

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: Candace Crist

(Image on cover: August's Stewardship Focus on Worship and Music. See "Ministry News" for more information.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – Campus Ministry

PRELUDE "All Are Welcome" setting, David Maxwell

CHORAL INTROIT "Come! Live in the Light" David Haas

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Isaiah 58:9b-14)

One We may be thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Saving One is a spring of water!

We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God's presence:
The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

We may be lost or confused so we come into God's presence:
The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

We may be bent over with struggle or pain So we come into God's presence:
**The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!
We gather to worship the Lord God,
creator of heaven and earth!**

***HYMN** – "O Sing to the Lord" #637

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isaiah's people—the people of Israel returning home from long exile—sought in the Prophet's words guidance for building God's kin-dom:
Offer food to the hungry, Reach out to the afflicted,
Remove the yokes of oppression and injustice,
Overcome despair and complaint in struggle.

We too, struggle with this guidance, and too often fail in our attempts to build community.

**O Lord, forgive us.
Take away whatever holds us back.
Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we may be known as your people:
Repairers of the broken places and
Restorers of streets to safety and peace.**

O Jesus Christ, with your help we can change from our former ways. Inspire us to join your work in sharing the good news of your love for all. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Though we may have strayed, when we come to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, we can be sure that the kin-dom we are offered cannot be shaken.

Each time we feed the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted we grow in the strength of our faith and our bond with God.

We are changed and we are saved.

**Praise be to the Lord;
this simple miracle is made available to all of us,
God's beloved children.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Jesus, in the Spirit of Pentecost,
you always come to us.
Whatever point we may find ourselves,
you are always waiting for us.
Open our hearts to what you want us to hear
in your Word today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Luke 13:10-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "Waiting" Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "Lord of All Hopefulness" #683

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Sing A Joyful Song" Stan Pethel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "Lord, Make Us More Holy" #313

*BLESSING

**Now let us go forth in Christ's love,
and with Jesus' power
let us help all people to "stand up straight",
no matter how long they have been infirmed
and no matter what day of the week it is!
Go and offer wholeness in the name of God
who so loves this world!
Alleluia! Amen!**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Go Now in Love and Peace" Patrick M. Liebergen

***POSTLUDE** "Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet" Robert Lau

Large-print bulletins 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 Fisher

The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Quincy Butterfield by his wife, Jean.

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jean Butterfield, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Stacey Winn, John & Jean Woodruff

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

Fellowship Hour hosted by Scott Parkinson on behalf of the Trustees. Please join us in the Molyneaux following worship.

MINISTRY NEWS

August Stewardship Focus – Worship and Music

Ministry and mission at Oxford Presbyterian Church takes on so many forms as we answer Christ's call in our community, nation and world.

Blessing of the Animals

Our animals, both pets and working animals, are vitally important to our emotional and physical well-being. In addition, animals are God's creations along with humans. Who can imagine heaven without animals? (Not trying to stir up a theological debate here.) In 2018 pet lovers gathered in the courtyard of the Memorial Church for a special event centered on receiving God's blessing for our dogs and cats (all animals were invited to be blessed). Following the reading of scriptures and stories about the importance of animals, each animal was blessed and presented with a certificate indicating their blessing. It was a great success and outreach to our community. Another Blessing will be held on October 5, 2019.

2019 Welcome Back Walkabout: The 2019 Welcome Back Walkabout is fast approaching and Miami University seeks our help! Please consider volunteering for this gracious way of greeting our student neighbors in Oxford.

When is it? Monday, August 26 - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Volunteer time slots are from 4-6 and 6-8 pm

If you are able to participate, please fill out the Walkabout Volunteer registration at <https://miamioh.formstack.com/forms/walkabout2019>

We hope you can join us for the 2019 Walkabout effort!

Evening Circle: The Evening Circle meeting will be September 3 in the home of Karen Simpson, 1325 Dana Dr., Oxford. Connie Everhart is the co-hostess. Ginny Layton will do the program and Debbie Davidson will lead the devotion.

The 2019-2020 PW/Horizons Bible Study is LOVE CARVED IN STONE by Eugenia Anne Gamble with Suggestions for Leaders by Joy MacKichan Walker. Anyone needing a study book should contact Karen Simpson. The price is \$10.

Welcome Back Picnic! Sunday, September 8, following worship. It is an annual tradition to welcome back students, faculty, members on summer vacation...everyone... to thank the Lord for rest and joy of the summer, to kick off a new school year, and continue opportunities for members and friends of OPC to **Seek, Serve, and Share!**

Christian Education News:

Youth Group - Our fall kickoff event...a pool party!! Grab your swimsuit, bring a friend or two, and plan to join us on Wednesday, September 11 from 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the Lykins' home (4 West Bull Run, Oxford). Dinner will be provided!

Prayer Shawls: Knitters and crocheters are needed to help make more prayer shawls. If you can help, please contact the church office 513.523.6364. Cornelia Browne will supply the yarn in early September.



*Have you ever asked yourself,
"What's the meaning of my life and my work?"*

*Do you feel pulled in multiple directions---work, family,
and other commitments?*

Are you wondering where God might be leading you next?

*Do you wonder where God might be leading your church family
and how you can be a part of the journey?*

Explore these questions in Called to Life, a new opportunity, sponsored by the Myrtle Collaboration and Adult Christian Education, for small groups to gather for conversation about our callings:

- How to listen for God
- Why we are all called to serve others
- How challenges and struggles shape our sense of calling

Join us for conversation and prayer about God's call in each of our lives and how we discern our congregational call. Small group sessions begin the week of September 15 and continue through the week of October 20. Sessions will meet at various times during the week for an hour and a half. Watch the Bulletin and Voice next week for specific days and times. Registration begins Sunday, September 1.

2020 Mosaic of Peace: Join the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program to experience the remarkable region of Israel and Palestine, encounter its diverse people, explore its rich history and complex current situation, and engage with those who seek its peace. Participants will be inspired by the stories of Christian peacemakers in the Holy Land, walk in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace and encounter contemporary Palestinians and Israelis.

Registration is now open for this 11-day conference from March 15-28, 2020. For more information, please contact Pastor Lawrence who has served as previous co-director of this journey, pick up a brochure at church, or go to the website at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/mosaic/>

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, August 25, 2019



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