
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: Scott Parkinson

(On cover: Image from the 2019 Russian Mission Partnership
Journey inspired by today's scripture "Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."
Photo by Dr. Robert S. Smith)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – Deacon Lenten Food Drive

PRELUDE "Jesus I will Ponder Now"
arr. J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT "Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"
B.F. White

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 95)

One: O come, let us sing to our God;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise!**

Our God is great,
Sovereign above all powers and principalities.
**The sea, the depths of the earth,
the heights of the mountains,
indeed all of creation were made by God
and belong to the Lord.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Holy One, our Maker!
**Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people.
O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!**

Let us not harden our hearts, as they did in the wilderness,
**When our ancestors tested our Liberator,
requiring proof of God's faithfulness,
even though they had witnessed miracles!**

**Today, Holy One,
we have learned from their struggles.
Today, we re-dedicate our hearts to you
and strain our ears to hear your voice.
Speak now, Still-Speaking God,
for your people are listening!**

***HYMN** – "Morning Has Broken" #664

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For every time we have attributed your miracles
in our lives to our own hands alone –
Forgive us, we pray.

For every time we promised to trust you
but turned to our own way
when your response did not come soon enough
or in the way we expected –
Grant us mercy, O God.

For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness
that we have refused –
Show us what it means to love again, dear Lord.

For each time we resist your command
to be reconciled with those
who believe differently from us –
Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence,
and our indifference to the suffering round us –
**Forgive us, Loving One,
and quench our thirst with your grace.
Remake us into vessels of tenderness
and compassion.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Because of God's great love for us,
we have peace with God and access to God's grace
all through Jesus Christ,
who freed us from the bondage of sin.
**Therefore, we may ask of Christ
to give us the living water that quenches
the dryness of our souls.
In this we know we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

(In this season, we ask you to care for yourself and one
another by refraining from the traditional handshake.
Instead share the Peace of Christ with an elbow bump or a
fist bump. Hand sanitizer is available in each pew rack.)

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

**Shine upon us, God of glory,
And by your Spirit reveal to us
The grace and truth of Jesus Christ,
Your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God.

A reading from Matthew 5:6-7

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 – "Hunger at the Heart of Life" Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "Blest Are They" #172

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Jesus, Lamb of God" Antonio Vivaldi

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" #442

*BLESSING

Depart from this time of worship,
restored and refreshed by the living water
from Jesus, the Rock of our salvation.
**We go forth, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
into the world as witnesses of God,
ambassadors of reconciliation,
and praising God's holy name.**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Holy Lamb of God" Yusuf Khill

***POSTLUDE** "That Priceless Grace" arr. David Lasky

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: Larry and Kathy Hardy

Acolyte: Bryson Fears

The flowers on the communion table are given by Jan Reinhart
for the Glory of God and in honor and love of Nancy Gates.

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jim Baird, 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 Karen Shearer and Janet Ziegler on
behalf of Oxford Presbyterian Women. Please join us in the
Molyneaux Lounge following worship.

MINISTRY NEWS

One Great Hour of Sharing: Fish Banks are available to "kids of all ages." We encourage everyone who wants to contribute in this way to take one home. We will be collecting them back Palm Sunday, April 5.

***** (tear here) *****
Tear this portion of your bulletin and place in the offering plate or Administrative Assistant mailbox.

Maundy Thursday: The Maundy Thursday meal and service will be held at The Knolls on Thursday, April 9. The meal, served at 5:30 p.m., consists of soup, salad, assorted sandwiches, cookies, and a drink. **Reservations are needed for the meal and the prepaid cost is \$11.95 per person**, which can be given to Bridgite Dickerson, Pam Deahl, or Karen Shearer. **Reservations need to be made by March 30.**

The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. You do not have to attend both the service and the meal. We hope to see you there.

Amount: _____ Check # _____

Name (s): _____

***** (tear here) *****
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Easter Special Music Fund and Spring Flower Fundraiser: This year Spring flowers will be placed at the front of the church on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$16.00. **Please place your order by April 1st.**

I would like to donate to the:

Special Music Fund _____ Spring Flower _____
(Amount) How Many?

Please indicate what you would like in the bulletin (in celebration of, in honor of, in memory of, etc.)

I would like to donate my flower to the Deacons to deliver to their 'angels.' _____

Amount: _____ Check # _____

Your Name _____

Telephone or e-mail _____

Orders are due by April 1st

Youth Group: Youth Group meets upstairs this week at 6:30 p.m. Join us for dinner, and bring a friend!

Lunch on Us is back two Sundays from now (**March 29th**), so mark your calendars! Join us in the Molyneaux Lounge after worship, and we'll see you there!

Deacon Lenten Food Drive: Our traditional Lenten Food Drive will take place through **Palm Sunday, April 5**. The following items are needed and much appreciated: peanut butter, spaghetti, tuna and personal items customers are not able to purchase with SNAP benefits such as, body wash (no bar soap, please), shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent and toilet paper. You may drop your donations off in the narthex. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plates with the note "Lenten Food Drive" on the memo line of the check or on the outside of the envelope if the donation is cash.

Adult Christian Education - 2020 Lenten Series: We warmly welcome you to join 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. **Discussion begins TODAY** at 11:45 a.m. in the Seminary Community Room. Please feel free to bring your brown bag lunch. **Next discussion: March 22.**

Seminary Cinema Series - The Beatitudes: Join us in the Seminary Sanctuary, today - **March 15, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. - Dark Waters (PG-13)**. Inspired by a true story, a tenacious attorney uncovers a dark secret that connects a growing number of unexplained deaths to one of the world's largest corporations. In the process, he risks everything -- his future, his family, and his own life -- to expose the truth. *Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.* **Next film: Sunday, March 22 - A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (PG).**

OPC Book Club: In March, we will be reading *I Was Hungry* by Jeremy Everett which focuses on how we can actively address food security within our communities. Our book discussion will be on **Thursday, March 19** at 6:00 p.m. in the Molyneaux lounge.

Third Thirty Gathering: The first gathering of the Third Thirty (those 60 years of age and onward) will take place after worship on **Sunday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m. in the Seminary**. We will have a light lunch and talk about issues that arise in our lives today, those we might anticipate to come, and suggestions for future conversations. Let's move forward together to explore the challenges ahead and enjoy fellowship with one another.

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. 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.**

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 in Lent



Sunday, March 15, 2020



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