
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: Gene Krebs**

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WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRELUDE *"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"*
setting, Jacob B. Weber

CHORAL INTROIT *"Lord, Give Your Peace
Throughout Our Earthly Life"*
Henry Purcell / arr. Hal H. Hopson

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: Unless our God builds the house,
its builders labor in vain. (*Psalm 127*)

**All: We have come into this house,
built by the Holy One,
to worship the God of Creation.**

Unless our God watches over the city,
those who watch stand guard in vain.

**We have come to listen to the stories of people
who throughout the generations have shown
us the way by their trust in the promises of God,
who is always watching over us.**

The widow who gives her last coin and
Naomi and Ruth who are lifelong companions
for each other remind us of the risks we are free to take
with confidence that the Lord will take care of us
through times of plenty and times of want,
all along our journey through life.

**So let us celebrate this gathering
which can bind us together.**

**Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with
Christ's people here or throughout the nations.
Let us worship God!**

***HYMN** – "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

#716

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, hear our confession of our sins.

We know that we are already rich.
We are a church of gifted people.

**Lord, all the gifts come from you and you make
it possible for us to use our gifts together,
showing that in Christ,
we know unity in God's Spirit.**

We celebrate the gifts that have allowed for
holy dreams to be expressed, and vision shared.

**We learn from those who risked answering
Jesus' call and left lives of comfortable security
to make a new home in Oxford.**

We give thanks for those who
found healing and wholeness,
transformation and purpose as they walked with
the Lord in this community of lifelong learning.

**We affirm those who gave to the ministry
of this church even when their
economic future seemed far from safe;
whose vision for ministry ensured
the doors of this church would be open for us
and inspire us to rededicate our lives,
our congregation, and our future to you.**

Even with our wealth, perhaps because of our wealth,
we need help to live faithfully.

**We dedicate our worship and
commitments today to you,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
in whom we breathe and move and have our being.
Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Take heart, the eternal Lord, the creator of the world,
**has called us from many places across the globe
to this place where our journeys meet.**

So here, in this shelter house of generations,
there is much to share and celebrate
when paths cross and pilgrims gather.

**With gratitude for the grace of our diversity
and the strength of our unity,
we commit ourselves to embodying the
presence of the Lord and sharing the
Good News that transforms lives.
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

**Holy Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read
the scriptures today. Help us to hear them in a new
way. May our meditations and actions be acceptable
to our Lord God and may the peace of Christ be with
us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Revelation 21

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 – "Real, Relevant, and Reformed: Our Omega Stories" Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #65

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Invitation

Questions of the New Members: Nancy Cleaver,
Carol Schaber, Bill Scott, and Jake Smithers
Welcome and Reception

One: Let us, the members of Oxford Presbyterian Church,
express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry
in Christ.

**All: We welcome you with joy in the common life
of this church. We promise you our friendship
and prayers as we share the hopes and labors
of the church of Jesus Christ.
By the power of the Holy Spirit may we
continue to grow together in God's knowledge
and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.
Amen!**

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

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

**God has made us stewards of the rich resources
that were given in Creation and are given
anew each day.**

**On this day, we give our offerings and
our pledges for Christ's mission and ministries
throughout the year to come.
We give, knowing that all that
we have has come from God
who will continue to provide.**

**We pledge,
knowing that there is much still to be done
as witnesses to God's abundant life.**

**We put our hearts into our offerings as
signs of our trust and faithfulness.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Neither Death nor Life"
Jonathan Crutchfield / Dana Kuehn, soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* #36

***BLESSING**

Beloved body of Christ,
we have received the immeasurable riches of God's riches
and the Gospel free of charge.
**As stewards of this incredible grace,
we go forth from worship to share
this great gift with all.
Alleluia, Amen!**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Peace, I Give to You"
Michael Larkin

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"
arr. Brenda Portman

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: Steve and Carol Flee

Acolyte: Abby Curry

The flowers on the left side of the communion table are given
in memory of Mary Lee Bales Keebler and Williard P. Keebler who
were married on October 28th in 1944. You are missed. Debbie
and Renée Davidson.

The flowers on the right side of the communion table are given
by Cornelia Browne for all those who saved the Seminary.

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Pam Deahl and Jo
Reinhart on behalf of the Worship and Music Committee.

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

Cookie Walk: Saturday, December 1 ~ Molyneaux Lounge

I will...bake cookies ___ make candy ___ donate crafts ___

Assist Prue (SERRV gifts) ___

Café Hostess 10am ___ 11am ___ Noon ___

Cashier Assistant ___ Customer Helper 10-11:30 ___ 11:30-1pm ___

Receive Cookies Friday November 30

11am ___ Noon ___ 1pm ___ 2pm ___ 3pm ___

Contribute Christmas items for re-sale ___ Help clean up at 1pm ___

Name: _____ Phone: _____

MINISTRY NEWS:

Congregational Meeting: A Special Congregational Meeting will
be held immediately following worship service for the purpose of
electing new officers.

