

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Liturgist: Ezekiel Groom

(Note on Image: Bank Church constructed in 1838 as the Oxford Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, listen to stories of faith from long ago.

All: **We are ready to listen.**

Come, celebrate Christ with us in the here and now.

We are ready to celebrate.

Come, help create holy possibilities for the future.

We are ready to create.

Come, let us join generation upon generation in worshipping God.

We are ready to worship.

*HYMN – “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (vs. 1-3) #483

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of dreams and Lord of visions,
We pray for eyes to see and ears to hear
For hearts and minds that will respond
To all that you reveal to us:**

**'Come,' said the man who spoke through the night,
'Come to Macedonia and help us.'
And his plea echoes others offered
down through the centuries**

**'Come,' they chorus,
'Help,' they implore
In places of famine and desert they cry:
'Bring to our nations the waters of life'**

**In places of pain and brokenness they cry:
'Bring to our nations leaves for healing,
from the tree of life'
In places of conflict and betrayal they cry:
'Bring to this world the peace
that was given by Jesus himself'**

**You promise a new heaven and a new earth,
so create new spirits and lives within us, O God.
Shattered by our sin, your heart
can still heal our brokenness.
Your Spirit, living deep within our souls,
can teach us faithful ways.
Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.
Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Word which can transform is not some idle gossip,
but good news for us.
It fills us with forgiveness,
equips us for service,
and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.
**In our midst, the Holy Spirit
teaches us all we need to know,
gives us what we need in order to be faithful,
and fills us with peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Resurrecting Lord, you conquered death and opened
the gates of life everlasting. In the power of the
Holy Spirit, raise us with Christ, open our ears and
loosen our tongues that we, too, may proclaim your
love, healing, and peace to the nations. Amen**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Acts 16:9-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY – “Called Beyond”

Pastor Lawrence

Questions for Intentional Engagement during Fellowship

When have you felt God calling you through prayer, other people, music, dreams or a sudden insight?

For further reflection:

- Did this call require you to cross over to a new frontier?
- How have challenges and struggles shaped your calling?
- How has your calling changed over the seasons of your life?

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – *America the Beautiful*

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN – “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”
(vs. 1, 4)

#483

*BLESSING (Inspired by Psalm 67)

**May God be gracious to us
And bless us
And make his face shine upon us**

**In the darkness that was
And the dawning that is
And the daylight that is to come**

**Let the nations praise you, God,
Let all the nations praise you.**

**May we praise God today
And join the angels of heaven
And all of creation**

**In the name of the Father
And the Son
And the Spirit
Amen**

Greeters: Margaret Butcher and Joni Marcum

The flowers are given by the Fey family in memory of their beloved Catherine Lee Rentsch Fey who passed May 27, 2017.

The flowers are given by Cia Beal. Be kind to one another and enjoy the beauty that was created. Have a nice day.

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jean Butterfield, John Curry, Mel & 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 & Jean Woodruff

Email prayer request to Janet Holmes, holmest2@frontier.com, or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Fellowship Hour following worship hosted by the Peacemaking Committee and Carol Klumb. There will be light refreshments (Ice Cream Sundays). All are welcome!

MINISTRY NEWS

OPW - Women's Retreat: Ladies, Let's "Unplug and Retreat" to a peaceful farm at 6381 Todd Rd. (Cloudland Retreat Center), June 1st, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Reservations due today - May 26th – Cost is \$15.00. Sign-up online: <https://forms.gle/q8gK1Sy3hmVbxLCo9>. Email your reservation to Jean O'Connell, occonnelljm17@yahoo.com, or email Ginny Layton, laytonvh@miamioh.edu.

Jean O'Connell is the contact person.

Historic Hopewell Worship: Sunday, June 2nd worship service will be held at Historic Hopewell Church at 9:30 a.m. **(NO 10:00 a.m. service at OPC / No Sunday School).**

Following worship, the trustees of Historic Hopewell Church will lead guided historical tours of the church and the lives of those interred in the cemetery.

***** (tear here) *****

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

Community Table

Every fifth Wednesday, Oxford Presbyterian Church hosts the **weekly Community Table**. Our next opportunity to respond to food insecurity in the Oxford community will be on Wednesday, May 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the Seminary Church at 104 E. Church St. (*white church on the corner of Church and Poplar*)

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:

- Dinner Salad _____
(Ham, Tuna fish, pasta, you name it)
- Bread _____ Dessert _____

Name: _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

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.

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Evening Circle will meet June 4th at the home of Nancy Sturgeon, 417 Pamela Drive, 523-4309. **We will start at 6:30 p.m. with our potluck picnic.** Billie Maynard will do the program and Sue Wilson the devotion. Anyone needing a ride should contact Karen Simpson, 523-8363.

Sunday School News: Summer Sunday School program begins June 9th.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet at The Knolls in the Country Kitchen on June 18th at 1:30 p.m. in the Country Kitchen. Prue Dana will lead the final lesson for the year, Lynn with Mission Yearbook and Rosemary with Least Coin. Reservations for the optional noon lunch are due by Friday, June 14 to Rosemary Fisher. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

Vacation Bible School: "God is Love" Vacation Bible School, June 21st-23rd! This year the ecumenical VBS will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Friday, June 21st 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (dinner included)
Saturday, June 22nd 9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (lunch included)
Sunday, June 23rd 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (lunch included)

Register online: oxfordpresbychurch.org

Child Participant:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0VUCADQGJ6yWfVRRBlyEYP3PJ5u14QSnobxzyacBzWVwLHg/viewform>

Volunteer:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0VUCADQGJ6yWfVRRBlyEYP3PJ5u14QSnobxzyacBzWVwLHg/viewform>

Helpers, teachers, group leaders are **all** needed for our VBS. Please see Prue Dana if you can help.

OPC Relay for Life: Our church will be fielding a Relay for Life team this summer for the event that takes place on Saturday, June 22nd, 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm in uptown Oxford. We are always looking for new people who would like to join the team and join us in raising money to fight Cancer. If you are interested, please contact Janet Holmes, 513-255-7229.

Oxford Presbyterian Church
for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>
Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marcel van Bulck, Associate Pastor

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, May 26, 2019



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