
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: Carla Blackmar Rice

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRELUDE

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"
setting, Mark Sedio

CHORAL INTROIT

*"Lord, Give Your Peace
Throughout Our Earthly Life"*
Henry Purcell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.
For there are angels among us.

All: **Loving God, you call us to give you glory
in the love we show to one another.**

We gather as one body,
seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

**We gather as one body,
to worship the one who is Love.**

*HYMN – *"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"* #716

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, you call us to be different from the world,
**but the world is seductive,
and so we come here to be strengthened.**

God of Vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life,
**different priorities, different loyalties,
different values.**

But we know that the world is not only
seductive but powerful,
**and so we are drawn in to following its priorities,
accepting its values, showing loyalty to its gods.**

Today, we affirm and proclaim that all gifts come
from you and you make it possible for us to use our
gifts together, showing that in Christ,
we know unity in your Spirit.

**We dedicate our worship, ourselves and
our commitments today to you,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
in whom we breathe and move and have our being.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rejoice and be glad!
The Lord God is gracious.
**Christ calls us to life in the world,
The Holy Spirit offers us the chance to explore
how to live out God's vision.
We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed.
Thanks be 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

**Gracious God, give us ears to hear your story in
these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your
story in the faces of those that surround us; and give
us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve
you until the end of our days. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Romans 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.

SERMON – *"Stewards in Christ's Story"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – *"I Love to Tell the Story"* #462

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

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

**God has made us stewards of the rich resources that
were given in Creation and are given anew each day.**

**On this day, we give our offerings and our pledges
for Christ's mission and ministries
throughout the year to come.
We give, knowing that all that we have has come
from God who will continue to provide.**

**We make this pledge with our whole selves,
knowing that Jesus calls us to a great work
as witnesses to God's kingdom on earth
as it is in heaven.**

**May it be so!
Alleluia! Amen!**

OFFERING AND GATHERING OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"A Celtic Laud"
Craig Courtney

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION OF OUR PLEDGES

*HYMN – *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* #611

*BLESSING

Beloved body of Christ,
we have received the immeasurable riches of God's riches
and the Gospel free of charge.
**As stewards of this incredible grace,
we go forth from worship to share
this great gift with all.
Alleluia, Amen!**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Peace I Leave with You"
Felix Mendelssohn

*POSTLUDE

"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"
arr. Jonathan Reuss

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: Ellen Buerk and Susan Lipnickey

Acolyte: Eric Staley

The flowers on the communion table are given by Larry and
Kathy Hardy in thanksgiving for their church family.

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 Ellen Buerk and Lynn Cronk on
behalf of the Worship and Music Committee. Please join us in the
Molyneaux lounge following worship.

MINISTRY NEWS

My Gifts Matter! During this stewardship season, we hope that you have taken a prayerful look at the gifts you have been given and considered those gifts you were able and willing to extend for the important work associated with God's plan for our church. Your gifts of your time, your talents and your financial resources are essential as we continue our journey into the future. **Your Gifts Truly Matter!**

Will you support our church with your pledge to grow our mission and meet the new challenges of 2020? Please prayerfully consider how you may be a partner in this ministry by returning your 2020 pledge information. Go to oxfordpresbychurch.org/your-gifts-matter and learn about your gift's impact and how to pledge via email.

Congregational Meeting: A Special Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the next classes of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees.

Youth Group: Tonight from 6:30-8:00 p.m. join us for bread baking with Tom Holmes in the Seminary Building. Bring a friend!

Become a Member of Our OPC Family! We welcome all interested people to explore membership at OPC!! To find out more about the Presbyterian Church and the Oxford congregation, join us for a New Members Experience in Pastor Marc's office **today - November 10 and November 17 directly following worship. New Member Sunday will be November 24 during worship.**

Summer Mission Trip! Senior High Youth are invited to participate in the Urban Youth Mission Experience at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL from July 19-24, 2020. Cost is \$100 per youth or participation in at least two fundraising events this year. **If you'd like to reserve your spot, please let Pastor Marc know this week.**

Spirit of Scotland – Fall Series: All are invited to "How Change Gave Birth to the Church of Scotland" presented by Dr. Scott Parkinson. The event for today - November 10 begins at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary (2nd floor) of the Seminary Church. Next topic: "How the Church of Scotland became the Presbyterian Church", Sunday, November 17.

Church Services at The Knolls: Come join us on November 12 & 26 at The Knolls as we view recent Presbyterian Church services on DVD. On November 12, Pastor Lawrence will be joining us & will serve communion. We will be in the Activity Room at 10:00 am. All are welcome! If you want to know more about it or need a ride, give Becky Quay a call at 523-5747.

Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet November 19 at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen at The Knolls. Carol Shaber will conduct the lesson. An optional lunch for \$8 is available at noon in the café by making reservations with Rosemary Fisher at 524-7748 by Friday, November 15. Visitors and guests are always welcome to attend this lunch and meeting of Presbyterian Women.

