
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: Gene Krebs

(Image on cover: The Sea of Galilee from the traditional site of
the Sermon on the Mount. Photo from the 2018 Mosaic of Peace.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Sweet Dream"
Tchaikovsky

CHORAL INTROIT

"Listen, God Is Calling"
Kenyan melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Inspired by the Confession of Belhar)

One: Come, Lord God, to receive our worship.
Come, Lord Jesus, to receive our praise.
Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks.
Come, eternal three-in-one God,
come where we are gathered to celebrate
our unity as your body, the church.

**All: We share one faith
and are of one soul and one mind,
which belong solely and wholly to you.**

We are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

**We confess one name above all other names;
we are obedient to one Lord, who frees us from
the tyranny and hatefulness of the world.**

We share one hope, one comfort, one goal.

**We are one people, united –
despite any noticeable differences –
by our faith in you, Lord Jesus.**

We are one people,
united by your love and mercy to stand against
any power that would try to tear us apart.

**We are one people,
united in blessing and in suffering,
united in joy and in sorrow,
united in strength and in weakness.
Receive our praise!**

***HYMN** – *"We are Marching in the Light of God"* (vs. 1 & 4) #853

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we as broken creatures have fallen
short of all that has been required of us.
Whereas you looked at your beloved creation
and said "it is good",
we have at times looked at that same creation
and rejected its beauty and inherent goodness.
**We have looked at the color of one another's skin
and assigned beauty and worth based on its hue.
We have fallen short of being family and each
other's keeper, but...**
*(singing) ...Deep in my heart,
I do believe that we shall overcome some day.*

We have hidden the wounds
of the ghettos of our society
in an attempt to showcase
society's beauty to the world.
**We have not fed the hungry,
given drink to the thirsty,
or shelter to the stranger
because of how they looked
or the inconvenience of their need, but...**
*(singing) ...Deep in my heart,
I do believe the truth shall make us free some day.*

But today is a new day full of
opportunities to try again.
Your Spirit opens our eyes to
"in an inescapable network of mutuality,
tied in a single garment of destiny.
Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."
**Loving You O Lord,
and loving our neighbor inspires us to sing...**
*(singing) ...O, deep in my heart,
I do believe we shall live in peace some day.*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

O God of our ancestors and our dreams,
because your Living Spirit is upon us and within us,
we are on the move.

**We are on the move to preach
good tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are
bound.**

**We are on the move and we
thank you Jesus for going with us.
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

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 5:21-26

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"Impossible"*

Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – *"We Shall Overcome"*

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"In My Father's House"
Craig Courtney

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

#610

***BLESSING** (Inspired by the Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

The Law of Moses says:

"You can have life or death. Which will you choose?"

We choose life.

"Obey the commandments of the Holy One, your God –
loving God, and walking in God's ways, and you will grow."

We choose to grow.

The Law of Moses says:

If you turn to your own ways, you will perish.

We choose God's ways.

The Law of Moses interpreted by Jesus says:

"Love God above all and love your neighbor as yourself."

We choose to walk that talk.

Alleluia! Amen.

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

***POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune on *Mit Freuden zart*
setting, Michael Helman

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: Mike, Lindsey & Anthony Sunderhaus

Acolyte: Noel Albarran

The flowers on the communion table are given by Larry and Kathy Hardy, sharing their joy of 55 years together on February 20th.

The flowers that were on the communion table **last Sunday** were given by Marjorie and Robert Smith with hope for peace and love in the world.

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 Sue Skillings and Katie Payne on behalf of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Please join us in the Molyneaux Lounge following worship.

MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group will be meeting for dinner at 6:30 P.M. in the classrooms upstairs tonight! Elliott will be leading us in a lesson on "How Do We Read the Bible?" Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there!

Afternoon Circle: The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on **February 18** in the Country Kitchen at The Knolls. Visitors and guests are always welcome to attend this lunch and meeting.

Celebration of Life: 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.

Attention, Campus Students! LUNCH ON US! is back next Sunday, February 23rd! We will be meeting in the Molyneaux Lounge directly following worship and then making our way to lunch uptown. Join us for a great meal and discussion!

Church Services at The Knolls: Come join us on **February 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.

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

Oxford Presbyterian Seminary Church ~ 104 E. Church St.
(white building on the corner of Church and Poplar)

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

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 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 28, 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.

The Kirkmont Spring Retreat: is **Friday-Sunday, April 17-19, and registration is open!** This year's theme is "I See You." The retreat is open to all youth grades 7-12 and adult leaders. Registration fees are covered by OPC. Information and registration forms are available from Pastor Marc or on the church website. Registration forms are due to Pastor Marc (either by print or e-mail) by Wednesday, April 1st. All youth will need to bring their Participant Information Form with them to the retreat. The cost of the retreat is covered by OPC.

Giving Statements: End of the year giving statements were sent out on February 5. If you have not received your statement or have any concerns about your statement, please contact Nick at finance@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, February 16, 2020



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