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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: Griffin Barrington**

(Image on cover: Artwork for the First Sunday of Lent by John  
Stuart, a Scottish pastor serving Erin Presbyterian Church in  
Knoxville, TN)

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"  
arr. David P. Dahl

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Lamb of God"  
German Chorale, arr. F. Melius Christiansen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 24)

One: Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

**All: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;  
for God has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the company of those who seek the Lord,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the Glorious Lord may come in.**

Creator, Savior and Provider;

We come to you, hungry and thirsty for righteousness  
Come and dwell in us.

**Transform us so that we might offer  
hospitality, food and rest  
to the physically hungry  
and spiritually weary.**

**\*HYMN** – "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, our Provider.**

**We come to you as the one who meets our needs,  
who grants our daily bread,  
who restores our humanity.**

**We come to you as the God who knows  
human need from experience,  
who knows want, hunger and thirst.**

**And we come as your imperfect people,  
in a world where wealth is mixed with poverty;  
where we have all we need,  
but don't know how to share.  
Where want, and hunger and thirst  
and humiliation are hidden  
from those with the power to offer  
challenge and bring change.**

**So, open our eyes.**

**Open also the eyes of our hearts,  
that we may feel our place in this world,  
as your people.**

**Where there is need,  
teach us to learn where our wealth lies,  
and help us to give.**

**Where there is injustice,  
teach us to learn the causes,  
and help us to fight.**

**Where there is brokenness,  
teach us to learn of our own brokenness,  
and help us to bring wholeness.**

**Help us to count the cost of our blessings,  
to accept your gift of new life,  
to bring that gift to others.**

**Help us to look to you,  
that we neither remain ignorant of the world,  
nor lose ourselves in despair at its brokenness.**

**This we pray in the name of Jesus who was tempted,  
Jesus who shared five loaves and two fish,  
Jesus who is the Bread of Life. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God of the wilderness and the  
banquet hall meets us here.

**Lord, breathe your Word into our souls;  
engrave your covenant of love upon our hearts.**

**Teach us faithfulness and compassion  
so that our lives may reflect your  
love, salvation and justice to the world.  
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

**Shine upon us, God of glory,  
And by your Spirit reveal to us  
The grace and truth of Jesus Christ,  
Your Word made flesh. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word  
**And the Word was with God.**

A reading from Luke 4:1-13

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.**

**HOMILIES** – "Just Stones? Just Bread? Just Eating?"  
Pastor Lawrence & Lara Osborne

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**\*HYMN** – "Soft Rains of Spring Flow" #680  
(vs. 1 choir, vs. 2-3 congregation)

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

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "In Love Christ Came Among Us"  
Joseph M. Martin

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN** – "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #166

### \*BLESSING

As people who have been fed,  
go now to feed the world.  
As those who have been given hope,  
bring hope in place of despair.  
**May God help us to do so.**

And always remember  
that we are never cut off from the Source.  
The Bread of Life, the True Vine is with us always.  
And so we always share in Hope's Banquet.

**Thanks be to the One who hosts the banquet! Amen.**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"  
Southwell, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**\*POSTLUDE** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"  
arr. Walter L. Pelz

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:** Cia Beal and Joy Russell

**Acolyte:** Autumn Saylor

**The flowers** on the communion table are given by Cornelia Browne with gratitude for my loving church family.

**Congregational Concerns:** Betty Barnhart, Jean Butterfield, John Curry, Tracy DeGood, Mel and Jean Derickson, 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 hosted by Lynn Cronk and Carol Schaber on behalf of the Oxford Presbyterian Women.

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### MINISTRY NEWS

**TOPSS:** New building. New mission. New name. The Oxford Community Choice (OCCP) pantry is evolving into something bigger, better, and more visionary! Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (TOPSS) is about surviving and thriving in the community. Everybody eats!

**Kirkmont Sunday at Oxford Presbyterian Church:** Join us on Sunday, March 17, to learn about the impact Kirkmont has on Youth that attend camp during the summer. After service we will be having an informational meeting about summer camp 2019, in the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School classroom. All are welcome to the meeting. Come join us to learn more about programming, dates, rates, and any other questions you might have! If you are unable to attend and would like more information, contact our Youth Director, Jake Smithers, at [youth@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:youth@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

**OPC Lenten Study 2019:** Please join us **TODAY**, for our first Lenten Study of 2019! **"Allyship and Activism as Spiritual Practice", facilitated by Abby VanGorder and Griffin Barrington, 11:30-1:00 at the Seminary.** As it is over the lunch hour, please feel free to bring your lunch and eat it during the presentation. Beverages provided. Childcare for younger children will be provided in the Memorial preschool and nursery areas.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make the youth's Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner a success!

