
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: Buzz Green

(Image on cover: The city center today of Nazareth, Jesus' hometown. Photo by Amir Zahoor.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"My Lord of Light"
arr. Marilyn Biery

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come! Live in the Light"
David Haas

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 19)

One: This day is holy to our Wise God!

All: **We gather to listen for God's word,
to discern God's will, to worship with God's people.**

This day is holy to our Joyful God!
**We are members of Christ's body,
Christ's family, Christ's church.**

This day is holy to our Powerful, Creating Lord!
**The Spirit of God is upon us,
and we have been anointed
to bring good news to all.**

This day is holy to our Sweet God!
**May the words in our mouths
and the thoughts in our hearts
delight you, O God.**

Let us worship our Holy God!

*HYMN – "Let Us Build a House"

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess to you, Gracious God,
that too often we look on your law
as a burden, not a gift;
an inconvenience, not a blessing.**

**Rather than seeing your love revealed,
we feel our own guilt magnified.
Instead of rejoicing in your good news,
we focus on our own shortcomings.**

**Turn us around, Jesus,
and do not let our fears have dominion over us.
Enlighten us, so that our words and actions
may be acceptable to you,
O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In spite of our individual imperfections,
God has called us together to be Christ's Body,
and each one of us is indispensable.

The Lord re-members us, giving each of us distinct gifts,
equipping each of us to provide guidance
and accountability for one another,
that we all may become more faithful followers of Christ.

**We are all greater as one Body than any single
member of us could be on our own.
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 4:14-21

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE – "The Stories We Live:
To Follow as I Am"

Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – "To God Be the Glory"

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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 – "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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***BLESSING**

Answer the Lord's call in your life,
united as one Body and rejoicing
in the fulfillment of God's word among you.

**We do not all have the same gifts,
but we are blessed to be able to share what we have
with one another and with all creation.**

May the joy of the Lord be your strength this day,
and every day.

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

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Amen"
Traditional African-American

***POSTLUDE**

Psalm 19
Benedetto Marcello

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: Bill and Susan King

Acolyte: Eric Staley

The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory
of Catherine R. Fey by her loving family.

Altar flowers for the service cancelled on Sunday, January 13
were given by Joe and Kate Wespiser in celebration of 65 years of
marriage.

Altar flowers for the service cancelled on Sunday, January 20
were given by Joy Russell in memory of Paul Russell.

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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 30th 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:

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,
call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office,
office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Stephanie
Hartman and Karen Shearer.

MINISTRY NEWS

Congregational Meeting of OPC immediately following worship.

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, January 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. All those in the directory will get a new
copy with the additions later this year.

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 TODAY - 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!

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet
in the home of Karen Simpson, 1325 Dana Drive, on February 5.
The co-hostess is Janet Holmes. Sue Wilson will present the
program. Janet Ziegler will lead the Devotions. The meeting will
begin at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome. Anyone needing a ride
should call Karen Simpson, [523-8363](tel:523-8363).

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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**

Third Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, January 27, 2019



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