
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: Leanne Woods

(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 *"We Are Called"* setting, Marilyn Biery

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Joshua 24)

One: We enter worship once again this day
choosing to serve you, God, and no other.

All: With waiting hearts we come to worship!

We enter as witnesses to one another
to live out our baptism and grow into the Body of Christ.

With waiting hearts we come to worship!

We enter dependent on the Spirit
to be with us in our thoughts and feelings.

With waiting hearts we come to worship!

HYMN – *"God Is Here!"*

#409

**God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**O Lord, we admit the ways that we snuff out
your holy light in ourselves and others, God.**

**When we let negative thoughts
and old stories overtake us,
show us the light of love.**

**When we let criticism
and doubt overtake our communities,
show us the light of hope.**

**When we let impatience
and aggravation overtake wisdom,
show us the light of your word.**

**When we worship ourselves and our own ideas,
show us the light of your powerful reign. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

**God will not delay giving help
to all those who call upon God.
In Christ Jesus, we have been renewed
in the glory of the Resurrection.
We believe the good news: our sin is forgiven.
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 the Triune God
and may the peace of Christ be with us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Matthew 25:1-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"Our Gifts. Our Time. Our Work."* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

#716

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call.
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

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

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"How Great Thou Art"

traditional Swedish folk tune

adapted by Stuart K. Hine & arr. Lloyd Larson

Kate Trybus, soloist

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

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

HYMN – *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

#611

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.**

**Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus,
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

BLESSING

Beloved body of Christ,
we have received the immeasurable riches of God's riches
and the Gospel free of charge.
**As stewards of this incredible grace,
we go forth from worship
to share this great gift with all.
Alleluia, Amen!**

POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso" G. F. Handel

The flowers on the left side of the communion table are given
by Larry and Kathy Hardy for Jenny Bailer for all the work she has
been doing for COVID safety.

The flowers on the right side of the communion table are given
by Robert and Sandy Douglass in memory of their parents, Don
and Julia Finkbine and Don and Mildred Douglass.

Special Music Fund and Poinsettia Fundraiser

Please use this form to order a flower or contribute to the Special
Music Fund. Checks should be marked for flowers or the Special
Music Fund. The cost of the poinsettias this year will be \$16.50.

_____ **Poinsettia (Cost \$16.50)** _____ **Special Music Fund**

_____ **Donate Poinsettia to Deacons**

Dedication to be put in bulletin:

Paid by check (no.) _____ or Cash _____

Signature _____

THE LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020.

**Payment can be mailed to Nick Fears (Financial Secretary)
at the church or placed in the offering plate.**

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PRE-ORDERED POINSETTIAS ON
DECEMBER 21, 22 OR 23 BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
IN THE MEMORIAL CHURCH SANCTUARY.**

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger
Cromer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse,
Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, 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"**

The youth group spent an evening in November 2019 collecting
toiletry items with the Rev. Sara Palmer for the Women's Dayton
Correctional Center.

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held immediately
following worship today to elect the next classes of Elders,
Deacons, and Trustees.

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

After rescheduling last Sunday due to high winds, our Walk in the
Woods with Dick Munson is back on for this Sunday! We will be
meeting at 1:00 p.m. (please note that youth group is meeting
earlier than usual 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)!

Confirmation Class on Monday, November 9th @ 7:45 PM!

Confirmation class will be meeting Monday, November 9 at 7:45
P.M. Carrie Ann Sharitt will be leading a lesson on Grace and
Gratitude. We will be meeting at the barn again this Monday
(weather permitting) - 3751 Darrtown Road, second barn on the
right. 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!

If you are interested in learning more about membership at
Oxford Presbyterian Church, we invite you to join us today for a
New Member Experience facilitated by Pastor Marc. We will be
meeting over Zoom directly following the congregational meeting
after worship. Keep an eye on your e-mail for more details and
login info. If you are interested in joining, please contact the
church office for more information.

**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**

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



Sunday, November 8, 2020



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