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# 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.*

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**\*Please stand in body or in spirit**

**Liturgist: Karen Shearer**

(Image on cover: The Mount of Beatitudes in northern Israel where Jesus is believed to have delivered the Sermon on the Mount in the Korazim Plateau.)

## CHIMES

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MOMENT FOR MINISTRY** – OPW Honored Woman

**PRELUDE** "Just as I am" arr. Robert J. Powell

**CHORAL INTROIT** "We Are Called" David Haas

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Micah 6:8)

One: What does the Lord require of you,  
**ALL: To do justice, to love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God!**

Let us worship the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**\*HYMN** – "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" #415

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Psalm 15:2-4)

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right,  
nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do  
not keep your word, and when we participate in  
gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us  
by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in  
the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his  
love. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

(Mic. 6:8; 1 Cor. 1:30; Matt. 5:12)

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven  
by the faith of Christ who chose love  
over hatred and forgiveness over blame.  
Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great;  
Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

## \*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

(1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12)

**Holy God, your blessings are abundant,  
and your wisdom exceeds our grasp.  
Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word  
this day, that we may be justice seekers and  
peacemakers, sharing your life among those  
who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted,  
and revealing to all your glory. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

A reading from Matthew 5:1-12

Holy wisdom, holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – "#Blessed" Pastor Marc

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "The Bread of Love Is Broken"  
Elwood Jay Johnson

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Invitation*

One: "Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness cannot overcome it."  
... we are bold to proclaim:

**All: The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.**

When we are overwhelmed by powers,  
we cannot control we find comfort in these words:  
**The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.**  
As God's people we offer witness to a hurting world,  
and proclaim to all the nations of the world:  
**The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.**

And so, we gather here, in this place ...  
God's universal and unconditional love for all people.

One: (Singing) The Lord be with you.

**All:** (Singing) **And Also with you**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**O Lord, we ask now the presence of your Spirit.  
We have come from many places  
and many backgrounds.  
Around this table, we are one  
and we call ourselves your people.**

**We thank you that you have surrounded us with  
so gentle and powerful a host of witnesses.  
We thank you for the wholeness that you have  
given us in the flesh and blood of Jesus the Christ,  
for his dying and rising that life might be more  
precious to us than death.**

**Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with  
all the saints in proclaiming your glory, saying:**

**All:** (Singing)  
**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

In thanksgiving and remembrance,  
we ask you to bless this bread  
and this wine so that,  
in sharing them together,  
we shall be your church.

So, we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...  
(Prayers will be offered up at this time.)

Through the grace that we have known in Christ,  
we pray: **Our Father... (saying sins...sinners)**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

(As you pass the elements to your neighbor please say:  
**The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, given for you.**)

Please hold the element so we can receive it together as a  
symbol of our oneness in Christ. The crackers on the  
communion plates are gluten free.)

**OFFERING** "It is Well with My Soul" arr. Robert Lau

**DOXOLOGY** – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #606

**\*HYMN** – "Now Thank We All Our God" #643

## \*BLESSING

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine brightly  
on your path as you walk the way of justice and peace.

And the blessing of God—the Creator, Healer,  
and Giver of Life—bless you and keep you always.

**Thanks be to God!  
Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "What Does the Lord Require"  
Jim Strathdee

**\*POSTLUDE** "Foundation" setting, Jeffrey Blersch

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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:** Jane Kelly and Judy Schiller

**Congregational Concerns:** Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Chris & Hank Krueger, Ruth Miller, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Stacey Winn, John & Jean Woodruff.

Email request to Judy Fisher, [fisherrh@miamioh.edu](mailto:fisherrh@miamioh.edu), or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

**Fellowship Hour** hosted by Marilyn Curry and Bill King on behalf of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Please join us in the Molyneaux Lounge following worship.

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#### MINISTRY NEWS

**Youth Souper Bowl of Caring: TODAY - Sunday, February 2** following service the Youth will be collecting nonperishable foods to donate to the Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (formerly known as Oxford Community Choice Pantry.) Our goal is to collect 150 items to alleviate hunger to families and individuals in need who live in the local area. Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (TOPSS) serves approximately 300 families in the Talawanda School District. Help us reach our goal!

**Youth Group: Youth Group Super Bowl Party!** Youth Group will be meeting at Faith Lutheran this week for a Super Bowl party! The game starts at 6:30 P.M., but feel free to show up a bit early and hang out! Please bring a Super Bowl snack, and bring a friend. We'll see you tonight!

**Youth Group Slide Show:** Check out a special video presentation in the Molyneaux Lounge of some of our favorite images from youth group this year. The video will be on display this Sunday and next.

**Evening Circle: The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet February 4 at 7:30 p.m.** in the home of Karen Simpson, 1325 Dana Drive, Oxford. Sue Wilson will be the co-hostess.

**Community Blood Drive:** The Oxford McCullough Hyde Blood Drive will be held on **Wednesday, February 5** from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 pm. The trailer will be parked behind the hospital on Church Street. Please give blood if you are able as it will help so very many people in need.

**2020-2021 CCNS Preschool Enrollment: Priority Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will begin the week of February 2, 2020.** If you would like an enrollment packet, contact Miss Sarah. Please note: All priority applications and contracts should be submitted by March 2, 2020.

Open Enrollment will begin the week of March 2, 2020. If you have any questions or would like to setup a time to visit please contact Miss Sarah: [ccnsoxfordpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ccnsoxfordpreschool@gmail.com)

**Church Services at The Knolls:** Come join us on **February 11 and 25** at The Knolls as we view one of our recent Presbyterian Church services. Services are held in the Activity Room of the Healthcare wing and will begin at 10 A.M. Anyone wanting to join us is welcome.

**Save the Date:** Please join The Gifford family in a Celebration of Life for Dr. Jack Gifford. **Friday, February 21 ~ 3:00-5:00 p.m. ~ Goggin Ice Arena, Club Lounge.** You are invited to bring notes of remembrance, pictures, and/or share stories of how Jack impacted your life.

Donations may be made to honor Jack's service and affection for Miami by sending contributions to the Miami University Foundation, Jack Gifford Fund, 725 East Chestnut, Oxford, OH 45056.

**Ash Wednesday:** The forty days of Lent begins **Wednesday, February 26** known as Ash Wednesday. There will be a light supper in the Seminary Church at 5:30 p.m. You may bring bread or fruit to compliment the soup that will be provided.

Following dinner, ashes from Palm Sunday palms will be used during the worship service that begins at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Seminary Church. Communion will be served. All are invited to attend these events that usher in the Lenten Season.

**Honored Woman: The Honored Woman Award** is given annually to more than a thousand women nationally who have willingly, joyfully, and faithfully served their church. At Oxford Presbyterian Church you may nominate a woman for this award by sending a letter of nomination to Lynn Cronk at 165 Hunter Woods Drive, Oxford, OH 45056 or [lcronk@woh.rr.com](mailto:lcronk@woh.rr.com). In the letter detail their work or contributions they have made with their time and talents serving Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Deadline for submissions is **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. If you have questions regarding a nomination, please contact Lynn at 513-524-8574. Only nominees nominated in letters received in 2020 will be considered.

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**Oxford Presbyterian Church**  
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**

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



**Sunday, February 2, 2020**



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