
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.

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

Kent Peterson, liturgist

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – "Lift High the Cross" arr. Joel Raney

***CALL to WORSHIP** (inspired by Ps. 133:1-3)

One: Peace be with you.

**All: How good and pleasant it is
When we live together in unity.**

Receive the Holy Spirit.

**It is like precious oil on the head,
The blessing of the Lord.**

***HYMN** – "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" (vs. 1, 3 & 4) #245

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

***PRAYER of CONFESSION** (inspired by John 20:19-23)

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
By Word and Spirit,
With signs and wonders,
In flesh and blood,
Yet we still struggle to live and believe
The good news of Jesus Christ.**

**Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives
And cast out our fear
So that we may come to trust in you
And have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS** (inspired by 1 John 2:1-2)

We have an advocate with God –
Jesus Christ, the righteous one –
who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.

**This is the good news of the gospel:
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

**God of all who doubt and believe,
by the gift of your Spirit
Enable us to hear with our ears,
to see with our eyes,
And to touch with our hands your Word of Life –
Jesus Christ – our Lord and our God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God.

A reading from John 20:19-31

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Seeing Christ"
Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN** – "In Christ There Is No East or West" #317

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

***AFFIRMATION of FAITH – The Confession of 1967** (excerpt)

**We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth,
true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people
and shared human needs, temptations,
joys, and sorrows.
He expressed the love of God in word and deed
and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people.
In giving himself for them,
he took upon himself the judgment
under which all people stand convicted.
We believe that God raised him from the dead,
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became victor,
and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

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

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
John A. Behnke
Handbell Ensemble

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to give online

PRAYER of DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "Because You Live, O Christ" #249

Because you live, O Christ,
the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb
is flooded with your resurrection power.

Refrain

*The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen,
has risen, has risen, has risen!*

Because you live, O Christ,
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair
no longer keep us closed and life-denying.

Refrain

Because you live, O Christ,
the rainbow of your peace will span creation;
the colors of your love
will draw all humankind to adoration.

Refrain

*BLESSING

Let your life be a sign of Christ's life
So that others may come to believe
That the Lord is risen indeed.
**This is the blessing of the Lord:
Abundant life forevermore!
Alleluia! Amen!**

POSTLUDE – "He's Risen, He's Risen"

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

Handbell Ensemble:

Jens Bartel – Lydia Bartel – Pam Deahl
Bill Fisher and Kalinde Webb – Judy Fisher
Katya Fisher – Mary Jane Roberts – Judy Schiller
Joe and Karen Simpson – Eric Staley

The flowers on the communion table are Jan Reinhart for the unending love, encouragement, and deep abiding friendship of Karen Shearer.

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

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

MINISTRY NEWS

This coming Sunday, April 11th after a protracted hiatus, the Handbell Ensemble returns to make a joyful noise unto our risen Lord and Savior by playing for the Offertory.

According to minutes of the September 17, 1996 Session meeting: "JoAnne Hagerman requested that the money donated to OPC in memory of Dwain be used to purchase handbells for the church. She will contribute any additional funds needed." Prior to arriving in Oxford, the church that the Hagerman's attended in Denver had a bell choir. JoAnne performed in this ensemble much to the delight and appreciation of Dwain. Following Dwain's passing, JoAnne thought it was an appropriate and fitting use of the Memorial funds that had been donated in his name to purchase a set of three octaves of handbells for our church. Thanks to her great generosity, JoAnne lovingly augmented these funds with her own money to gift the Oxford Presbyterian Church with this handbell set. The beautiful ringing of handbells graced special services in our church for many, many years.

I am delighted to announce their return this morning and must recognize both Pam Deahl and Judy Fisher for their indefatigable advocacy and efforts in bringing this to full fruition. I am also extremely grateful to the people who so graciously stepped up to volunteer for this undertaking. The ensemble is a truly intergenerational enterprise comprised of the following individuals: Jens Bartel, Lydia Bartel, Pam Deahl, Bill Fisher and Kalinde Webb, Judy Fisher, Katya Fisher, Mary Jane Roberts, Judy Schiller, Joe and Karen Simpson and Eric Staley.

-Kent Peterson

Spring Cleaning at Youth Group This Week!

Youth Group will be meeting with Jenn Walter in the upstairs classrooms in the Memorial Building today from 3:00-4:30 p.m. to help clean out and remodel the youth room. Please wear a mask and/or facial covering. Health check-in will be required on arrival.

Confirmation Meets Monday night at 7:45 p.m.

Confirmation class will be this Monday night in the Seminary Building at 7:45 p.m. Carrie Ann Sharitt will be teaching a lesson on the Ministry of Reconciliation. For more information, please contact [Pastor Marc](#) or check the weekly confirmation e-newsletter.

The Connections Committee

It Was So Much Fun, Let's Do It Again!

Connect with friends at Peffer Park or the Gazebo at the community park.

Sit and Chat and Chew!

BYOL, BYOD, BYOC, BYOU
(that's lunch, drink, chair, and uniqueness)

Saturday, April 17 at noon.

And mark your calendar now for Saturday May 15 and June 19. It's getting better, but let's still wear masks. The Connections Community hopes YOU can be there. "There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate."

Igor in Worship

Igor Maksakov, long-time friend of this church and currently Bishop in the South Ural Region of the Russian Baptist Union, is back in Oxford and will join us in worship this Sunday.

Right after the service, Igor has a presentation to show the progress in the renovation of the First Church in Zlatoust, our sister church in Russia. Come in and see ([or watch online](#)) the outcome of work done in this long-lasting Christian partnership.

New Members Experience this Spring!

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 Molyneaux Lounge directly following worship on May 2 and May 9. New Member Sunday will be May 16. If you are interested in learning more or would like to register, 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

Second Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 11, 2021



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