
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: Jens Bartel

(Image on cover: Pastor Gladys Lariba Mahama (center) led this Presbyterian congregation in Fumbisi, Ghana, to support the ministry of mission co-worker Josh Heikkila. The congregation sold two sacks of peanuts it grew and gave the proceeds to his work.

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Adult Education

Jenny Bailer
Candace Crist

PRELUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
setting, Kristina Langlois

CHORAL INTROIT

"Alleluia"

Honduran melody

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: O God of all the Nations,
you have made us to be one body with many members.

All: **From the north and south,
we are united and uniting. This is our calling.**

The Lord calls us to share our diverse gifts
activated by the one and same Spirit.

**From the east and west,
we are united and uniting. This is our redemption.**

The Lord longs for us to be united in love
and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

**From every direction,
we are united and uniting. This is our worship.**

**Let us gather in this hour to offer praise
and worship to our Holy God,
who challenges us and calls us to create
the Beloved Community.**

* HYMN – *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Inspired by Isaiah 62)

**O God, we long to co-create with you the Beloved
Community which looks to the common good;
privileges all equally, and creates societal systems
which celebrate the humanity and the gifts of all.
And yet we focus on our differences,
envy each other's gifts,
devalue manifestations of you,
O God, that are not like our own.**

**Perhaps our sin is a slow wait for justice:
We allow the voices of brothers and sisters
who do not look like us, love like us,
or worship like us to be silenced.
We have told them to wait for freedom,
justice and equality.
We foster in them a denigrating
sense of nobodiness.
Lord, have mercy.**

**Or perhaps we have kept silence ourselves
in the face of their struggle for full human life.
For it is not solely hateful words and actions,
but also appalling silence that follows
the path of oppression.
Christ, have mercy.**

**To build with God the Beloved Community seems
impossible, and we grow weary.
We cry, "Peace, peace,"
but there is no peace within us or around us.
We find ourselves on the path of hatred and
oppression, violence and war.
Lord, have mercy...**
(a time of silence is held for personal prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Inspired by Isaiah 62)

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us!
God has promised:

"I will not keep silent and I will not rest
until the vindication of my beloved people
shines out like the dawn and their salvation
like a burning torch.
My people shall no more be termed 'forsaken'
and their land shall no more be termed 'desolate.'"

We remember that you have given your Beloved
people a new name:

"My delight is in them."

**Thank you, God for delighting in us even now,
for forgiving us our slow action, our silence
and our weariness,
for empowering our work
and inviting us once again
to create with you the Beloved Community
you long for.
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 Isaiah 6:1-8

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

SERMON – *"God Is Not Yet Done"* Pastors Lawrence and Josh

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – *"This is My Song"*

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Trinity Alleluia"

Joe Cox

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN – *"Go to the World!"*

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*BLESSING

**Let us go forth to celebrate and strengthen
our global network of mutuality,
and become the radiant hope needed in the world.**

**As we go forth in this mission,
may we experience our God rejoicing
over us and with us.**

**Let us go forth confident that
unarmed truth and unconditional love
will have the final word. Amen!**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"
Pedro Infante

*POSTLUDE

Come Join the Dance of Trinity
arr. Alfred V. Fedak

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: Connie Everhart and Nancy Sturgeon

Acolyte: Eric Staley

The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Cathy Fey by the Fey family.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: First Presbyterian Church

Sister Churches: The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, 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:

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”.

Breakfast provided by evening Circle, box lunches delivered by Miami Catering. **Tuesday, May 29 is the final opportunity to register, before the count is given to the caterers in the afternoon.** Please register by calling Bridgite, Administrative Assistant in the church office at 523-6364, \$15 covers the cost of the meals and retreat. Or fill out a reservation form. Forms are located outside the office and in the Molyneaux. Make checks payable to OPW, fees may be placed in the offering plate. Ladies bring your friends, this will be a wonderful opportunity to share.

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

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

Community Meal Sponsored by OPC: Wednesday, May 30. Due to construction at the Seminary, the community meal is being held at OUMC Fellowship Hall – 14 N. Poplar St. Please call or email Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or fisherwf@miamioh.edu if you can help.

Volunteers needed to:

Help setup at 4:30 p.m. _____ Help serve 5:30-6:30 p.m. _____

Help clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. _____

I can bring:

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Historic Hopewell Church Worship Service: Sunday, June 3 at 9:30 a.m. **(NO 10:00 a.m. service at OPC / No Sunday School)**. If anyone would like a ride or can give a ride, please meet at the Memorial Church at 8:45 or contact the church office, 523.6364 by Friday, June 1st to make arrangements to be picked up.

Sunday School Teachers needed to teach K-5th grade in June and August!! We can't offer Sunday School without teachers so please, please consider volunteering your time. We understand if you can only volunteer your time for one of the Sundays – we would appreciate any time that you can give! We need teachers on June 17, June 24, August 5, and August 12, August 19 and August 26. If you can teach on any of these Sundays, please let me know (513) 593-4883. THANK YOU!

Also, we need volunteers to serve as a second adult in the Preschool area starting Sunday, June 10. A background check must be completed and on file at OPC prior to serving. If interested, please contact Jenn Walter at jenniferwalter37@yahoo.com or (513) 593-4883.

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Evening Circle will be having our end of program year potluck picnic on June 5, at Nancy Sturgeon's home, starting at 6:30. Billie Maynard will present the program and Jean O'Connell will lead us in devotion. Taking the summer off, we will start the new program year September 4.

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.

Office News: In Honor of Memorial Day, OPC Offices will be closed Monday, May 28. See you Tuesday, May 29 at 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: Oxford Presbyterian Church

Friday, July 6th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (dinner included)

Saturday, July 7th 9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (lunch included)

Sunday, July 8th 9:45 a.m. - Noon (lunch included)

Register online: oxfordpresbychurch.org

Child Participant: <https://goo.gl/forms/0BjZfZy8LiOSMEH2>

Volunteer: <https://goo.gl/forms/2eV2qsw977nWGgli2>

Please consider helping in a volunteer role.

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

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 29

Wednesday, May 30

5:30 OPC Community Meal

OUMC Fellowship Hall

14 N. Poplar St.

7:30 OPW Coordinating Team

(Molyneaux)

Thursday, May 31

7:00 Youth Ministry

(Youth Room)

7:30 Chancel Choir

(Geneva Room)

Friday, June 1

Saturday, June 2

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, June 3

Worship Leader:

Rev. Joseph Hookey

9:30 Historic Hopewell

worship service

NO 10:00 A.M.

SERVICE AT OPC

NO Sunday School

Pastor: Lawrence H. Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia R. Fisher

Trinity Sunday



Sunday, May 27, 2018



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