
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: Traditional Site of the Mount of
Transfiguration.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – Adult Christian Education in Lent

PRELUDE "O God of Light" setting, Jacob B. Weber

CHORAL INTROIT "Listen, God Is Calling" Kenyan melody

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by the Matthew 17:1-9)

One: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

All: **We hear your challenge, O God, and your call.**

Come! says the Lord; receive wisdom and strength.

**Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts
to receive your Word.**

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

I am the Sovereign and Holy One. Do not be afraid.

Come! Let us worship God!

***HYMN** – "Let Us Build a House" #301

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy and Grace,
you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth
to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:
Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

You give us the ministry of reconciliation:
**Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and
forgiveness.**

You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John
in the mountain of Transfiguration:

**Yet we deny the wonders
you have worked in our own lives.**

You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

**Yet we refuse to recognize
and relieve the poverty around us.**

You bless our lives with boundless love:

**Yet we fail to witness to that love,
and so keep others from knowing you.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Transform us by your Spirit and your Word
into that which pleases you,
the image of Christ. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John
not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain
until he was resurrected.

**But we can tell what we have seen
and heard of God's glory!
Here is the good news: Jesus lives!
He is raised! We are forgiven!**

Go, share the vision!
Tell of God's love!
In this God is well pleased!
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
Speak with authority in our lives, Christ.**

**Speak to us, and to what is in us,
so that we might be whole.**

**Speak to us, with love,
with hope and with strength,
so that we might hear you,
and know, deep inside,
that we are your people,
and that you are our God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Matthew 17:1-9

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "Awfully Close to God"

Pastor Lawrence
and Pastor Marc

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "Sing of God Made Manifest" #156

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Light" John Carter

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #268

*BLESSING

The time has come to depart this holy place.

**We will not be afraid.
The Spirit of the Living God
goes ahead of us, with us, guiding us.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you
May the Lord look kindly upon you and give you peace.

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

***POSTLUDE** "Deo gracias" setting, Kevin Uppercue

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: Arly Allen and Johanna Reinhart

Acolyte: Abbie Curry

The flowers on the communion table are given by Johanna and
Jan Reinhart in loving memory of their mother, Betty Reinhart.

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

Email request to Judy Fisher, fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or email
the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Fellowship Hour hosted by Lisa Brunckhorst and Greg Hughes
on behalf of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Please join
us in the Molyneaux Lounge following worship.

MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group will be **meeting at Holy Trinity** tonight for a
"Shrove Sunday" party from 6:00-8:00 P.M. (we're starting a
half hour early this week!) Please e-mail John Harper at
johnharper54@gmail.com if you would like to bring a side dish!

Attention, Campus Students! LUNCH ON US! is back today! We will be brainstorming a new updated name for the group this afternoon. We'll meet in the Molyneaux Lounge right after worship and head over to Fridge and Pantry. Hope to see you there!

Blest Be the Tie that Bind: Mission and Outreach (M&O) eagerly welcomes Bishop Igor Maksakov back to Oxford. As a representative from our sister church in Zlatoust, Russia, Igor will join us for a week of ministry on Monday, February 24. Together we will visit addiction treatment programs as well as Safe Haven Farms. We will worship and fellowship together.

M&O enthusiastically invites the congregation and community to a luncheon with Igor on Saturday, February 29 at 12:30 p.m. in the Seminary Community Room. Along with Russians, we love soups and stews in wintertime. Please bring a soup or bread to share. Come and learn the latest about our Russian Mission Partnership.

Church Services at The Knolls: February 25 at The Knolls as we view one of our recent OPC services. Services are held in the Activity Room of the Healthcare wing and will begin at 10 A.M.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Youth Fundraiser: February 25, 2020 at 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Oxford Presbyterian Seminary Church ~ Community Room

Cost: \$5/ Person or \$20/ Family
Includes: 3 pancakes, 2 sausages, juice, coffee/tea

Tickets can be purchased after worship in the Molyneaux Lounge, or at the door on Tuesday, February 25.

Funds raised will go to support the Urban Youth Mission Experience to Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL July 19-24, 2020.

Ash Wednesday: The forty days of Lent begins **Wednesday, February 26** known as Ash Wednesday. There will be a light supper in the Seminary Community Room 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. in the Sanctuary of the Seminary. Communion will be served. All are invited to attend these events that usher in the Lenten Season.

OPC Book Club: This month, the book club is reading *I See You: How Love Opens Our Eyes to Invisible People* by Terrence Lester which was recommended in *Sojourner's Magazine*. He has worked extensively with those living in poverty, and walked hundreds of miles from Atlanta to Washington DC to raise awareness for poverty. We will be discussing this short book on **Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Molyneaux lounge.**

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. 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, 2020**. Only nominees nominated in letters received in 2020 will be considered.

Adult Christian Education - 2020 Lenten Series: We warmly welcome you to join in any or all of the discussion sessions, based on the book: *Beatitudes from the Back Side A Different Take on What it Means to be Blessed* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Stop into the church office to purchase your book (\$14.50) and let Bridgite know of our participation in the series. **Discussions begin Sunday, March 1** from 11:45 a.m. -1:00 p.m. in the Seminary - Community Room. Please feel free to bring your brown bag lunch.

Seminary Cinema: Beatitudes Lenten Series: "The Florida Project" - Rated R - **Sunday March 1, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

A gritty, unsentimental film about spirituality and economic poverty. Each Sunday in March we will be screening a different film that explores spiritual themes that overlap with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

2020 Puff Memorial Lecture: "Solving America's Hunger Crisis," **Monday March 2, 5:00 p.m.** ~ 0025 Farmer School of Business

With more than 40 million Americans experiencing hunger and poverty, we are a nation in crisis. Author of *I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis*, Jeremy K. Everett, will discuss our collective calling to the hungry and evidence informed ways we can all participate in ending hunger and poverty.

Evening Circle: The evening circle meeting will be March 3 in the home of Violet Suit, 608 Melinda Drive. 523-3534. Visitors are welcome to join us.

For Your Offering: OPC invites you to choose the most convenient giving avenue so that we may all fully participate in our ministry and mission. Offerings of *checks* and *cash* are always welcome in the offering plate.

To give *online* both conveniently and securely, scan the QR code on the pew card with your phone and follow the brief prompt. You may access online giving from your computer at <https://onrealm.org/oxfordpresbychurch/Give>. To give via *text message*, text opc1825 and your designated amount to 73256. For example, text "opc1825 25" to 73256 for an offering of \$25 and follow the prompt. Questions? Contact office - office@oxfordpresbychurch.org

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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

Transfiguration Sunday



Sunday, February 23, 2020



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