
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**

**Liturgists: Greg Hughes, Angela Trubceac,
Janet Ziegler, Amir Zahoor**

(Image on cover: Dove ascending from Jordon River at the
traditional site of Jesus' baptism. Photo by Greg Hughes)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*
arr. Lynn Arthur Koch

MINUTE FOR MISSION – OPW Retreat Debbie Davidson

CHORAL INTROIT *"Alleluia"* Honduran Melody

***CALL to WORSHIP**

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was without form and void,
and darkness was upon the face of the deep;
and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the
waters. (Gen. 1: 1-2)

All: **The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters. (Psalm 29: 3)**

The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)
**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!" (Psalm 29:9)**

When you send forth your Spirit
all living things are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104:30)
**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)**

I baptize with you water;
but one more powerful than I is coming
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
(Luke 3:16)

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
(Psalm 29: 7-8)

**Come, Holy Spirit,
and make us new creations in Jesus Christ
as we worship the Lord on this day of Pentecost!**

* HYMN – *"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"* #280

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (inspired by Acts 2)
**O Lord God, you who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.**

**Spirit of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through
even on us, even here.**

Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**
Let us proclaim the great good news of our faith:
The Spirit is alive!

Breathe, children of God,
breathe the fresh winds of the Spirit.

Taste, children of God,
taste the quenching waters of God's love.

Touch, children of God,
**touch the heat of God's passion for peace and
justice. 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
**Shine upon us, God of glory,
And by your Holy Spirit reveal to us
The grace and truth of Jesus Christ,
Your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE
A reading from Acts 2: 1-21

This is the good news.
Praise to you, O Christ.

WITNESSING FOR PEACE AND WHOLENESS Janet Ziegler
Greg Hughes

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – *"For Everyone Born"* #769

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Spirit of the Living God"*
Gilbert Martin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PILGRIM'S COMMISSIONING FOR CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

Questions of the Pilgrim
Prayer

**O God, be a companion for Ashley
along the path, a guide at crossroads,
strength in her weariness,
defense before dangers, shelter on the way,
shade against the heat, light in the darkness,
a comforter in discouragements,
and firmness in her intentions,
in order that, through your guidance,
she might arrive transformed at the end
of her journey, and enriched
with grace and abundant life.**

**Lord, direct each one of her steps to a safe place
from which to take another step.
May she return safely to us with lasting joy.
Amen.**

*HYMN – *"We Will Go Out with Joy"* #539

***BLESSING**

The Holy Spirit is life,
and we will live in the Spirit.
The Holy Spirit is truth,
and we will speak in the Spirit.
The Holy Spirit is action,
and we will work in the Spirit.
The Holy Spirit is direction,
and we will go out in the Spirit. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE *"May the Peace of The Lord Christ"*
P. Sutcliffe

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders
he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again
into our doors.

*POSTLUDE *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*
arr. Ronald A. Nelson

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: Cia Beal and Karen Shearer

Acolyte: Eric Staley

The flowers on the left side of the communion table are given by Cornelia Browne, celebrating her grandson Clark Alexander Browne's 5th birthday.

The flowers on the right side of the communion table are given by Brad and Lynn Cronk, "In honor of our high school graduates."

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Central Presbyterian Church and Westminster 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 by the Peacemaking Committee.

MINISTRY NEWS:

Teacher Recognition / 2018 Jamieson Award: Today during worship we recognize our dedicated Sunday School volunteers and present the S. R. and Luna Weede 2018 Jamieson Award.

Newsletter: Don't miss the June/July newsletter deadline. Please submit articles to Nancy Moeckel: moeckenj@miamioh.edu Today, May 20.

CCNS News: You're invited to attend the graduation ceremony of the CCNS (M-W-F) Class of 2018 on Monday, May 21 at 6:00 P.M.

Community Meal: Wednesday, May 31. Please call or email Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or fisherwf@miamioh.edu if you can help.

***** (tear here) *****

Please signup to volunteer:

- I can help setup at 4:30 p.m. ____
- I can help serve 5:30-6:30 p.m. ____
- I can help clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. ____

I can bring:

Salad (chicken, tuna, ham, other) _____ Bread ___ Dessert ___

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

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

Sunday School News: May 27 ~ In lieu of Sunday School, "Crafts with Carol" will be held in the 3-5th grade classroom for K-8. Preschool/Nursery will be offered in the preschool classroom.

Mission Co-Worker Visit – Joshua Heikkila: In the May newsletter you may read all about the upcoming visit of Josh Heikkila to Oxford over the weekend of May 26-27. Since 2009, Josh has served in Ghana as a Mission Co-Worker and the PC(USA) regional liaison for West Africa.

OPW Retreat: Saturday, June 2, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm ~ Western College Lodge. Program presented by Rev. Melissa Tidwell, Pastor of the Xenia Westminster Presbyterian Church, Leading Discussion on "Writers, Readers, and Co-Conspirators: How we Help Translate Scripture".

Also, dedication of the PW Birthday Offering, Installation of new OPW officers, Singing & Fellowship. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. provided by evening Circle, Box lunches delivered by Miami Catering. **Please register by calling Bridgite, Administrative Assistant in the church office at 523-6364**, \$15 covers the cost of the meals and retreat. Please turn in reservation form and fees to the church office. Make checks payable to OPW.

Choose your Lunch selection:

All lunches include chips, cookie, & fruit. Choose your sandwich:

1. Roast Beef & Cheddar Cheese
2. Turkey & Swiss Cheese
3. Hummus Veggie Wrap

Beverage: 1. Bottled Water 2. Pepsi Product

Reservation forms also located outside the office and in the Molyneaux. Please sign-up by May 25th. Ladies bring your friends, this will be a wonderful opportunity to share.

Relay for Life: Our Oxford Presbyterian Church Relay for Life team is starting their fund raising efforts for this year's campaign. The Relay is an event held in uptown Oxford to raise money for Cancer Research for prevention and to help find a cure. This year's event is on Saturday, June 23. If you have donated in the past, or if you would like to donate this year, please let one of our members know. Members this year include: Jennifer Lake, Janet Holmes, Candace Crist, Paula Foltz, Leanne Staley, Becky Quay, or Debbie Davidson.

<p>Sunday, May 20 Pentecost Sunday Teacher/2018 Jamieson Award 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux VBS Registration Begins</p> <p>Monday, May 21 6:00 CCNS Graduation (Sanctuary/Reception - Molyneaux)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 22 10:00 Church Showing (Knolls) 7:00 Session (Molyneaux)</p> <p>Wednesday, May 23 7:00 OPW Finance (Molyneaux)</p>	<p>Thursday, May 24 7:00 Youth (Youth Room) 7:30 Choir Rehearsal (Geneva)</p> <p>Friday, May 25</p> <p>Saturday, May 26 * 10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)</p> <p>Sunday, May 27 * 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 10:20 Crafts with Carol 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux with Josh Heikkila</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Josh Heikkila visiting from Ghana May 26-May 27, 2018</p> </div>
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Pastor: Lawrence H. Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia R. Fisher

Celebration of Pentecost Sunday



Sunday, May 20, 2018



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