
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 stand in body or in spirit**

Liturgist: Chuck Crain

(Image on cover: The Sea of Galilee at Capernaum from the 2018
Mosaic of Peace.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – Per Capita

PRELUDE

"Be Not Afraid"
setting, Marilyn Biery

CHORAL INTROIT

"Sing a Joyful Song"
Stan Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 27)

One: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**All: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face
and the assurance of God's holy love:
**God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

One thing we ask of God:
**That we may live in God's dwelling place
all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!
Thanks be to God!

***HYMN – "Lord, the Light of Your Live is Shining"** #192

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose,
but we confess that our hearts are often turned
toward separation and division.**

**We quarrel; we encourage rivalries;
we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith.
Help us to remember that all have been
baptized as one body into Christ's
death and resurrection.**

**Teach us to hold fast to those promises
which draw us together in the Spirit,
so that we may proclaim the power of
your reconciling love throughout the earth.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Receive the good news:
there is no place, not even in our hearts,
where the love of God cannot free us
and call us to new life as one body, united in Jesus Christ.
The Holy Spirit is around and among us, healing, restoring.

**Praise be to god
for the gift of forgiveness
and the promise of peace!
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 4:12-23

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "Stages and States" Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN – "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"** #43

***A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (Sections 1 & 3)** pg. 37

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Author of Justice"* Lloyd Larson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN – "Give Thanks, O Christian People"** #644

*BLESSING

**We have heard what is good,
and we know it in our hearts.
So let us go from this place,
emboldened by the love of God and community.**

**Together we share in the work of healing and service
and bear the light that outshines the night.
Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen.**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *"Shalom"*
traditional Hebrew blessing

***POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune Mark Sedio

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: Richard and Becky Quay

Acolyte: Spencer Lykins

The flowers on the left side of the communion table are
given for love and peace in this new year by Joy Russell.

The flowers on the right side of the communion table are
given by Tom Fey in memory of Catherine Lee Rentsch Fey.
January 27th is Cathy's Birthday.

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 Stephanie Hartman and Carol
Schaber on behalf of the Deacons. Please join us in the Molyneaux
Lounge following worship.

Thank you!

The family of Joseph Wespiser wishes to thank our Presbyterian
family for the flowers, cards, food, notes, calls and visits! It has
been overwhelming! A special thanks to Pastor Lawrence and
Pastor Marc, as our "rocks."

MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group: JOIN US FOR YOUTH GROUP! Middle School and Senior High Youth Group will be meeting upstairs in the youth room tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Invite a friend, and we hope to see you there!

Seminary Cinema: Screening Event "The Farewell" - Sunday, January 26, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. Seminary Sanctuary (2nd floor). The Farewell is a 2019 American comedy-drama film about a young woman named Billi whose family has learned that their grandmother has only weeks to live...and has decided not to tell her (in keeping with Chinese custom). Caught between both her American and Chinese upbringings, Billi must navigate two very different cultures of handling grief culminating in a family gathering in China that is unforgettable.

OPC Book Club: For the month of January, the OPC Book Club is reading Inspired by Rachel Held Evans which creatively retells classic Bible stories and connects them to the present day. We will meet on Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 pm in the Molyneux Lounge.

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

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Tear this portion of your bulletin and place in the offering plate or Administrative Assistant mailbox.

Community Meal: OPC ~ Seminary (104 E. Church St.) Wednesday, January 29 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:

Ham (provided)

Vegetable ___ Salad ___ Bread ___ Dessert ___

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

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. 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 28th, 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.

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 (example right) with your phone and follow the brief prompt. You may also access the same online giving opportunity 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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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

Third Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, January 26, 2020



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