

CELEBRATION at the MANGER

Isaiah 9:6

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

(Drawing by Oliver Rice)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Luke 1:46-55)*

One: My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

**All: He has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.**

For the Mighty One has done great things for me
Holy is his name!

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
**He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and
lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things...
...and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel...
**...in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors.**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF CELEBRATION AT THE MANGER

PRAYER & BLESSING

**May starlight guide our steps
towards this place of wonder.
May angels sing their news
as we travel to the stable.
May promise fill these days
as we watch at the edge of the manger
and may faith tell us,
Emmanuel will be with us soon.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Ruth Miller, Dick and Marian Nelson, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, John & Jean Woodruff.

Email request to Judy Fisher, fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or contact the church office.

MINISTRY NEWS

OPW Christmas Tea: "Listen to the Angels"

OPW's traditional Christmas Tea will become virtual this year on December 13th at 2:00 pm. You are invited to wear your Christmas sweater or sweatshirt, make a cup of tea at home, grab a cookie, and also bring your favorite Angel ornament as you settle down in front of your computer or iPad screen.

Youth Group Service Project This Sunday: Writing Christmas Cards

Youth Group is this Sunday night from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and this Sunday we will be writing Christmas cards in the Seminary Building downstairs! We will have social distanced stations set up with a variety of different options to choose from: writing Christmas cards to shut-ins. **Masks and/or facial coverings are required**, and there will be a **mandatory health check** as you come in through the side door.

Confirmation Class next Monday Over Zoom!

Confirmation class will be meeting this coming Monday, December 14 at 7:45 p.m. over Zoom. Carla Blackmar Rice will be leading a lesson on God's providence. Check your e-mail list over the weekend for the login link. If you would like to be added to the confirmation class e-mail list, please contact Pastor Marc.

How Do You See Emmanuel?

Visio Divina, Latin for "divine seeing," is a method of meditation, reflection and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. Visio Divina extends the 6th century Benedictine spiritual practice of Lectio Divina by the use of visual imagery.

Our printed devotion this Advent, Those Who Dream, offer us the opportunity to explore art created by a collaboration of artists and pastors. Join us in a small group setting for Advent Visio Divina on Sunday, December 20 at 11:45 a.m. Please contact Pastor Lawrence for meeting details.

Advent Gifts This Christmas!

During one of the strangest seasons of Advent in recent memory, Oxford Presbyterian Church would like to extend a big thank you to the Christian Education Committee for the ways that they are seeking to stay connected with our young families.

This year, the Christian Education Committee delivered beautiful Advent calendars and Advent wreaths to all of our families with children and youth as we continue to observe this important tradition during a pandemic.

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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 of Advent



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