Country Kitchen at the Knolls on April 17 at 1:30 p.m. If you can join us for lunch, call Lynn Cronk. Please make reservations by Friday April 13th. The lunch is \$8 and begins at 12 noon at the Café. Our study begins at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen.

Mitch Hardy shared this announcement at our meeting for parents and students last Sunday: Effective June 30, 2018, I will be resigning as Interim Youth Director at Oxford Presbyterian Church. This was a difficult decision to make, but one that was made carefully and prayerfully. Over the past couple of years, I

have spent time asking God in prayer "In what ways can I best use the gifts you have bestowed upon me for your glory?" As many of you know, along with serving as Youth Director, I am also a full-time student at Miami University. I am currently a Junior, majoring in Instrumental Music Education. Through lots of time spent in prayer and in discussion with those close to me, I believe that music education is the field the Lord is calling me to serve in.

This is a difficult decision for me to make. I have loved every minute working for the Youth Ministry and have adored working with the congregation and staff at OPC. However, I feel that this an appropriate time for me to step away from my responsibilities as Interim Youth Director. I will be heading into my Senior year at Miami University, where I will be Student Teaching the entirety of the Spring Semester. Along with that, I will be beginning to search and apply for available Band Director positions in the area.

I want to thank Pastor Lawrence Bartel, the staff at OPC, the CE Committee, the parents, and students for supporting the Youth Ministry over the past two years. I will continue to work with enthusiasm for the coming months as we continue in fellowship at Youth Group and as we prepare for the Sr. High Mission Trip. The future is bright for this ministry, and I am excited to see the ways in which the Lord will work in the lives of the students in the Oxford Community. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at mitchelljameshardy@gmail.com or (513) 907-5641.

Sunday, April 8

Presbytery Youth Spring Retreat
9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
11:30 Inquirer's Class (Molyneaux)
2:30 Eagle Scout Meeting (Seminary)

Monday, April 9

6:30 MEF (Molyneaux)

Tuesday, April 10

10:00 DVD Church Showing (The Knolls)
5:30 Worship & Music (2nd Pastor's Office)
6:30 Trustees (Seminary)

Wednesday, April 11

6:30 Christian Education (2nd Pastor's Office)
6:30 Stewardship & Finance (Molyneaux)

Thursday, April 12

6:00 CCNS Board (2nd Pastor's Office)
6:30 APNC (Molyneaux)
7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva Room)

Friday, April 13

3:00 OPW Brunch Setup (Molyneaux)

Saturday, April 14

10:00 OPW Brunch (Molyneaux)
10:00 A.A. (AV Room)
1:00 OPC Spring Cleanup

Sunday, April 15

Choir Appreciation Day
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

Second Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 8, 2018



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