
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.

Mary Alice Mawer, guest pianist

Matt Benzing, liturgist

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von Friesach)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. Jerry van der Pol

CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 111)

One: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders
are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious, full of compassion,
and feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN – *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

#645

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God almighty's power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo!
all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,

our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**All: Holy and all-powerful God,
who commands all spirits,
comforts those in distress,
and casts out destructive forces,
we confess that we are unable to do your will.
We protect what is familiar
and reject what is unknown.
We admire those with courage but excuse
ourselves when we falter from the truth.
We forget that you are always with us,
and that with you all things are possible.
Forgive us, lead us, make us new.
Remove our desire to heed false prophets,
and show us your way; in the name of the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

The God who made you and knows your every thought
hears you now and forgives you all your sin.
You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ,
God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding.
Bring to our yearning hearts and minds
the truth of your Word; in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

SCRIPTURE – Mark 1:21-28

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"Cries and Power"*

Pastor Marc

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

#451

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

THE SCOTS CONFESSION (excerpts)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible, to have been created,
to be retained in their being, and to be
ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence
for such end as his eternal wisdom,
goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of his own glory.

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been,
now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk,
that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen by God,
who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus,
who is the only Head of the Kirk,
even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.
This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal,
because it contains the chosen of all ages,
of all realms, nations, and tongues,
be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles,
who have communion and society with God the Father,
and with his Son, Christ Jesus,
through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism.

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

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING "Revelation Song"
Jennie Lee Riddle | Ellie Wilmes, soloist

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PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN - "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

BLESSING

Go in peace with the knowledge that God's power
is given to the church, the body of Christ,
for the sake of the life of the world.

Glory to God from everlasting to everlasting!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE - Hymn to Joy arr. Edwin T. Childs

The flowers on the communion table are given by Cia Beal. Be grateful for what God has given us and all the wonderful things to come.

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

Email congregational concerns to Judy Fisher,
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MINISTRY NEWS

Fellowship in the Virtual Molyneaux Lounge

Join us following the Congregational Meeting at this [link](#) on Zoom.

Once again, [click here for the link](#).
Meeting ID: 836 5120 3672 | Passcode: 916856

Worldchanging 101 at Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting in the Seminary Building tonight at 6:30 p.m. **Masks and/or facial coverings are required**, and there will be temperature checks at the door. Our 6-week book study of "Worldchanging 101" by David LaMotte continues. This week, we will be focusing on Chapter 8, "Paved with Good Intentions." The book is available in both paperback and Kindle form. If you would like for the church to provide you with a physical copy of the book, please contact Pastor Marc.

Confirmation Meets on Monday, February 1

Our next confirmation class will be meeting on **Monday, February 1 at 7:45 p.m.** Carla Blackmar Rice will be leading a lesson on living a covenant life together. Check your e-mail over the next week for updates on meeting location. If you would like to be added to the confirmation class e-mail list, please contact Pastor Marc.

Media Content Creators Needed!

The communications team at Oxford Presbyterian Church is so thrilled with our new audio-visual upgrades to our sanctuary and our facilities...and now it's time to start dreaming about how to use them! We are looking to put together a new Media Content Team of volunteers to help envision, oversee, and curate the ways that we communicate across all forms of digital, physical, and social media. If this is an area that you might have some interest in, please contact Gene Krebs or Pastor Marc.

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Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, January 31, 2021



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