
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: Abigail VanGorder

(Note on image: John Knox preached at St. Giles Church in Edinburgh from 1560-1572. Knox took Calvin's teachings from Geneva to the Church of Scotland whose traditions gave birth to the Presbyterian Church in North America. The liturgy this morning adapted from the liturgy created by John Knox in 1564 unless otherwise noted.)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

"Let Us Build a House"
Marty Haugen

PROCESSION OF BANNERS

Robert Reid, Bagpiper

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

***HYMN** – "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #275

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and everlasting God,
showing mercy and keeping covenant
with those who love you and reverently
keep your commandments:
we bow before the throne of your majesty,
confessing in our hearts
that you have justly judged us.**

**Convert us, therefore, O Lord,
and we will be converted.
Take us into your protection and defense,
that all the world may know**

**the merciful work of salvation
that you have begun among us,
and that, by your mercy, you will continue.**

**Grant us this, O Lord,
for the sake of Christ Jesus your Son.
Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.**

**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; the new life has begun.**

Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Amen!

*SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (*Children and youth are invited to come forward as we honor our 50-year members.*)

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!" (Psalm 90:17)

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 Revelation 1:4-8

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 – "A Vision of Praise in an Age
of Overwhelmed-ness" 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

"From One Generation to Another"
Allen Pote

Brass Quintet: Mitch Hardy, Joshua Combs – trumpet
Abby Thornton - French horn
Joshua Schanie, Willy Philhower - trombone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" #306

***BLESSING** (*from the Carmina Gadelica, the most complete
anthology of prayers from the Scottish Hebrides*)

May God's blessing with you,
**and the blessing of God be with you,
the blessing of the saints be with you
and the peace of the life eternal,
unto the peace of life eternal.
Amen.**

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

BAGPIPE RECESSIONAL

*(The congregation is encouraged to follow the bagpiper and
banners along Church St. to the Seminary Church where a time of
fellowship and celebration will take place. A Service of
Rededication of the Seminary Church will begin at noon.)*

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: Isabelle Lykins and Bella Walter

Acolyte: Oliver Rice

The flowers on the communion table are given in celebration
of the 193rd birthday of the Oxford Presbyterian Church and
given for the rededication of the Seminary Building. The flowers
include heather and Scottish broom to represent our heritage.

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Westwood Presbyterian
Church, Xenia and First Presbyterian Church, West Liberty
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

MINISTRY NEWS:

Stewardship Campaign 2019



When we all...work together...

Each of us is a very special individual and a treasure in the eyes of God. We multiply the effects of our specialness when we come together and work to create something even bigger and better. As a

group, we become a body and as a body we rely on others to partner with us in accomplishing the work of the Lord. As in our puzzle, we are individually different, yet when we achieve the proper fit we become larger than ourselves. Our view of stewardship is like that. Stewardship is plural with each giving a portion to be combined with the portions of others for the benefit of the body.

Church Women United: All are invited to attend the Church Women United World Community Day, November 4, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Evening Circle will be meeting November 6 at the home of Sue Wilson, 61 Scarlet Oak Circle, Oxford. Anyone needing a ride should contact Karen Simpson, 523-8363, k.simpson2007@yahoo.com

Congregational Meeting: A Special Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 11 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing new officers.

***** (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 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 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



Reformation & Heritage Sunday

October 28, 2018



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