
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**

Guest Conductor: Jack Liles

Liturgist: Pat Gifford

(Image on cover: October's Stewardship Focus on MEF. See "Ministry News" for more information.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Lisa Brunckhorst

PRELUDE "Hope of the World" setting, Robert J. Powell

CHORAL INTROIT "Praise Ye the Lord" Jan Reese

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 66)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

All: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water:

God has brought us out to a spacious place. Glory to God now and forever. Alleluia! Amen!

***HYMN** - "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Inspired by Luke 17)

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you— have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Your call has been answered. Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin. With glad hearts, return praise 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

(Inspired by Jeremiah 29)

God of the prophets, humble us to speak the weight of your words. Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call. Through the power of your Holy Spirit and for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

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.

SERMON - "Planting Where You Are"

Pastor Marc

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** - "All Who Love and Serve Your City" #351

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Prayer for Our Time" Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*BLESSING

Get up, and go on your way, remembering to turn back in praise to God. Step forth in joy. Walk out in song. All the earth, praise the Lord!

"Alleluia, Amen!"

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Martha Sullivan

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Hyfrydol" arr. Jason D. Payne

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: Will and Sandi Hazleton

Acolyte: Oliver Rice

The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Lewis Farler by Deb and Rick Sayers and Andrew and Molly Farler and sons.

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, 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 Carol Klumb and Middle School Sunday School. Please join us in the Molyneaux following worship.

MINISTRY NEWS

October Stewardship Focus - Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship

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

Fellowship is our Call!!

It seems that food begets fellowship and there is no lack of either at Oxford Presbyterian Church! What wonderful opportunities to get to know each other as we share a cookie or a meal together. The Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is called to create and support a variety of gatherings for our congregation and friends. Our fellowship time after church is coordinated by MEF and provided by various groups and committees of the congregation. The recent Welcome Back Picnic was initiated several years ago by MEF and has become a joyous tradition to welcome back everyone and 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! Our Methodist neighbors joined us for an Ice Cream Social this summer after our joint service. Time to Dine groups over the years have encouraged small groups to gather for food, fun and fellowship, and develop new friendships. With each opportunity for fellowship, we invite the Lord to join us..."Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me." Revelation 3:20 All are welcome!!!

Lunch on Us (for college students): Meet in the Molyneux Lounge right after worship for lunch, discussion, and great fellowship together! We will be walking over to Fridge and Pantry together.

My Gifts Matter!...for Worship

Our worship experience comes in many forms and from many places. Worshiping our God is fundamental to our role as Christians. Most of everything we do is a statement of our worship but here we respond to our formal practice of worship which is supported by approximately 35% of the budget. We are fortunate to have leaders who inform, inspire, instruct and encourage as we learn from the Word of God. That Word might come from a well-prepared sermon or from the beauty of our ministry of music. It might also come from individual testimonials or from personal reflection. It is the spiritual food that sustains and directs us. Your gifts have secured outstanding and committed ministers, an exceptional choir which is enhanced by the talents of student interns, a beautiful and sacred worship space and a congregation filled with the spirit as they carry God's message into their daily lives.



Become a Member of Our OPC Family! We welcome all interested people to explore membership at OPC!! If you are interested in learning more about membership at Oxford Presbyterian Church or being part of a New Members Experience, please contact Pastor Marc at pastormarc@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Youth Group tonight from 6:30-8:00 p.m.: Join us for Youth Group in the Youth Rooms upstairs! Danny Cross will speak briefly about Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Bring a friend, and we'll see you tonight!

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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 (104 E. Church St.) ~ Wednesday, October 30 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:

Setup at 4:30 p.m. _____ Serve 5:30-6:30 p.m. _____

Clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. _____

I can bring:

Casserole _____ Bread _____ Dessert _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Rummage Sale: It's OPW Rummage Time! One more weekend drop off today from 2 to 5. Tomorrow through Wednesday, it's drop off, set up and pricing each day from 10 to 6. Sale times are Thursday from 6-8, Friday from 10 to 3. Saturday is all bag sale, from 10 to noon. Clean up and leftovers to Goodwill will take about 1 hour. Please plan to help.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet October 15 at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen at the Knolls. Visitors and guests are always welcome to attend this lunch and meeting of Presbyterian Women.

"Listening is an Act of Love": Pastor Lawrence and Pastor Marc warmly invite you to join them for "Listening is an Act of Love" on:

- Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 12:00 p.m. in Kofenya
- Thursday, October 17 at 8:00 a.m. in Kofenya
- Friday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. in Books and Brews
- Monday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m. in Kofenya

You're welcome to come late, leave early, or linger with us in conversation.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger Event: Sunday, October 20, 2:00-4:00pm (clean-up to follow). Seminary Church Community Room. Volunteers from across the campus and community will come together for the Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Our goal is to package 15,000 nonperishable meals critical to school children, youth and families in our community and around the world. All are invited to join us! Register online at: https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/NjE2ODY=

Currently we have no line leaders and no volunteers for clean-up. If interested, please sign up to help, we need 8 leaders and 15 volunteers for clean-up.

Community Change Offering: Please remember to bring your change to make a change. On Sunday, October 20, the colorful buckets will make their reappearance as we take up our Community Change offering. This offering does make a difference and is used for our part in making our community better. This year our collections are going to support TOPPS.

OPC November Newsletter: October 20 is the November newsletter deadline. Please submit articles to Nancy Moeckel at moeckenj@miamioh.edu.

Heritage Sunday: Your brothers & sisters in Christ of the Oxford Presbyterian Church request the honor of your presence as we celebrate Heritage Sunday, **October 27**. We will be celebrating our Scottish Heritage with bagpipers and dance. We also will honor our 50 plus year members. **If you are a 50 plus member, we will have pews reserved for you in order to celebrate your long standing membership to our church.** We hope you will join us.

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>

Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director ~ Lynn Jacobs, Organist

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, October 13, 2019



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