Stewardship Campaign 2019



During the past year we have
celebrated a time of
momentum as we have come
together to build a church that
is Real, Relevant and
Reformed. The year ahead
challenges us to apply those
gifts we have received to
implement programs that
address **real** needs of our

congregation and of our community. Such needs are **relevant**
to our purpose in achieving the work the Lord intends and
offers us an opportunity to address our ever-changing mission
that calls for progressive **reform**. As you consider your giving
through your pledge, pray about our church as it exists now
and how it might exist in the future. Consider what your role
could be as we define ourselves as a body that is Real,
Relevant and Reformed.

Bread for the world Offering of letters Sunday November

18: The Peacemaking Committee is asking again for 7 minutes of
your time during Fellowship time to write letters to your congress
people. All the writing materials and suggestions for letters and
addresses of our Congress will be available.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Afternoon Circle will meet

November 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Country Kitchen at the
Knolls. An optional lunch at the Café is available at noon with
reservations due to Rosemary Fisher by Friday, November 16.

BackPack Food Program: Many children who receive free and
reduced-price school meals are left without the nutrition they
need on the weekends and holiday breaks. The Backpack
Program, a partnership between St. Mary's and the Shared
Harvest Food Bank, aims to reduce this nutrition gap by discreetly
supplying 175 students from Kramer, Bogan and Marshall schools
with a bag of food each Friday throughout the school year. The
cost to sponsor one student for a year is \$50, though any amount
is welcome. Checks can be made to OPC with "BackPack Food" in
the memo line. This is a Mission and Outreach Committee
collaboration with St. Mary's as we address local food insecurity.
Any questions, please contact St. Mary's at 523-2153.

Safe Haven Farms: It's time to do some decorating at Safe
Haven Farms! Save the date of Sunday, November 25 at 1:30
p.m. This is an annual event for our church as our elves drive out
to Middletown to decorate the community room with holiday
attire. Please let Karen Shearer know if you can help.

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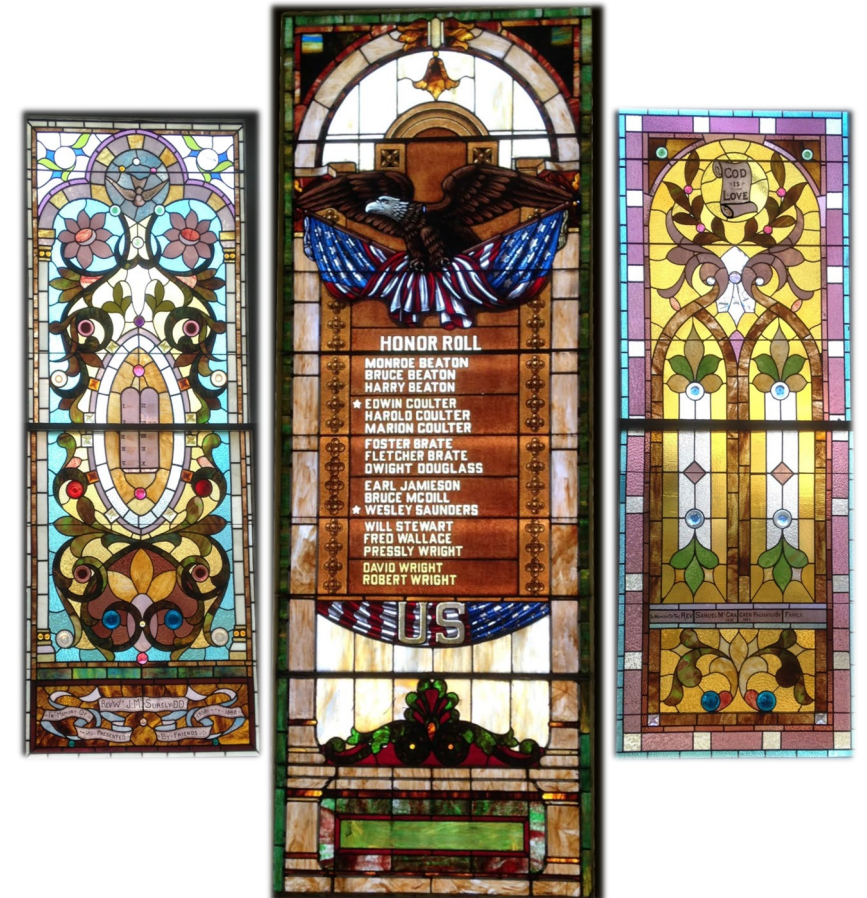
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For a full ministry calendar, please visit:

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

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

Stewardship Sunday



Sunday, November 11, 2018



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