
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*

Soloist: Hollyn Lana, soprano **Liturgist: Carol Schaber**

(Image on cover: Wheat fields in Galilee.)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*
arr. Jason D. Payne

***CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 92: 1-4)

One: Come and give thanks to our God.
Sing praises to the Lord's holy name.

**All: With the melody of the lute and the harp
and a song in our hearts,
we declare God's steadfast love in the morning
and faithfulness at night.**

**God's works make us glad.
Your works are great, O Lord.
We sing our praises of joy to you.**

*** HYMN – "Let's Sing unto the Lord"** #669

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

O God, when we shape our lives with no rest, no reflection,
no prayer, no "Space for Grace" –
Lord, have mercy.

When we perpetuate systems
which depend on unrelenting labor of the poor,
and do not advocate for living wages and balanced work
and rest for all –
Christ, have mercy.

When we wear out our precious earth home with practices
that do not sustain abundant life for all –
**Lord, have mercy.
Amen.**

(a time of silence is held for personal prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

All who follow Jesus Christ, ruler of the Sabbath,
receive this longed for invitation:
"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened,
and I will give you rest!"

Rest in Christ's forgiveness,
and be strengthened to work and to Sabbath in love and
justice.
Alleluia! Amen!

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children in Preschool through Grade 5
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 Mark 4:26-34

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

SERMON – "Seeds of Faith" Pastor Lawrence Bartel

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN – "God of the Fertile Fields"** #714

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"The Lord's Prayer"* Albert Hay Malotte
Hollyn Lana, soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN – "In My Life"** #468

***BLESSING**

Let us go forth in mission.

**May God's love be with us as we
sow seeds of love and abundance,
salvation and justice along the paths we will
travel so all may know the gospel's promise.
Amen**

***POSTLUDE**

"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker!"
Friedrich Wilhelm Markull

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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: Prue Dana and Debbie Davidson

The flowers on the communion table are given in memory of
our whole church family who built this church by Bob and
Sandy Douglass.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

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

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, John Curry,
Steve Dana, 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 to Janet Holmes, holmest2@frontier.com,
call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office,
office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Fellowship hour hosted by Carol Klumb on behalf of the
Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee.

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MINISTRY NEWS:



Blessing of the Animals: Join us on
Saturday, June 30 at
10:00 a.m. in the
courtyard of the
Memorial Facility as we
Bless the Animals. Bring
your dogs and cats...
bring your gerbils and
birds... bring your

rabbits and fish...bring your friends and grandchildren with their
beloved pets. All animals are welcome and must be securely
restrained.

MINISTRY NEWS (con't):

Deacons Children's Food Drive: Many children depend on school lunches and need extra food at home during the summer. The Deacons respectfully request donations this summer between June 17-July 29th. Food and Monetary donations may be dropped off at church services or any other time during the summer.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to the Oxford Presbyterian Church with "Children's Food Drive" in the note field and place it in the donation plate during offering. The money will be used to purchase food for the Oxford Choice Food Pantry.

According to the Oxford Choice Food Pantry, there is a real need for canned fruit right now. Other needs include: cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned meals (such as Chef Boyardee or Kroger meals) and peanut butter.

Toilet paper, child personal care items like body wash, deodorant, shampoo and hair conditioner are also appreciated.

Ripped from the Headlines: Have you ever wondered what Jesus would say about current events in our country and world? What do other Presbyterian Christians think? Would you welcome an opportunity to discuss topics in a supportive environment where all views can be heard and respected? We tend to avoid difficult subjects, but maybe we should talk more, not less!

Adults (including YOUTH) are encouraged to attend **and/or lead** summer gatherings called Ripped from the Headlines for discussion of current events through a Presbyterian lens. There will be a different topic each week, chosen by **that week's leader**. Topics and locations change each week. You do not need to have attended previous gatherings to come. Gatherings are on Sunday afternoons, 3-5. Please make note that there is no gathering this Sunday...it's a day to celebrate fathers! The next 'Ripped...' will be Sunday, June 24, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the home of Joy Russell. The subject will be the challenges of airline travel in today's world. Some of the things travelers may face include: searches before and after flying (particularly when traveling to other countries), use of comfort animals and how that affects everyone on board, courtesy (or lack thereof) to other passengers (for example, how does one respond when sitting next to a crying child?). You may have your own experiences to share and how your faith as a Christian guided your actions. All are welcome to the conversation! You're also welcome to come and participate as a listener only.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet June 19 at 1:30 p.m. for their last meeting of this year and Prue Dana will lead the final lesson, Lesson 9, "In Community with all the Saints". Karen Shearer will conduct the Least Coin and Becky Quay has Mission Yearbook. Visitors and guests are always welcome to join this circle.

Relay for Life: There's still time to help the OPC Relay for in 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. Join us 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 include: Jennifer Lake, Janet Holmes, Candace Crist, Paula Foltz, Leanne Staley, Becky Quay, or Debbie Davidson.

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. Recent church services are shown on DVD in the Country Kitchen at 10:00 A.M. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Come join us June 26. If you need a ride, give Becky a call at 523-5747. **This gathering takes July and August off, so Becky will see you again in September.**

Noon hour Concerts at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church: A series of Wednesday noon hour concerts will be hosted by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on June 27, July 11, 18, and 25. The concerts, which will feature chamber music in solo and small ensemble performance, have been organized by Dr. Bruce Murray, former chair of Miami's Department of Music, and will feature a variety of artists from SW Ohio and other places. The concerts will take place at 12:15PM and are free, with voluntary offerings gladly accepted.

Vacation Bible School: Oxford Presbyterian Church
We are looking forward to Praise the Lord, our 2018 VBS
Friday, July 6 - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (dinner included)
Saturday, July 7 - 9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (lunch included)
Sunday, July 8 - 9:45 a.m. - Noon (lunch included)

Can you volunteer? We still need 2 volunteers for the nursery and group leaders.

Register online: oxfordpresbychurch.org

Child Participant: <https://goo.gl/forms/OBJJZfZy8LiOSMEH2>

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

Sunday School Volunteers!! We are in need of volunteers to serve as a second adult in the preschool classroom this summer. A background check must be completed and on file at OPC prior to serving. If you are interested, please contact Jenn Walter at (513) 593-4883.

Sunday, June 17
Youth Mission Trip –
Charleston, SC

10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Fellowship in the
Molyneaux

Monday, June 18
Youth Mission Trip –
Charleston, SC

Tuesday, June 19
Youth Mission Trip –
Charleston, SC
12:00 Staff (Molyneaux)
1:30 Tuesday Afternoon
Circle (Knolls)
7:00 Session (Molyneaux)

Wednesday, June 20
Youth Mission Trip –
Charleston, SC
7:00 Deacons (Molyneaux)

Thursday, June 21
Youth Mission Trip –
Charleston, SC
7:30 Oxford Music Fest
(rain location)

Friday, June 22
Youth Mission Trip –
Charleston, SC

Saturday, June 23
Youth Mission Trip –
Charleston, SC
10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)
Relay for Life
(Uptown Oxford)

Sunday, June 24
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School
11:10 Fellowship in the
Molyneaux
Junior High Youth –
Kirkmont

Pastor: Lawrence Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, June 17, 2018



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