Adult Christian Ed (ACE): November's book, "Love Undocumented" by Sarah Quezada, will be discussed on Thursday, November 21st at 6:00pm in the Molyneaux Lounge. Please join us! Feel free to bring a brown bag supper. Books have been ordered and can be picked-up in the church office for \$14.

Mission Co-Workers Visit – Mark Hare and Jenny Bent: In the November newsletter you may read all about the upcoming visit of Mark Hare and Jenny Bent to Oxford over the weekend of November 23-24. Join us Sunday, November 24 for their Mission Presentation in the Seminary Community room following worship.

Offering of letters – Sunday November 24: The Peacemaking Committee is asking again for 7 minutes of your time during Fellowship time to write letters to your congress people. All the writing materials and suggestions for letters and addresses of our Congress will be available.

Seminary Cinema: Sunday, November 24 – *They Shall Not Grow Old* (R) / 3:30 p.m. – Discussion / 4:00 p.m. – Film

Join us in the Sanctuary of the Seminary Church. **FREE and OPEN to ALL!**

Fair Trade Holidays: The SERRV and Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate Catalogs are here for your consideration for the holidays. Your order now, saves us the shipping. You may also order Bread for the World Christmas Cards. See Prue Dana in the Molyneaux Library.

Advent Workshops and Chili Lunch: Sunday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m. (Seminary Community Room). Come and have some fun designing your own Make-n-Take crafts. All funds from the chili lunch benefit youth mission trips. More details forthcoming.

Sweets for the Sweet: We need you ...

- Can you bake cookies? We need you! Your delicious cookies, packaged and wrapped a-dozen-to-a-plate
- Can you make candy? We need you! Your delectable delights, packaged and wrapped a-dozen-to-a-package
- Can you help sell goodies? We need you! On Saturday, December 7th, to welcome guests, stock goodies, serve coffee
- Can you help pack it up? We need you! On Saturday, to help put away what may be left and Sunday morning to continue the goodies sale

We need you ... please contact Debbie Davidson, 513-255-0092, or Carol Klumb, 513-330-2387, to let us know. Signup sheets are available outside the church office and in the Molyneaux lounge.

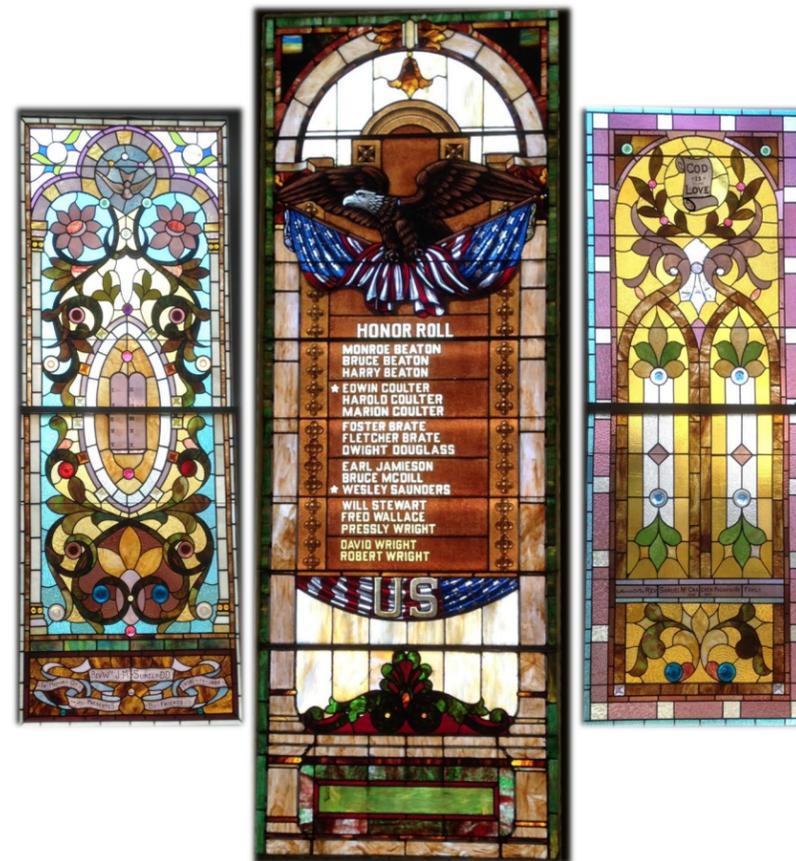
Save the Date – Celebration at the Manger: Do you have young children? We would love to have them be part of our Celebration at the Manger which will be performed on Sunday, December 15. Costumes and instruction provided...all children are welcome! And they are welcome to bring friends! We also need adult volunteers (you do not need to have a child participating to be a volunteer). For more information, please contact Carla at: cablackmar@yahoo.com

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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

Stewardship Sunday



Sunday, November 10, 2019



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