

# 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: Cal Klumb

(Image on cover: The traditional site of Lydia's baptism just outside of Philippi.)

## WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** – Stewardship  
Rise Against Hunger

**PRELUDE** "Lord, Save Your World" setting, Wilbur Held

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Praise Ye the Lord" (Psalm 150)  
J. Jefferson Cleveland

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

One: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

All: **We are created for community with the Triune God!**

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

**We are created for community with one another!**

Through Jesus Christ,  
God entered into human relationship with us.

**We are created for community with this body of Christ!**

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

**We are created for community with our neighbors here and around the globe!**

\* **HYMN** – "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (vs. 1) #1  
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs. 1) #263  
"O Christ, the Great Foundation" (vs. 1) #361

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God-made-flesh,  
bone of our bone,  
we confess that we think we can go it alone,  
that we try to do it all,  
that in doing so, we neglect the gifts  
you have given us:**

**the bone of our bone,  
the flesh of our flesh,  
the bodies you created,  
and the relationships you created us for.**

**Jesus Christ, you who lived in a human body,  
call us to community.  
Remind us that in you we are one.  
Awake in us a respect for one another,  
and celebrate with us the diversity within that unity.**

**May it be so now and forever. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved in Christ,  
You are a new creation.  
Know now that you are forgiven  
and called back into relationship  
with the Lord and with one another.  
**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

**Gracious God, give us ears to hear your story in  
these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your  
story in the faces of those that surround us; and  
give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might  
serve you until the end of our days. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

A reading from Acts 16:9-15

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** – "The World Around Us: Pastor Lawrence  
When Nothing Else Really Matters"

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\***HYMN** – "I Love to Tell the Story" #462

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

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Give Me Jesus"  
Traditional African-American / arr. Larry Shackley

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***HYMN** – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #611

\***BLESSING** (Inspired by Psalm 90)

**Today and every day,  
we will count our days that we  
may gain a wise heart.  
Let God satisfy us this morning with steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
We depart in peace and ask God's favor be upon us  
to prosper the work of our hands and our lives.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

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

\***POSTLUDE** Toccata in a  
Johann Anton Koberich

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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:** Amy, Jens and Lydia Bartel

**Acolyte:** Oliver Rice

**The flowers** on the communion table are given in loving memory of Lewis Farler by Deb and Rick Sayers and Andrew and Molly Farler and sons.

**Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Mary Shinn, Zeke Groom, and the Walter family on behalf of the Youth Group.**

### **Mission Partners Prayer List:**

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:** Westminster 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](mailto:holmest2@frontier.com), call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)

**MINISTRY NEWS:**

**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 TODAY, October 14 and 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Associate Pastor's Office.

**OPW Fall Gathering:** Tonight, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Seminary Church - Greg Hughes, Angela Trubceac, Janet Ziegler and Pastor Lawrence will share experiences from the 2018 Mosaic of Peace Conference. Their focus for this event will be how Israelis and Palestinians, specifically women, are engaged in creative and community-based peace initiatives. We are opening the doors wide for everyone, men and women, youth and elders are invited to join in. Plan on bringing your best potluck chow to share!

**Youth News:** Our high school youth group will begin regular meetings TODAY, October 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We encourage the youth and their families to bring coats that are no longer needed to the meetings. Holy Trinity Episcopal church will be donating these coats to the Latino community in Hamilton, Ohio.

**Tuesday Afternoon Circle:** The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on October 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Country Kitchen at the Knolls. We welcome new members and visitors.

**The World Around Us:** You're invited to our second Mini-Festival on Wednesday, October 17 in the Seminary (104 E. Church St) from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Featured Presentations: Camino de Santiago (Elliott Jones Boyle) and Blake Collins from the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. All ages welcome!

**Deacons Blood Drive:** 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. Sign up online: [DonorTime.com/SponsorCode #324](http://DonorTime.com/SponsorCode#324)

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

**Community Meal: Oxford Presbyterian Church ~ Seminary (104 E. Church St.). Wednesday, October 31 at 5:30 p.m.**

Call or email Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or [fisherwf@miamioh.edu](mailto: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:**

Chili \_\_\_\_\_ Rolls \_\_\_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Lectionary Bible Study:** Led by Mary Shinn, will be held on the 3rd Sunday. Join us Sunday, October 21 in the Preschool classroom from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

**Rise Against Hunger:** Today marks the beginning of the Global Food Week of Action. Be part of the worldwide movement to alleviate food insecurity by serving in the **Rise Against Hunger** - Sunday, October 21 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Seminary Church.

We are approaching our volunteer goal, yet we still need you. Sign up at <http://events.stophungernow.org/OxfordPres2018>. You may also support by going to this same link and making a financial contribution online, you may write a check to OPC with "Rise Against Hunger" in the note-field, or place cash in a pew envelope and designating it for "Rise Against Hunger".

**There is an excellent video about Rise Against Hunger at the bottom of the website where you may register. Impact the world - today and tomorrow - with just two hours of your time.**

**Heritage Sunday ~ October 28:** Your brothers & sisters in Christ of the Oxford Presbyterian Church request the honor of your presence as we celebrate a special Heritage Sunday on October 28. The celebration will begin with a Worship Service at 10 A.M. in the Memorial building after which we will be led by a bagpiper to the Seminary building. Please join us. Children and youth are invited to participate in a special recognition of 50+ year members. **We ask that the children and youth arrive at 9:20 a.m. on Oct. 28 to learn and rehearse their parts.**

**MINISTRY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 14**

- 11:30am New Members Class (2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor's Office)
- 5:30pm OPW Fall Gathering (Seminary)
- 6:00pm High School Youth Group (Youth Room)

**Monday, October 15**

- 7:00pm Art Class (Seminary)

**Tuesday, October 16**

- 1:30pm Tuesday Afternoon Circle (The Knolls Country Kitchen)
- 7:00pm Session (Molyneaux)

**Wednesday, October 17**

- 9:00am Deacons Blood Drive (McCullough-Hyde Blood Mobile)
- 6:30pm The World Around Us Event (Seminary)

**Thursday, October 18**

- 6:00pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (Molyneaux)
- 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)

**Saturday, October 20**

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

**Sunday, October 21**

- 9:00am Adult Lectionary Bible Study (Preschool Room)
- 11:30am New Members Class (2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor's Office)
- 12:30pm Rise Against Hunger Event (Seminary)
- 6:00pm High School Youth Group (Youth Room)

**For a full ministry calendar, please visit:**

<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>

Pastor Lawrence H. Bartel

Julia R. Fisher, Clerk of Session

# Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, October 14, 2018**



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