
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.*

Liturgist: Joy Russell

(Image on cover: The remnants of the synagogue in Capernaum,
along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Photo by Amir Zahoor.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me"
arr. Charles Callahan

CHORAL INTROIT

"In Remembrance of Me"
Buryl Red / Rachel Harney, flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to worship Jesus Christ, the living God,
All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise Jesus Christ, the almighty God,
**Who answers the forces of hatred
and hurt with the power of grace.**

We have come to worship Jesus Christ, all-gracious God,
**Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!**

*HYMN – *"Here in This Place"*

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we say we are completely put together,
the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our distractions,
our errors, and our anxieties,
God will meet us and renew us.**

Before God and God's people,
I confess that I have been reluctant to speak out clearly,
naming the brokenness in our lives
and the injustice in our world.

**Before God and one another,
we confess our reluctance
to receive our calling as Christ's people,
made by God and chosen as witnesses
to the Lord's dream of justice and joy.**

Remind me, Lord, that you have made me for your service
and recharge me with your Word.

**Renew us, Jesus.
Grant us courage to live out
your Way of peace and grace.
We ask it in Christ's name; Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has promised that whenever we repent,
and seek a new relationship with the Lord
forgiveness is ours.

That promise comes true now.

Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus,
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

Speak with authority in our lives, Christ.

**Speak to us, and to what is in us,
so that we might be whole.**

**Speak to us, with love,
with hope and with strength,
so that we might hear you,
and know, deep inside,
that we are your people,
and that you are our God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Luke 4:21-30

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE – *"The Stories We Live:
Called Out of the System to Serve"*

Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

ANTHEM

"Remember Me"
Aaron Adams / Rachel Harney, flute

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

One: "Light shines in the darkness
and the darkness cannot overcome it."
... we are bold to proclaim:

All: The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.

When we are overwhelmed by powers, we cannot control
we find comfort in these words:

The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.
As God's people we offer witness to a hurting world,
and proclaim to all the nations of the world:
The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.

And so, we gather here, in this place ...
God's universal and unconditional love for all people.

One: (Singing) The Lord be with you.

All: (Singing) And Also with you
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**O Lord, we ask now the presence of your Spirit.
We have come from many places and many
backgrounds. Around this table, we are one
and we call ourselves your people.**

**We thank you that you have surrounded us with
so gentle and powerful a host of witnesses. We
thank you for the wholeness that you have given
us in the flesh and blood of Jesus the Christ, for
his dying and rising that life might be more
precious to us than death.**

**Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with
all the saints in proclaiming your glory, saying:**

All: (Singing)
**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

In thanksgiving and remembrance, we ask you to
bless this bread and this wine so that, in sharing
them together, we shall be your church.

So, we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...
(Prayers will be offered up at this time.)

Through the grace that we have known in Christ,
we pray: **Our Father... (saying sins...sinners)**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As you pass the elements to your neighbor please say:
The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

(Please hold the elements so we can receive it together
as a symbol of our oneness in Christ.)

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

As you pass the elements to your neighbor please say:
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

OFFERING

"It Is Well with My Soul"
arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #606
(sung first by the choir and second by the congregation)

***BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord's face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you;
may the Lord look upon you with favor
and grant you shalom:
peace and wholeness, now and always.

**Our worship concludes; our mission continues.
God's Word is within us; we go in peace.**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"A Parting Blessing"
J. Jerome Williams

***POSTLUDE**

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"
Jeff Enns

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 our neighbors.**

Greeters: Dale and Ginny Layton

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 request 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 Lisa Brunckhorst &
Mary Jane Roberts on behalf of Stewardship & Finance.

MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday School: Teachers needed for April and May! If
interested, please contact Jenn Walter at (513) 593-4883 or
jenn.walter@maimioh.edu.

Youth Souper Bowl of Caring: TODAY - Sunday, February 3rd
following service the Youth will be collecting nonperishable foods
to donate to the Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services
(formerly known as Oxford Community Choice Pantry.) Our goal is
to collect 150 items to alleviate hunger to families and individuals
in need who live in the local area. Talawanda Oxford Pantry and
Social Services (TOPSS) serves approximately 300 families in
the Talawanda School District. Help us reach our goal!

Updating our Picture Directory! If you are new members and
aren't in the directory, if you missed having your picture taken
last time, if you have had a life change, if you are a student
affiliate, or just want a new picture ...we've got you covered. We
are updating our picture directory! Lifetouch photographers will
be at the Seminary, Saturday, February 16th from 11:30 to 5:00.
You can register for your appointment online now by going to
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ykh4g8yx/>.
MEF members will also be available to register you after worship
TODAY - February 3, and 10. Register soon, as we only have one
day for photography sessions. **Please note that those of you
currently in the directory do not need to have pictures
taken again.** In addition to new and updated pictures, we will be
able to add new information and make corrections to the current
directory. If you have changes, please contact Bridgite Dickerson
in the Church office at 523-6364. All those in the directory will get
a new copy with the additions later this year.

Secret of Kells – Seminary Cinema: Join us Sunday, February
10 in the Sanctuary of the Seminary Church for this film. This
handicap accessible facility is located at the corner of Church and
Poplar at 104 E. Church St. Pre-film discussion begins at 3:30
p.m. Film starts at 4 p.m. FREE and OPEN to ALL!

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet
in the home of Karen Simpson, 1325 Dana Drive, on February 5
at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome. Anyone needing a ride should
call Karen Simpson, [523-8363](tel:523-8363).

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will
meet on February 19 at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen. Reservations
for the optional noon lunch in the café at the Knolls are due by
Friday the 15 to Lynn Cronk.

The Honored Woman Award 2019: Each year, Oxford
Presbyterian Women present the Honored Woman Award to one
or two women who have faithfully, willingly, and joyfully given
their time and talents to the work of the church. Please consider
thoughtfully any woman in our congregation whom you admire for
their organizational skills, ability to lead or teach, willingness to
participate regardless of task, and dedication to assisting those in
need. Then write a letter of nomination detailing her work and
send it to Jo Reinhart at jreinhart16@woh.rr.com, or mail it to
175 Stone Creek Drive, Oxford OH 45056. A new letter of
nomination is needed each year, even if a woman has been
nominated previously. **The deadline for submissions is March
1, 2019.**

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**Oxford Presbyterian Church
for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>**

**Lawrence H. Bartel, Pastor
Marcel van Bulck, Associate Pastor**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, February 3, 2019



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