**Card Shower:** Evalou Middaugh will be celebrating her 95th Birthday on Friday, March 15. If you wish to join in a shower of Christian Love, please send a card to: Evalou Middaugh - 6470 Post Rd., Apt. 228, Dublin OH 43016

**Tuesday Afternoon Circle:** The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on March 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the Country Kitchen. Reservations for the optional noon lunch in the café at the Knolls are due by Friday the 15 of March to Lynn Cronk. Visitors and guests are always welcome.



### **Spirit of Scotland 2020 Information Meeting:**

Today immediately after the service in the Molyneaux Lounge. A brochure, with the dates, itinerary, costs, booking form, and credit card payment information, is available on the OPC homepage: <https://oxfordpresbychurch.org>. Click on "Spirit of Scotland" under News, Events, and Calendar. Inquiries can be addressed to the following: Pastor Lawrence Bartel,

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**Lenten Food Drive:** As is our annual tradition, the Deacon's Lenten Food Drive will stretch from Sunday, March 10th until Sunday April 14. This year, our request will be a little different. As you may know, the Oxford Choice Pantry will be relocating their facility to Merry Day Park and rebranding as Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (TOPSS); they have charged congregations around the community to meet or exceed our previous monetary donations in an effort to meet building and maintenance costs for their new facility.

Our church has been asked to contribute as much as \$10,000 dollars for the new facility. In lieu of canned goods or boxed pasta, which we will still gladly accept, please consider donating money to this worthy and necessary effort. If you wish, donations can be placed in the plates during offering, with the note "Lenten Food Drive" on the memo line of each check or on the outside of the envelope if the donation is cash.

**Spring Rummage:** The Spring Rummage Sale is heating up even as you read this! There will be a team meeting at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday March 20, at the Seminary Building. This is a great time to be present to help with this major fund raiser/community benefit event. Huddle up. It's a great team to belong to. Rummage Sale Week: May 6-11.

**Presbyterian Youth Spring Retreat:** This event is hosted by the Miami Valley Presbytery. Youth from grades 7-12 can attend. This retreat is being held at Kirkmont Center on April 5th - 7th, and it's free to go! The theme for the weekend is, "Got Thanks?" If you're interested, pick up a permission form at the church office. Permission forms are due March 30th. If you have any questions contact our Youth Director, Jake Smithers at [Youth@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:Youth@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

**Installation Service for the Rev. Marc van Bulck:** The installation of Rev. Marc van Bulck to Oxford Presbyterian Church as the new Associate Pastor for Family and Campus Ministries will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, March 31st in the Memorial Building Sanctuary at 4:00 P.M.

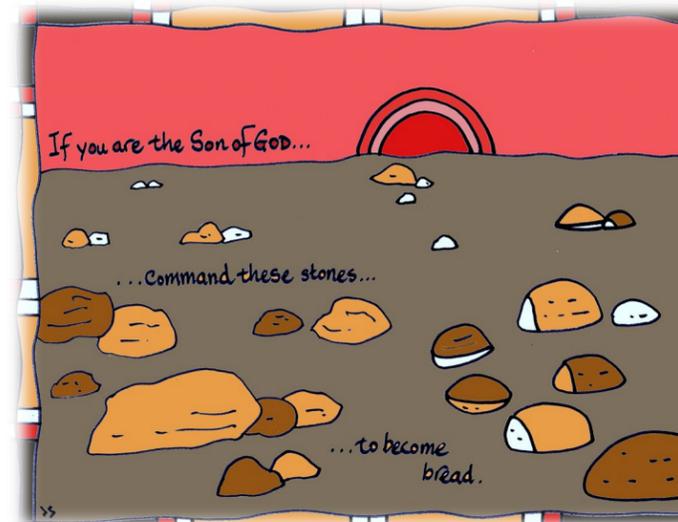
**Celebrate Friendship!** Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. at the Seminary. Invite someone to **O.P.W's Spring Breakfast**. Pot-luck buffet. Music. Election of new officers.

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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**

## First Sunday in Lent



**Sunday, March 10, 2019**



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