
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.*

**Oxford Presbyterian Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 30, 2018**

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Jack Liles, Guest Conductor

Liturgist: Grady Holmes

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Rummage Sale

PRELUDE Meditation on Terra Beata Charles Callahan

CHORAL INTROIT *"Will You Come and Follow Me?"* John L. Bell
and Graham Maule

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: I am the church; you are the church.

All: **We are Christ's church together.**

We depend on our elders and long-time members
to remember where we came from and where we have been.
We are Christ's church together.

We depend on our children to retell scripture's sacred stories as they grow.
We are Christ's church together.

We depend on our youth and young adults
to ask us why we do things this way
and to suggest something new.
We are Christ's church together.

We need each other to be the transformative body of Christ.
We are Christ's church together.

*HYMN – *"Come All You People"*

#388

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of us all,
**We sometimes forget:
We forget that we are not alone,
We forget that you made us,
We forget that we have had help along the way,
We forget to ask for what we need.**

Embodied Lord,
**Remind us that we are surrounded.
We are surrounded by the people you have created,
and by the many gifts you have given them to share.
Remind us of our own gifts,
and the ways we may use them in community.**

Suffering Savior,
**We confess that in our own struggle to survive,
We have ignored other communities.
We have forgotten that they too have the right to survive.
Make us mindful. Make us compassionate.
Help us to see you in one another.
Help us to reflect your gospel light
throughout this world you so love.
In your name we pray. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**God's mercies are fresh every morning.
In Christ, God offers forgiving grace
and welcome into a community of
salvation, abundance, and hope.**

We give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven and given strength to grow in discipleship. 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

O God, the Three in One, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world. By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and inspire us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Acts 10:25-48

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"Christ's Character Revealed in the World Around Us"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – *"Come Live in the Light"* #749

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Joyful Psalm of Praise"* Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – *"We Are All One in Mission"* #733

***BLESSING**

Today and every day,
take care of one another,
knowing that each of you is God's gift
to this body of Christ and to the world.

**Today and every day,
we will take care of one another,
knowing that each of us is God's gift
to this body of Christ and to the world**

**We go forth in God's grace and love.
Alleluia! Amen!**

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

***POSTLUDE** *"O Lord, We Praise You"* arr. Benjamin Culli

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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: Joy Russell and Ellen Buerk

Acolyte: Noel Albarran

The flowers on the communion table are given by Bob and Sandy Douglass in memory of Rev. and Mrs. Brittain and their daughters, Isabel and Jeanette. He was a pastor of our church.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Presbyterian Church of New Paris
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 Mission and Outreach.

MINISTRY NEWS:

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: Led by Billie Maynard will meet **Thursday, October 4 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Geneva *(note the change of location).**

The World Around Us: Christian Education is delighted to invite you to our first ever Mini-Festival! This festival will celebrate two of our church members and provide an opportunity to learn about their home countries: Juan Carlos Albarran from Cuba and Kathy Hardy from Scotland. **Thursday, October 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Molyneaux Lounge *(note the change of location).** All ages welcome...bring the family!

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet October 2 at Billy Maynard's house, 135 Wayside Circle, Hamilton. We will be carpooling. Anyone needing a ride should contact Karen Simpson, k.simpson2007@yahoo.com, 523-8363. Visitors are welcomed.

Congregational Meeting: The associate Pastor Nominating Committee is elated to announce a candidate they believe in through and through. He's humble, witty, interested in seemingly all things, a self-professed nerd, and wholly engaging. And we'd love to tell you who he is, but... he's currently a solo pastor at a small church and wishes to hold off any announcement until he tells his congregation. **He will do that after the Oxford congregation votes on October 7 (mark your calendars!), in a congregational meeting after the service where we will get to see him in action.** But you can have a sneak peek on Saturday, October 6 in the Molyneaux Lounge, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, where we will have a meet and greet. See for yourself why a former executive presbyter says has the "woo" factor—he has a bright, engaging personality that just "woos" people in. So, enjoy some tea, punch, snacks and cookies, and see why the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is overjoyed that this young man has chosen to join our wonderful staff and lead our Family, Youth and Campus Ministries.

"Rummage Sale-A Star is Born—The sequel." Top critics are proclaiming the sequel "Better than the original." "Worth the price of admission!" "Stunning set decoration." "Loved the plot—donate, help price and set up, buy, take down—what an origina!" Join the crowds down at the newly "air cooled" Seminary. Walk, run, bicycle or call a Taxi Driver, but get there before this short run experience leaves town. Fun, surprising Audience Participation—bring your friends, your extra towels, sheets, books, clothes, toys, WHATEVER. You'll whoop with delight as you open boxes, you'll gasp with wonder as you set up displays, and you'll roar with laughter as you price! Special senior discount show times:

Monday October 8	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday October 9	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday October 10	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Become A Member of Our OPC Family! We welcome all interested people to explore membership at the Oxford Presbyterian Church!! To find out more about the Presbyterian Church and specifically the Oxford congregation, join Pastor Lawrence for a series of Inquirer's Classes on October 14 and 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Associate Pastor's Office.

