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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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**Liturgist: Mike Sunderhaus**

(Image on cover: The Judean wilderness beyond the Jordan River valley. Photo by Amir Zahoor on the 2018 Mosaic of Peace.)

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*"Christ, Be Our Light*  
setting, Nancy Raabe

#### CHORAL INTROIT

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*  
Graham Kendrick

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to this place to find a new way:  
a way of grace, hope,  
faith, and life.

All: **God calls and we come.**

Come, and let go of that which is worn out:  
worn out habits, worn out dogmas,  
worn out resentments, and worn out burdens.  
**God calls and we come.**

This time is blessed and made sacred  
by the Spirit who  
heals us, reconnects us,  
redirects us, and empowers us.  
**God blesses and we praise the Lord.**

Come, and receive  
blessing, forgiveness,  
freedom, and love.  
**God blesses and we praise the Lord.**

\*HYMN – *"Come! Live in the Light!"*

#749

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you have fashioned and formed us in your image, calling us by name: beloved, beloved, beloved... (a brief silence)**

**You fire in us an image that reflects your tender loving care, refining us into a vessel for your Spirit. We confess that we do not always see ourselves as worthy of your attention and that at times we fail to turn to you when you call us by name: beloved, beloved, beloved... (a brief silence)**

**We ask that you pour out your love upon us, a refreshing, cleansing snowfall calling out all that is lustrous, is Christ in us, shining into our world. Amen.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

But now thus says God who created us, who formed us.  
"Do not fear for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine."  
Sisters and brothers, created and formed,  
redeemed and called by name:  
beloved... beloved... beloved...

*(singing) Jesus Loves Me!*

**This I know, as he loved so long ago,**

**Taking children on his knee, saying,**

**"Let them come to me."**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

*(speaking)* **We are God's beloved,  
for we see Jesus' love  
reflected in ourselves and in one another.  
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 3:7-17

Holy wisdom, holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE – *"The Stories We Live:"* Pastor Lawrence  
*Loved by God. Called by God."*

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*HYMN – *"Will You Come and Follow Me?" (vs. 1-3)* #726

### A SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

#### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

**I Cor. 12: 4-7, 27**

**There are varieties of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.  
God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.  
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the  
common good.  
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually  
members of it.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION & INSTALLATION Moderator

#### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Clerk

**Elders:** Lisa Brunckhorst, Carol Klumb, Gene Krebs, Virginia  
Layton, Katie Payne

**Deacons:** Arly Allen, Lee Fisher, Ginny Scott,  
Karen Shearer, Mickey Simonds, Robert Smith

**Trustees:** Nick Fears, Joy Russell

#### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

#### QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Unison)

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servants  
whom you have called through baptism as your own and  
marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was  
in Christ Jesus.**

**Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the  
church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and  
to lead with compassion and vision.**

**In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to  
your servant's gladness and strength, discipline and hope,  
humility and humor, courage and an abiding sense of your  
presence. Amen.**

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

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"*  
Raymond H. Haan

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN – "Will You Come and Follow Me?" (vs. 4-5) #726

**\*BLESSING**

We go now in peace,  
**for Christ has called us to live in peace  
among our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

We go now in courage,  
**for Christ has called us from our homes  
to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.**

We go now in joy and thanksgiving,  
**for Christ is our light!**

We go now as one body,  
**to love and serve God as we love and serve the  
world!**

**Thanks be to God!  
Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*"Amen"*  
Traditional African-American

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"Rejoice in the Lord Always"*  
Jeff Enns

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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 our neighbors.**

**Greeters:** Scott and Nancy Parkinson

**Acolyte:** Eric Staley

**The flowers** on the left side of the communion table are given by Joe and Kate Wespiser in celebration of 65 years of marriage.

**The flowers** on the right side of the communion table are given by Joy Russell in memory of Paul Russell.

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Deacons.

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

**Community Meal: Oxford Presbyterian Church ~ Seminary  
Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Help setup at 4:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Help serve 5:30-6:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Help clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**I can bring:**

Stews (of any sort) \_\_\_\_\_ Bread \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**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](mailto:holmest2@frontier.com), call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Debbie Davidson and Becky Quay.

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**MINISTRY NEWS**

**Congregational Meeting** of OPC immediately following worship.

**Spirit of Scotland Informational Meeting:** The Spirit of Scotland, an eight-day guided tour exploring our sacred heritage, led by Pastor Lawrence in coordination with Rev. James Wallace (Church of Scotland). Ecumenical and welcoming, interested friends and neighboring congregations are invited to join us in May 2020 for this exciting spiritual journey.

**Tour Informational Meeting:** Thursday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m., in The Seminary.

Inquiries can be addressed to the following:  
Rev. Lawrence Bartel, [pastorlawrence@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:pastorlawrence@oxfordpresbychurch.org); Ellen Buerk, [ebuerk@hotmail.com](mailto:ebuerk@hotmail.com), or Will Hazleton, [hazletwa@miamioh.edu](mailto:hazletwa@miamioh.edu)

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 - January 20, 27, 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.

**Chariots of Fire – Seminary Cinema:** The Academy Award winning film *Chariots of Fire* is a story of athletic triumph, deep faith and connection to Scotland. Join us Sunday, January 27 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!

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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**

# Second Sunday after Epiphany



**Sunday, January 20, 2019**



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