

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: Isabella Walter

(Image on cover: A cross at Bunker Hill at Kirkmont Center, the second highest point in Ohio.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Camp Emphasis Sunday

PRELUDE

"What Wonderous Love Is This"
English/American Traditional Melody
Carla and Oliver Rice (piano)

CHORAL INTROIT

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:4

One: The psalmist sings,

**All: One thing I asked of the Lord,
that I will seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord,
And to inquire in God's temple.
Sisters and brothers, God is good,
and in love and mercy greets us here.**

***HYMN** – "All Creatures of Our God and King" #15

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Phil. 3:20-21; Gen. 15:1-12; Philippians 3:17-4:1;
Psalm 27; Luke 13:31-35

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven,
but we confess that we have set our minds on
earthly things.**

**We have let our desire for security restrain our
commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear
of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies.**

**We have let our love of things dull our generosity to
the needy. We have let our craving for public status
prevent our honesty about hidden sins.**

**Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is
hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit,
conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of
Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the
world. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 27:1

God, our light and our salvation,
does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.

**In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of
healing repentance. Thanks be to God!**

*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 Matthew 17:1-12

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.

SONG OF REFLECTION – "Sanctuary" #701
(sung once through by Amanda Ark, then sung once by all)

HOMILIES – "Transfiguration on a Hill" Amanda K. Ark

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Wondrous Love"
Southern Harmony, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "I Will Call upon the Lord" #621

*BLESSING

The God of reconciliation bless you,
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen
you this day and forevermore.

**Thanks be to the Creator and Sustainer of Life!
Alleluia! Amen.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"
Southwell, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*POSTLUDE

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
arr. Wilbur Held

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: Autumn Saylor

The flowers on the communion table are given by Carol Schaber
with gratefulness for the gift of Lent, an intentional time to reflect
on Jesus our King, who lived and died for us. Risen from the dead,
he gives us new life.

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

Fellowship hour hosted by Becky Quay on behalf of the Oxford
Presbyterian Women.

MINISTRY NEWS

Kirkmont Sunday at Oxford Presbyterian Church: Join us 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.

OPC Lenten Study 2019: Please join us **TODAY, from 11:30–
1:00 at the Seminary. Topic of Discussion: "Pilgrimage /
Thin Places", facilitated by Pastor.** 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.

A Celebration of Latin American Music: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Oxford will present A Celebration of Latin American Music on TODAY - Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 p.m. A reception at the church will follow the concert. The program features the Misa Criolla, by Ariel Ramirez, performed by the Holy Trinity Church Choir, William Bausano, choir director, and guest instrumentalists. The concert also includes solo performances by Thomas Garcia, guitar, Phillip Roberts, organ, and Holy Trinity's Choral Scholars. A free will offering will be taken at the door. The church is located at 25 E. Walnut Street in oxford.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on March 19 at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen with Prue Dana leading the lesson and Pat Gifford in charge of the Mission Yearbook. Karen Shearer will conduct the Least Coin. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

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.

April Newsletter: Don't miss the April newsletter deadline, please submit all articles to Nancy Moeckel (moeckenj@miamioh.edu) by **Wednesday, March 20**.

Special Visitor: Former resident of Oxford and member of OPC, Lawretta Clum will be visiting from Montana. Friends of Lawretta's may greet her and other family members at The Knoll's in the cardroom (next to the Auditorium) from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, March 25 from 1-3.

Presbyterian Youth Spring Retreat: This event is hosted by the Miami Valley Presbytery. Youth from grades 7-12 can attend. This is being held at Kirkmont Center on April 5th - 7th, and it's free to go! 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.

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.

Spirit of Scotland 2020: Registration has opened for our eight-day guided tour exploring our sacred heritage, sponsored by the Oxford Presbyterian Church, from May 25 to June 2, 2020. If you ever dreamed of walking the historic streets of Edinburgh and Stirling, sauntering across the holy isle of Iona, witnessing the majestic beauty of the Scottish Highlands, or exploring St. Andrews' ancient university and golf course, the Spirit of Scotland is for you. The tour leader is Pastor Lawrence Bartel (Oxford Presbyterian Church) in coordination with Rev. James Wallace (Church of Scotland). Ecumenical and welcoming, interested friends and neighboring congregations are invited to join us for this exciting spiritual journey.

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. **Early Bird Deposits (with discount) are due March 31, 2019**, and we are encouraged by the enthusiastic response to date. Printed information is also available outside the church office.

Inquiries can be addressed to the following: Pastor Lawrence Bartel, pastorlawrence@oxfordpresbychurch.org, (315) 369-5225; Ellen Buerk, ebuerk@hotmail.com, or Will Hazleton, hazletwa@miamioh.edu, (513) 461-1812. We are available to meet with interested participants, answer questions, or supply additional information. Please join us for this incredible journey of the heart, mind, and spirit in exploring our sacred heritage.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium: We are going to Purdue University to attend Triennium this summer, July 16th - July 20th! This is for incoming freshman to graduated seniors. The price to attend is \$100. If you're interested in going, you can register on the Triennium Website.

The deadline to register is April 14th. If you have any questions contact our Registrar, Emily Lykins at e_lykins@yahoo.com.

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**

Second Sunday in Lent



Sunday, March 17, 2019



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