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# 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.*

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**\*Please rise in body or in spirit**

**Liturgist: Griffin Barrington**

(Image on cover: The view of the Acropolis from Mars Hill (the  
Aeropagus) where Paul shared the gospel with the Athenians.)

## WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*"Praise, My Soul"*  
arr. Robert Lau

**CHORAL INTROIT**

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

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

One: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...

All: **Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.**

In the midst of a world where people  
are abused and oppressed...

**Come worship a God who calls  
for compassion and justice.**

In the midst of a world filled with wars  
and rumors of wars...

**Come worship a God who desires  
nothing less than peace for our world.**

In the midst of a world of desperate spiritual searching...

**Come worship a God who offers us true life.  
Come worship a God whose grace  
and love know no end.**

**\* HYMN** – *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We live in a time of kairos.

**When humanity stands on the border  
of a promised time in which:**

**Christ's people are summoned  
to obedience and faithfulness  
to preserve the Lord's creation,  
to share God's abundance with our local  
and global neighbors,  
to stand with the poor and  
oppressed everywhere,  
and to stand together as  
Christ's children on this earth;**

We live in a time of kairos.

**When with confession and with humility we repent:  
of our blindness to the division and war  
in our own hearts and in our own land,  
of our obsession with money  
and our pursuit of power,  
of our misguided belief in security through violence,  
and of our worship of secular gods.**

**Merciful Lord, forgive us and have mercy on us.**

**Call us – and give us the strength:  
to speak boldly with moral conviction  
in the nation and in the world,  
to act now for peace and an end to hunger  
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is God's faithfulness.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
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 17:22-31

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** – *"World and Wonder.*

*Humanity and Humility."*

Pastor Lawrence

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**\*HYMN** – *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"* #757

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

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*  
John Helgen

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN** – *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"* #649

**\*BLESSING**

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

**May we go forth nourished  
by the bread of life within us.**

**May we go forth ready to share  
the bread of life with all,  
eager to give, and  
delighted to love.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*  
Tune: Martin Luther; also quoting from J.S. Bach,  
Tocatta and Fugue in D minor \ setting, Rick Seaton

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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 Nancy Moeckel

**Acolyte:** Oliver Rice

**The flowers on the left side** of the communion table are  
given by Cia Beal, remembering the wonderful memories of  
loved ones we have lost

**The flowers on the right side** of the communion table are  
given in loving memory of Kenneth L. Cross, beloved husband  
and father, by Judy and Danny Cross.

**Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Jake  
Smithers and the Youth.**

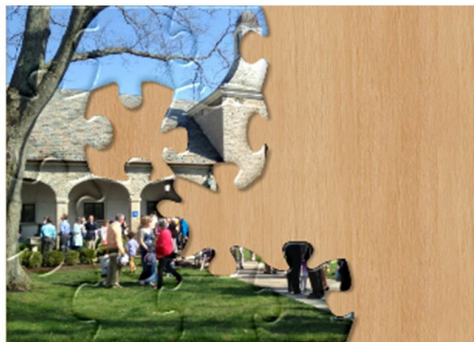
**Congregational Concerns:** Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Tracy  
DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna  
Kinneman, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles  
Skipper, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Dave Wilson, Stacey  
Winn, John and Jean Woodruff

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 join Pastor Lawrence at 11:30 a.m. following service in the Associate Pastor's Office.

**Stewardship Campaign 2019**



When we all...

Our church is made up of a wide variety of unique individuals of varying sizes and shapes, not unlike the puzzle pieces above. Our membership is a shared experience that transforms us into a church family. As a family unit we discard our differences

and become one body, sharing a community of faith and a common caring for each other and for what we can do in implementing God's plan. During the next few weeks we will be praying about how we might best serve our Christian mission through stewardship. For now, simply appreciate all those in the pews around you and consider those goals that will make each of us a better member of the family as we build a church together that is **Real, Relevant** and **Reformed**.

**Heritage Sunday:** 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.**

\*\*\*\*\* (tear here) \*\*\*\*\*

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:**

Setup at 4:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Serve 5:30-6:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**I can bring:** Chili \_\_\_\_\_ Rolls \_\_\_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

HERE ARE 2 CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE:

**ONLINE:**

- 1 Click the GIVE button on our church website: [oxfordpresbychurch.org/Give](http://oxfordpresbychurch.org/Give) Or scan the QR code on your mobile device and select Giving from the menu icon upper left. From both options, select "Online Giving" Page.



- 2 Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund, and enter your email address.
- 3 Click GIVE and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

If you have a login, you can log in when prompted and complete your transaction or schedule a gift.

**TEXT:**

- 1 Text opc1825 and (your designated amount) to 73256. For example text "opc1825 25" to 73256 for an offering of \$25.
- 2 Click the link you receive in your text message response.
- 3 Follow the prompts to give.

Text giving even saves your payment information so you can quickly give again.

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**Oxford Presbyterian Church**

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

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

**Lawrence H. Bartel, Pastor Julia R. Fisher, Clerk of Session**

## Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, October 21, 2018**



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