
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: Jake Smithers**

(Image on the bulletin cover – 2018 Thanksgiving “blessings” made by the Kindergarten-Second Grade Sunday School Class for Meals on Wheels recipients throughout the community.)

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lynn Cronk

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Safe Have Farms / Mitten Tree Youth Mission Trip Chili Lunch

PRELUDE “Lord God, We Praise You”
setting, Lynn L. Petersen

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: Blessed be God,
All: **for gathering us together in this time and space.**

Blessed be God,
for your great love that welcomes us.

Blessed be God,
for the comfort of your everlasting arms.

Blessed be God,
for the wisdom that created us and all creation.

Blessed be God,
for the light that breaks through our places of darkness.

Blessed be God,
**for the many ways you make yourself known to us.
Let us worship the Lord God!**

***HYMN – “For the Beauty of the Earth” #14**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
you call us to gather together your children
to create communities of love,
for you and for our neighbor,
and to help to those in need.
We have not gathered your children together.
Sometimes we have even scattered them.**

**We have not helped to those in need.
Sometimes we have even driven them away.**

**Forgive us, merciful Creator.
Restore us.**

**Make us a new people,
dedicated to your ways. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Shout for joy, children of God.
Jesus the Christ,
the One who was and is and is to come,
loves you, forgives you, restores you.
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

**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 Psalm 100:1-5 & Ephesians 1:15-23

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 – “Give Thanks” Rev. Marcy Bain

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN – Now Thank We All Our God” #643**

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “A Thanksgiving Garden”
Joseph M. Martin

***HYMN – “Blessing and Honor” #369**

*BLESSING

Go forth into the world in gratitude and thanksgiving.
Join all the faithful who have danced with the
Lord throughout the generations.
Take the song and rhythm of God's Word into the
world and invite others to celebrate the joy with you.
Alleluia! Amen!

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “Peace, I Give to You”
Michael Larkin

***POSTLUDE** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
arr. Jason D. Payne

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: Arly Allen and Jo Reinhart

Acolyte: Abby Curry

The flowers on the communion table are given with
Thanksgiving for all our blessings by Cy and Diane Young.

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, John Curry,
Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse,
Breanna Kinneman, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph,
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 Karen Shearer on
behalf of the Worship and Music Committee.

MINISTRY NEWS:

This morning we welcome our worship Leader, Rev. Marcy Bain.
Marcy is a native Daytonian. She is a graduate of Princeton
Theological Seminary, where she earned her MDiv. She is
currently working full time as a civil servant at Wright Patterson
Air Force Base, and she is also an ordained Teaching Elder in the
PCUSA. She is active in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley where
she is the committee chair for the Network, Support, and Grants
committee. She considers it a real privilege to share in worship
with all of us at OPC this morning.

Safe Haven Farms: It's time to do some decorating at Safe Haven Farms! Meet us today in the alley at 1:30 p.m. to carpool. 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.

Mitten Tree: Beginning today, Sunday, November 25 and lasting through December 16 the Annual Mitten Tree will be in our sanctuary. Help provide a Christmas gift to a needy child in Oxford, please take a mitten from the tree. Questions? Contact Karen Shearer.

Church Services at The Knolls: If you are unable to attend some of our church services on Sunday mornings, we have another option for you. Becky Quay shows recent church services on DVD in the Country Kitchen at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join us on Tuesday, 27. If you would like to join us, but need a ride, just give Becky a call at 523-5747

***** (tear) *****

Please place this portion of your bulletin 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: _____

***** (tear) *****

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Special Music Fund and Poinsettias: Please use this form to order a flower or contribute to the special music fund. Checks should be marked for flowers or the Special Music Fund. **The cost of the poinsettias this year will be \$16.50**

_____ Poinsettia (Cost \$16.50) _____ Special Music Fund
 _____ Donate Poinsettia to Deacons

Dedication to be put in bulletin:

Paid by check (no.) _____ or Cash _____

Signature _____

Last day to order is Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Advent Workshop: Sunday, December 2 at 11:30 a.m. ~ Seminary Building. Come and have some fun designing your own Make-n-Take crafts.

Youth Mission Trip Chili Lunch: Seminary Building ~ Sunday, December 2 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets \$5 per person or \$20 per family. All funds benefit youth mission trips.

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.

Kiwanis request for Salvation Army Bell Ringers: There is a need for "Bell Ringers" during the Christmas season in support of the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle drive. Numerous 1-hour shifts remain available. Simply go to www.oxfordkiwanis.org, click on volunteer opportunities, and sign up for a vacant shift or shifts. This is a great experience to share with children and grandchildren. All proceeds are directed the Oxford Family Resource Center.

Oxford Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea: Sunday, December 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Molyneaux Lounge. Jean Derickson will lead us in the Carol Sing. Karen Simpson will read a Christmas Story. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Contact Karen Simpson, 523-8363, k.simpson2007@yahoo.com. if you have any questions.

Save the date: Join us Thursday, December 6, for our annual Service of Comfort, hosted by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 3:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, December 16, the children and youth of Oxford Presbyterian Church will present the fifth annual *Celebration at the Manger* program during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

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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-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, November 25, 2018



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