
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: Diane Young

(Image on cover: The Lamp of Wisdom in Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire, England)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Sunday School Jenn Walter

PRELUDE Meditation on "Chereponi" arr. Richard Blake

CHORAL INTROIT "Come! Live in the Light" David Haas

***CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by Ephesians 5:20 – *Thank God at all times for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* (Phillips Translation))

One: Give thanks to God!

All: **We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

***HYMN** – "My Life Is in You, Lord" #2032
"Praise the Source of Faith and Learning" #2004

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Proverbs 9 and John 6)

Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts and deeds.

We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need.

As we go from place to place,
we try to block you out.
Even though we say we want to hear
your Word of Wisdom and speak with you,
we fail to see that we are always in your presence.

We stray seeking other gods,
whose ways may be easy but cannot
show us the ways of love and truth,
righteousness and salvation.

We are afraid of being fed with
the living bread of Jesus.
Fill us with the Holy Spirit
that we might live each day
according to your will and plan
for us and for your world.
Help us to discern your wisdom
that we might dwell eternally in your presence.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the Lord's wisdom and compassion,
we receive grace that we might live anew,
unburdened by the obstacles and pride of the past.
May we continue to feast on the living bread
which is given to us each day.
We give thanks to God who lifts us up
with the gift of forgiveness.
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

**Jesus, in the Spirit of Pentecost,
you always come to us.
Whatever point we may find ourselves,
you are always waiting for us.
Open our hearts to what you want us to hear
in your Word today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Two readings of scripture – Proverbs 9:1-6
& John 6:51-58

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "The Word of Wisdom"

Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "In the Midst of New Dimensions" #315

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** – "Will You Come and Follow Me" #726

*BLESSING

**In the most Holy name of God,
let us go out filled with the living bread,
and ready to share words of wisdom.**

Daily let us offer to the earth and its people
the fullness of God's joy, healing,
and freedom we have in Christ.
Alleluia! Amen!

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Go Now in Love and Peace"
Patrick M. Liebergen

***POSTLUDE** "Festive Voluntary"
Robert Lau

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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: Leanne and Eric Staley

The flowers pm the communion table are given by Larry and Kathy Hardy for the children and teachers going back to school.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Sugar Creek Presbyterian and Belle Center United 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 following worship hosted by the Trustees.

MINISTRY NEWS:

Congregational Meeting TODAY, August 19 for the election of the Nominating Committee immediately following worship.

Don't miss the September newsletter deadline, please submit all articles to Nancy Moeckel (moeckenj@miamioh.edu) by Monday, August 20.



Online Giving: Our current online givers will be receiving a letter in the mail this week as well as a follow up phone call introducing our new online giving

website - REALM. REALM opens our congregation to many new avenues of supporting our church's mission in the digital age. Stay tuned to learn about these new avenues to support the ministry of Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School: September 2 ~ In lieu of Sunday School, "Crafts with Carol" will be held in the 3-5th grade classroom for children and youth in grades K-7. Preschool/Nursery will be offered in the preschool classroom.

The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet at the home of Jean O'Connell on September 4 at 7:30 p.m. Janet Ziegler will be the co-hostess and give the program, Lesson One: God with Us Wherever We Are. Ginny Layton will do the devotions. The Lesson book for 2018, GOD'S PROMISE I AM WITH YOU. The cost is \$10. If you would like a copy earlier than the meeting, please contact Karen Simpson, 523-8363.

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

Community Meal: Hosted by Oxford Presbyterian Church at OUMC Fellowship Hall - 14 N. Poplar St.

Wednesday, August 29 ~ 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Please call or email Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or fisherwf@miamioh.edu if you can help. Any dry goods for the dry goods pantry are also accepted.

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 _____ Buns _____ Chips _____ Dessert _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on September 18th in the Country Kitchen at 1:30. God's Promise, I Am with You is the lesson book for 2017-2018. Books are available for \$10, see either Prue Dana or Lynn Cronk. The First Lesson is God with Us Wherever We Are and will be led by Lynn Cronk. Becky Quay will read the Mission Yearbook and Karen Shearer will conduct the Least Coin. Visitors and New Members are invited to join this Circle for their first meeting of the new school year. An optional lunch for \$8 is available at noon in the café preceding the meeting. If you wish lunch, please contact Rosemary Fisher by Friday September 15th.

Mark Your Calendar: Oxford Presbyterian Church Blood Drive at McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital - Wednesday, October 17 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Appointments Encouraged. Please sign up online: DonorTime.com / use Sponsor Code #324

Ripped from the Headlines: What wonderful and meaningful conversations we had during this summer as part of our "Ripped from the Headlines" small group gatherings! Discussions centered around such topics as: the 2nd Amendment, challenges of airline travel, upholding one's beliefs in difficult times, civil discourse, global warming, and the tension between Israel and Palestine ... all through the lens of being a Presbyterian in today's world. Thanks to everyone who attended! A special thank you goes to our hosts/hostesses: Rick & Anne Bailey, Joy Russell, Nancy Moeckel, Ellen Buerk, Bella & Jenn Walter, and Pastor Lawrence Bartel. Blessings to all! ~Your Adult Christian Education Co-Leaders: Candace Crist & Jenny Bailer

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 19

Congregational Meeting following worship

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

Monday, August 20

Newsletter Deadline

- 6:30pm Christian Education (AV classroom – 2nd floor)

Tuesday, August 21

- 7:00pm Session (Molyneaux)

Wednesday, August 22

- 6:30pm CCNS Parent Meeting (Geneva Room)

Saturday, August 25

- 10:00am A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, August 26

- 9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship
10:20am Sunday School
11:10am Fellowship in the Molyneaux
1:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Molyneaux)

Pastor: Lawrence Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, August 19, 2018



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