
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: Thomas Payne

Guest Conductor: Jack Liles

Guest Pianist: Leonard Lunsford

(Image on cover: Five Dancing Angels by Giovanni de Paolo, 1403-1482)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT *"Praise Ye the Lord"* J. Jefferson Cleveland

***CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by 2 Samuel & Psalm 24)

One: Come, let us enter the House of the Holy One with song and dance.

All: **We have come to worship our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and rivers, and all that dwells within.**

Lord of the Dance, you beckon us to join in this time of celebration and joy...

That we might see your face, experience your amazing grace healing us from the past and feel your abundant life flowing through us for the future.

We join the psalmist with songs of the glory for the God of Hosts.

We seek to know the Spirit's faithfulness and wisdom.

Let us enter Jesus' rhythm of life and follow in the ways of the Word. Christ will bring us home where dancing and joy will never end!

* HYMN – *"I Danced in the Morning"*

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Mark 6:14-29)

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us.

We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs.

Like Herod, too often the melodies of the world confuse us.

We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

We become broken in body, mind, and spirit.

Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead.

Pull us back into your rhythms.

Clean our hearts, purify our hands

and steady our feet

that we might know and share your blessings.

Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The Lord of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that the Spirit would have us sing.

God is eager to show us the path home.

We accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ.

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 Mark 6:14-29

This is the good news.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *"Healing with the Lord of the Dance"*

Pastor Lawrence Bartel

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – *"I Will Come to You"*

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"I Will Sing Unto the Lord"

Jamie Killion and Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN – *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

#39

***BLESSING**

As the Body of Christ,

we go forth into the world in faithfulness.

Together, we join all those who have danced

with the Spirit of the Living God

throughout the generations.

With the Lord of the Dance, we take the song

and rhythm of God's Word into the world and invite others to celebrate the joy with us.

Alleluia! Amen!

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Go Now In Love and Peace"

Patrick M. Liebergen

***POSTLUDE**

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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: Candace Crist and Sue Skillings

The flowers on the communion table are given by Marjorie and Robert Smith, praising God for His many gifts, especially beautiful flowers.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Bellbrook Presbyterian

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, Ruth Miller, 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 Janet Ziegler on behalf of the Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee.

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MINISTRY NEWS:

Altar Flowers: Flowers are needed for July 22. Please sign up on the Flower Calendar next to the Molyneaux Lounge or call Marge Smith (523-3895).

Ripped from the Headlines: The next meeting will be held TODAY. We plan to discuss the idea of standing up, standing for, and upholding one's own beliefs and morals in these difficult times. How does a Christian stand by their beliefs when so many things are going on to challenge keeping one's composure, how to discern what is most significant? The meeting will be led by and held at Nancy Moeckel's home, 3900 Kehr Rd., 3:00-5:00 p.m.

For reading in advance the following is suggested, but is completely optional:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/local/wp/2018/06/23/why-a-small-town-restaurant-owner-asked-sarah-huckabee-sanders-to-leave-and-would-do-it-again/?utm_term=.dbd9abcfdf9

All are welcome whether or not you have attended any meetings in the past. Please consider joining this discussion in a supportive atmosphere where all views are encouraged and accepted.

Newsletter Deadline: Turn in your articles Early! Don't miss the August deadline. All newsletter submissions due by Friday, July 20. Please submit to Nancy Moeckel: moeckenj@miamioh.edu.

Bed and Breakfast.....for a Cause

*Who? You, we hope!

*Why? Hospitality for Miami students' families **and support 4 local OPW Benevolences.**

*What? Do you have a bedroom and bathroom to offer?

*When? Any of the following:

- Miami's Family Week-ends: beginning Fri./ Sat., Sept.28-29,2018; May Graduation Weekends; future Homecoming Week-ends; Future Move-in/Move-out Week-ends.

*Where do I sign up? Contact Paula Foltz 513-523-9873

**We need 8 host homes by August 15, 2018, in order to publicize this project to students.

Sponsored by MEF (Mission, Evangelism, and Fellowship in partnership with OPW (Oxford Presbyterian Women).

Noon hour Concerts at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church: A series of Wednesday noon hour concerts will be hosted by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on July 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.

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.

Handicap Ramp Construction: The Facilities Planning Committee has been working on a ramp for the main entrance to the sanctuary. After a year-long process that included study of every conceivable configuration of a ramp, the Facilities Planning Committee has found a design that is ADA compliant and will integrate with the architecture of the building. The Facilities Planning Committee is pleased to have the planning steps in this process completed. We look forward to supporting all our members and guests in attending church despite having a physical limitation by including a building structure that will allow every person to enter the sanctuary easily and safely, using a common entrance. An architectural rendering and features of the construction can be found the Molyneaux lounge.

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 15

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

Friday, July 20

Deadline for August Newsletter Submissions

Saturday, July 21

10:00am A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, July 22

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship
10:20am Sunday School
11:10am Fellowship in the Molyneaux
2:00pm Christian Education Committee
Retreat – Hostess: Jenn Walter

Pastor: Lawrence Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, July 15, 2018



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