
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: Karen Shearer

(Note on Image: The Hand of Jesus Reaching Out to the World,
a sculpture in the Washington National Cathedral.)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Wonderful Words of Life"
arr. Robert J. Powell

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

***CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by 1 Kings 8:22-30)

One: Will you, God, live on this small planet earth?
Look! Heaven and earth cannot contain You,
much less this house of prayer
which we have built and cherished.

**All: Raise the stone and you shall find me,
cleave the wood and I am there.**

There is no god like you, Spirit of Life and Truth,
neither on earth nor elsewhere in the whole universe!
Jesus the Christ keeps every promise
and shows unswerving love to his servants
who, with all their hearts, walk in his ways.
**Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer,
in whom we live and move and have our being**

***HYMN** – *"Morning Has Broken"* #664

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Ephesians 6:10-20)

**Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs
more often than we put on the armor of God.**

**We are guilty of girding ourselves with
lies instead of the truth.**

**We try to protect ourselves with arrogance,
superstition, and self-reliance
instead of righteousness, faith,
and your gift of salvation.**

**Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace.
And we are quick to use your Word
to attack one another,
instead of striking out against the sins
we personally commit.**

**Forgive us, Jesus.
Gift us with the wisdom and strength
to change our ways,
so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors
of the Good News. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Today, receive Jesus Christ as the Bread of Life;
today, hear the words of eternal hope;
today, trust in the One who hears your prayers,
and showers grace and forgiveness upon you.

**Today, we are set free to serve God's people,
and to sing the Lord's praises.**

**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

A reading from John 6:56-69.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"Nuns, Nones and Ones"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – *"O Lord My God"* #625

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"
Gilbert M. Martin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* #700

***BLESSING**

From where we are to where you need us to be,
Jesus, Bread of Life, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, Bread of Life, sustain us on the journey.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus, Bread of Life, send us out.

People of the Living Lord,
go and serve the Triune God in all you do,
knowing that the Lord has blessed us with so much!
**Jesus, now lead on.
Alleluia! Amen!**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Go Now in Love and Peace"
Patrick M. Liebergen

***POSTLUDE**

Presto from *Organ Concerto No.5*
G. F. Handel

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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: Larry and Kathy Hardy

The flowers on the communion table are given in loving
memory of Quincy Butterfield by his wife, Jean.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Honey Creek 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, John and 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:

Online Giving: Our current online givers received 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. Please join us on the 18th for lunch and Bible Study. If you are not able to make lunch you can just attend the biblical study which has a scripture from Psalms each month plus another biblical scripture.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ...If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea.

Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. Psalms 139: 7-10

Welcome, Miami Students! Our church is offering Bed and Breakfast accommodations for Family weekend September 28-29, 2018 and for graduation 2019. Call the church office, 513-523-6364, for details.

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

MINISTRY CALENDAR

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)

Tuesday, August 28

- 10:00am CCNS Open House (Preschool Room)
12:00pm Staff Meeting (Molyneaux)

Wednesday, August 29

- 10:00am CCNS Open House (Preschool Room)
5:30pm OPC Community Meal

Thursday, August 30

- 4:00pm Stewardship Campaign Team (Molyneaux)

Saturday, September 1

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

Sunday, September 2

- 9:00am MEF (Christian Education Office)
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship
10:20am In lieu of SS - Crafts with Carol (Geneva)
11:10am Fellowship in the Molyneaux

Pastor: Lawrence Bartel Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, August 26, 2018



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