Youth News: Our high school group will begin regular meetings again every Sunday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. starting October 14. Our middle school group will continue regular meetings on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you think any of your youth and their friends will enjoy our youth group, encourage them to come! Anyone is welcome.

Rise Against Hunger: OPC's Mission and Outreach along with CE, MEF, Music and Worship and Session are hosting a Rise Against Hunger Event on Oct. 21. This is a meal packing event where meals are packed and then shipped around the world to people who are in need. Set up for the Rise Against Hunger event runs from 12:30-2:00 pm, the event from 2:00-4:00 pm with clean up after. You may sign up for one shift or both. You must sign up to participate. Sign up at <http://events.stophungernow.org/OxfordPres2018>. There are several ways that you can support, go to the link above and give money on-line, you can write a check to OPC with Rise Against Hunger in the note-field, or place cash in a pew envelope with Rise Against Hunger on the envelope. **There is an excellent video about Rise Against Hunger at the bottom of the website.**

MINISTRY CALENDAR	
Sunday, September 30	Thursday, October 4 (cont'd)
9:00am Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm Middle School Youth (Youth Room)
10:00am Worship	7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:20am Sunday School	Friday, October 5
11:10am Fellowship in the Molyneaux	Evening Confirmation Retreat (Kirkmont)
Tuesday, October 2	Saturday, October 6
7:00pm Facilities Planning Team	All day Confirmation Retreat (Kirkmont)
7:30pm Tuesday Evening Circle	10:00am A.A. (Audiovisual Room)
Hostess: Billie Maynard	2:00pm <u>Associate Pastor Meet & Greet</u> (Molyneaux)
135 Wayside Circle, Hamilton	Sunday, October 7
Wednesday, October 3	9:00am Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm APNC (Molyneaux)	9:00am MEF Committee (CE Office)
Thursday, October 4	10:00am Worship
5:30pm Mission and Outreach (2 nd Pastor's Office)	10:20am Sunday School
6:00pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (Geneva)	11:10am <u>Reception for Associate Pastor</u> (Molyneaux)
6:30pm The World Around Us (Molyneaux)	

Pastor: Lawrence Bartel

Clerk of Session: Julia Fisher

2018 THANK OFFERING

In 1888, when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord," women responded and the Thank Offering was born. Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at that time. Since then, Presbyterian women have granted support to thousands of ministries worldwide, and raised tens of millions of dollars for mission.

In March 2018 the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 83 applications submitted for grants from the 2017 Thank Offering. Sixteen of the projects were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects are ministries that serve people in need in the United States. Four of the projects are international. More than 40 percent of the projects funded are health ministries.

Grant Recipients**

**The Brightness of Noon:
The Intersect of Faith,
Immigration, and Refugees**
*Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church —
Women's Retreat Group*
New York, New York

**Digital Family Support
Program, Pediatric Palliative
Care Coalition**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dining With Dignity
The Lighthouse Ministries, Inc.
Lexington, Kentucky

Eastminster Cares for Kids
York, Pennsylvania

Feed My People
*Healthy Seminarians—Healthy
Church Initiative (HSHC)
and Columbia Presbyterian
Church (CPC)*
Decatur, Georgia

**Finding Freedom Through
Friendship—Expansion
into Egypt**
Outskirts of Cairo
(Garbage City), Egypt

Freedom House for Women
Chester, Pennsylvania

Good Neighbor Garage
Hands of the Carpenter
Golden, Colorado

Guatemala Microloan Project
*PW from Suchitepequez and
Sur Occidente Presbyteries*
Santo Domingo, San Felipe,
Guatemala

The Hearing Aid Bank
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Mobilizing a Christian University
to Empower Villagers Facing
Globalization**
Yogyakarta, Indonesia

**Pastors' Training Workshop
for Peacemaking and Trauma
Healing**
Presbyterian Church of South Sudan
Khartoum, Sudan

Peer to Peer
Friends of the Castle
Centerville, Ohio

Safe Haven at Sea Island
Sea Island Presbyterian Church
Beaufort, South Carolina

Security for Stabilizing Families
*Transitional Programs for Women—
Transitions*
Spokane, Washington

Shower the People
Arroyo Grande, California

**Give now so more life-changing projects can be funded in 2019. Give through your PW group, online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank, or by envelope (if provided). For additional information about the 2018 Thank Offering recipients and their work, see the July/August 2018 issue of *Horizons* magazine, or go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank. To subscribe to *Horizons* (and receive the annual, award-winning *Horizons* Bible study at no additional charge), call 866/802-3635.

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*Diverse,
yet one in Christ*

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