
Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

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.

(Image on cover: The youth of OPC collecting toiletries for the Women's Dayton Correctional Center with the Rev. Sara Palmer. November 2019)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marc

PRELUDE

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"
arr. David Cherwein

CALL to WORSHIP

Kylee Fears

One: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

All: **Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.**

Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

**Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.
With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!**

HYMN – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love

#203

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.**
Refrain

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away.**
Refrain

**These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.**
Refrain

**Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you.**
Refrain

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Bryson Fears

**From evil, even when it masquerades as good,
Merciful God, deliver us.
From selfishness and vain desires,
Merciful God, deliver us.
From irresponsible behaviors,
quarreling, and jealousy,
Merciful God, deliver us.
From hurtful disagreements
and irreconcilable differences,
Merciful God, deliver us.
Turn us away from the death sin inflicts.
Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings.
Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Laying aside the works of darkness,
we live in the light of Christ.
Gathered in Christ's name,
surely he is among us,
full of grace and truth.
Friends, believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Bella Walter

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached,
pass among your gathered people,
opening minds to increase understanding,
opening hearts to bind us together in your love.
In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Romans 13:8-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Ellie Garland

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#377

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both a like.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.**
Refrain

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**
Refrain

THE SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)
Jens and Lydia Bartel

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"The Lord's Prayer"
arr. Albert Hay Malotte
Caleb Orr, Soloist

Click here <https://onrealm.org/oxfordpresbychurch/-/give/now>
to give online

DOXOLOGY – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

HYMN – "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

#744

**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.**

BLESSING

Nina Friedline

May the Creator who made the light,
the Christ who is the light, and the Spirit
who ignites the light within abide with you
and all creation now and always.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

"You Shall Go Out With Joy"
Douglas E. Wagner

Congregational Concerns

Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob
Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, 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.

MINISTRY NEWS:

Confirmation Class

If you are in 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th Grade and are interested in
learning more about confirmation this year, please contact Pastor
Marc. This year's teachers will be Pastor Marc, Carla Blackmar
Rice, and Carrie Ann Sherritt. An informational meeting with
calendar and lesson information will be held in September, so
keep your eyes open for that date coming soon. In the
meantime, if you are interested in learning more, please contact
Pastor Marc to add your name to the list.

MS / Senior High Youth Group: 21-Day Challenge

Following our summer book discussion series, Stamped, MS and
Senior High Youth Group will be participating in a 21-Day
Challenge beginning on Sunday evening, September 13th at 6:30
pm. Each week (beginning with the week leading up to 9/13),
each youth will be challenged to choose a short article, podcast or
film clip from [this list](#) on the topic of race, equity, and equality
curated by Presbyterian pastors and social justice advocates. Each
Sunday evening for three weeks, we will gather together at 6:30
P.M. via Zoom to discuss which item on that list they chose, what
they learned, what challenged them, what made them think, and
what did they find themselves learning (or unlearning)?

Our 21-Day Challenge is a commitment to continue our own
growth, development, and transformation as people and as
disciples of Christ. OPC will be offering small group options for
adult groups as well, so check this space for more details!

Latest Worship Update

Watching. Praying. Planning.

The Taize Christian Community in France is known for very brief
songs that draw one into the heart of the matter. One such chorus
repeats the lines:

*Stay with me, remain here with me;
watch and pray, watch and pray.*

For months we've watched, prayed and planned for the day when
local health conditions permit us to worship together in conditions
as safe as possible. Additionally, for some weeks we've explored
the possibility of an outdoor worship service. Through mid August,
local health conditions seemed to signal it would be safe for us to
gather together for worship in the near future. Then local
positive COVID-19 cases began to climb.

Since August 21 cases reported by [Miami University](#) number 833
with 555 cases reported in the last week. Butler County is now in
a Level 3 (Red) Public Health Emergency on the [Ohio Public
Health Advisory System](#).

In the midst of this spike in local cases, we continue to watch,
pray and plan.

We watch. Every week a team of staff members and church
officers assess the latest health data.

We pray without ceasing.

We plan for outdoor worship opportunities and worship in the
sanctuary as we continue the weekly worship livestream. Our
Body of Christ is committed throughout this pandemic to offer
everyone the deep peace, abundant grace and genuine freedom
to make the best and healthiest choice as we grow in faith.

For the latest information on the Phased Opening of the ministry
of Oxford Presbyterian Church, please click [here](#) for Pastor
Lawrence's September newsletter article.

Nominating Committee

Seeking God...Serving Others... Sharing Christ's Love with All
That is our mission at Oxford Presbyterian.

The creative, faithful, and committed leadership of Deacons,
Ruling Elders and Trustees brings this ministry to life.

Now, please take a prayerful moment.

Who in our congregation does the Holy Spirit bring to mind as you
hear our mission statement?

Who in this Body of Christ deepens this mission and serves as
Jesus served?

Prayerfully consider who you will nominate today.

To nominate Elders, Deacons and Trustees, please contact the
church office (office@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

If you have any questions please reach out to the co-chairs of the
Nominating Committee, Buzz Green or Ginny Layton.

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Youth Sunday

September 6, 2020



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