
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.

Liturgist: Kent Peterson

(Image on cover: October's Stewardship Focus on the second aspect of our congregation's mission "Serving Others." See the article in "Ministry News" for more information.)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP

PRELUDE *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*
setting, David P. Dahl

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 96)

One: Sing to the LORD a new song;
let all the people of the earth
sing a new song unto the Lord.

**All: We will sing praises to the Lord
and proclaim the salvation of the Lord all our days.
We will proclaim the glory of the Lord
to all the nations and the Lord's marvelous
deeds to all peoples.**

Our idols in this world are only that, just idols,
but the Lord God created the heavens and the earth.
Splendor, Majesty and Glory
surround the presence of the Lord.

**We will worship the Lord with praise
and say to all people, "The Lord Reigns!"
For the justice of the Lord will be established over all
the earth.**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad,
let the sea resound and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

**Let all creation rejoice before the Lord
who comes to judge the earth and all people
with righteousness and loving kindness.**

HYMN – *"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* #408

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

refrain

***Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.***

**There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
*refrain***

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we confess that too often we have not been open
to the rhythms of life you offer to us.
We let ourselves be put off your pace
and allow ourselves to wander off
into our own songs.
Too often the melodies of the world confuse us.
We have led ourselves and others to paths
that are not according to your loving pace
and direction.
Help us pay attention with all of our senses.
Make our dancing faithful;
help us take the risks
that are part of letting you lead.
Pull us back into your rhythms.
Clean our hearts,
purify our hands and steady our feet
that we might know and share your blessings. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

The Lord of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word,
we will be led back to the songs
that God would have us sing.
God is eager to show us the path home.
Accept the offer of the new song
we have been given through Jesus the Christ.
Alleluia! Amen!

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**God of grace and glory,
give us ears to hear your story
in these words of Scripture;
give us eyes to see your story
in the faces of those that surround us;
and give us faith enough, that by your grace,
we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from 1 Corinthians 3:5-9; 12:4-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Many Gifts in Many Lives Over Many Years"*
Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – *"To God Be the Glory"* #634

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that we may go in.**

refrain

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
*refrain***

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING *"In Christ Alone"*
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, arr. Lloyd Larson
Ellie Wilmes, soloist

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PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* #307

**God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

BLESSING (Inspired by Philippians 1:35)

Beloved in Christ, the word has gotten around.
The news of your faith in God is out.

You are the message!
You represent Christ and bear witness to Jesus
wherever you may be;
You use your skills to carry on
the Lord's work in the world;

To ALL the people of the Church –
Every time we think of you, we are always thankful!
Every time we think of you – we are always thankful!
Amen!!

POSTLUDE Psalm XIX Benedetto Marcello

The flowers on the communion table are given by Sue Skillings
in memory of her sister, Kim Young.

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.

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church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

MINISTRY NEWS:

October Stewardship Focus on "Serving Others"

An estimated 925 million people globally will go hungry today.
Our commitment to the gospel work of Eradicating Systemic
Poverty calls us to respond with hearts and hands. Late in 2019,
during the World Food Week of Action over 80 youth and adults
from the congregation, community and neighboring churches
packed over 15,000 meals critical to school children, youth and
families in our community and around the world. Oxford
Presbyterian Church distributed a portion of these meals local and
our mission partner, Kids Coalition Against Hunger, distributed the
majority of the meals to schools around the world.

Cultivating Our Spiritual Life in Christ

This fall Adult Christian Education will also be offering a small
group focused on two 20th century classics on the foundation of
our spiritual life in Christ - Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
and Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen.

Join us for a fellowship-oriented discussion on the unique insights
Bonhoeffer and Nouwen provide on connecting to the trans-
forming love of Jesus Christ. Both authors provide a bridge from
individual discipleship through the faith community to the greater
world that God so loves.

We'll be meeting Sundays after worship today and November 15.
Simply contact [Pastor Lawrence](#) for more details.

**Pastor Lawrence and Pastor Marc Are On the Hot Seat for
"Faith and Science" at Youth Group!**

Youth Group is back this evening at 6:30 p.m. over Zoom for our
next 3-week series, "Faith and Science." Tonight is "Ask the
Pastors Night" with Pastor Lawrence and Pastor Marc taking YOUR
submitted questions on faith and science (moderated by Kylee
Fears).

Check your e-mail this week for details about what we have
planned for next Sunday, October 25. If you would like to be
added to the Youth Ministry e-mail chain, please contact Pastor
Marc.

Confirmation Class begins this month!

We are excited to kick off this year's confirmation class with a
virtual informational meeting on Monday, October 19 at 7:45 p.m.
The class will meet every other Monday evening at 7:45 p.m., and
this year's teachers are Pastor Marc, Carla Blackmar Rice, and
Carrie Ann Sharitt. If you have not yet signed up to participate in
confirmation and would like to learn more, please contact [Pastor
Marc](#) about attending this month's informational meeting.

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
directly following worship via Zoom on Sunday, November 8 and
Sunday, November 15. New Member Sunday will be November
22. If you are interested in registering, please contact Bridgite at
the church office.

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
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**Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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