
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.

Greg Hughes, Liturgist

(Image on cover: November's Stewardship Focus on the third aspect of our congregation's mission "Sharing Christ's Love with All." See the article in "Ministry News" for more information.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP

PRELUDE – "Soli Deo Gloria" arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Revelation 7:12)

One: We praise Creation's God:

All: Blessing and honor, glory and power!

Let each single voice praise God:

Blessing and honor, glory and power!

Let all voices together praise God:

Blessing and honor, glory and power!

Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

Blessing and honor, glory and power!

**O Triune God, come and transform us again
as you moved through the saints of the ages.
Alleluia!**

The members of OPC who have died since
All Saints' Day 2019, for whom we give thanks:
Marietta Bowlby, Judy Herold, Margaret Keister,
Evalou Middaugh, Jim Sturgeon, Joan Teckman,
Joyce Weber, Joe Wespiser

HYMN – "For All the Saints" (vs. 1-3)

#326

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Beloved, the Living God invites us
to walk with the saints in the way of Jesus.
While much will not be revealed
until the fullness of time,
what we do know is this:
we will be like Jesus Christ and saints of God.
Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us
and pray to be more like Christ in every way.

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God...

We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus fed those who were hungry...

We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and
excluded...

We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need...

We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness...

We pray, may we be more like Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus,
we can be sure that we are God's children now.
The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering
and the nature of Christ is revealed within us.
We are becoming more and more like Christ each day.
Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people;
saints and instruments of God's way.
Alleluia! Amen!

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit,
settle our hearts and minds
as we read the scriptures today.
Help us to hear them in a new way.
May our meditations and actions
be acceptable to our Triune God
and may the peace of Christ be with us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "Lovers of God"

Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – "By All Your Saints Still Striving" (vs. 1 & 5)

#325

**By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
For those passed on before us, we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps,
would live our lives for you.**

**We pray for saints we know not,
for saints still yet to be,
for grace to bear true witness
and serve you faithfully,
till all the ransomed number
who stand before the throne
ascribe all power and glory
and praise to God alone.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul...

Remember God made flesh.

Jesus, who taught us a new way.

One: (Singing) The Lord be with you.

All: (Singing) And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy transforming God,
you have invited us to gather at this table,
**To taste the feast,
the same abundant promises offered
to our ancestors in faith...**

With those who have gone before us,

**Whose hands touched the bread,
Whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you as we join our voices of the faithful.**

**All: (Singing) Holy, Holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

This is the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

So, we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...
(Joys and Concerns will be offered up at this time.)
And now as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray: *Our Father in heaven...*
(this setting of the Lord's Prayer was composed by the late Rev. Dr. Bruce Bueschel)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING – "In His Eyes" Stephen DeCesare
Caleb Orr & Hollyn Lana

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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 – "For All the Saints" (vs. 3-5) #326

**O blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

BLESSING

**As God's people,
we celebrate all that the Living Lord has done,
from creation, to the cross,
to the saints who have lived among us.**

**Now we go from this place to the work place,
the home place,
the market place;
every place living
as disciples of Jesus Christ!**

POSTLUDE – "For All The Saints" setting, Sylvia Oines

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Sean Krueger, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, Don Snow, John & Jean Woodruff. Email request to Judy Fisher, fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or contact the church office.

MINISTRY NEWS:

November Stewardship Focus on "Sharing Christ's Love with All"

On the shortest day of the year in 2019 when light and hope were most precious, the ministry of Oxford Presbyterian Church traveled throughout the community to share the good news of Jesus' birth. Several intergenerational teams traveled to many homes and nursing homes to sing carols and witness to the coming Light of the World as we deepened our congregational commitment to "Sharing Christ's Love with All."

"Faith and Science" at Youth Group: Walk in the Woods with Dick Munson!

This afternoon Dick Munson will be leading the Youth Group in a Walk in the Woods at Hueston Woods (weather permitting). **We will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. (please note the time change this week)** at the parking lot of the Hueston Woods State Nature Preserve on Loop Road. Please plan on walking for about two hours, and dress for being outdoors (including shoes)!

Special Congregational Meeting: On Sunday, November 8, OPC will hold a Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship to elect the next classes of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees.

Next Confirmation Class: Monday, November 9th!

Confirmation class will be meeting two Mondays from now, November 9th (no confirmation this coming Monday). Carrie Ann Sharitt will be leading a lesson on Grace and Gratitude. Please check your e-mail over the next two weeks for updates on whether we will be meeting again outside (weather permitting). Don't forget to decorate the front of your notebook with your name and a picture that illustrates your faith story! If you would like to be added to the confirmation class e-mail list, please contact Pastor Marc (pastormarc@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

New Member Experience This Fall! If you are interested in learning more about membership at Oxford Presbyterian Church, we invite you to join us for a New Member Experience facilitated by Pastor Marc. We will be meeting in the downstairs Community Room of the Seminary Building (as well as over Zoom for those who would prefer to connect virtually) on November 8 and 15 at 11:30 a.m. New Member Sunday will be held on November 22. If you would like to attend the meeting in person or over Zoom, please contact the church office to sign-up so that we can help connect you in the way that best meets your needs.

**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**

All Saints' Day



Sunday, November 1, 2020



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