

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.



Connect with us by signing the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and passing them to your neighbors. Visitors, please scan the QR code.

Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available from ushers.

(Image on cover: The Great End of the Church - The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind. Banners fabricated by Jane Kelly and Marge Smith.)

* **Please rise in body or spirit**

Mary Alice Mawer, guest organist
Bryson Fears, liturgist

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – "Thee We Adore" Plainsong Melody

* CALL to WORSHIP

One: We praise a Holy God of all:
All: All people, all places, all seasons.

We believe in the life-changing message of Jesus:
Good news of salvation, hope, love, and justice.

We worship trusting that the Spirit is moving among us:
Come, let us see what is in store this day
In song, in word and in silence.

* **HYMN** – "Here in This Place" #401

* PRAYER of CONFESSION

In the winter of our lives, Loving God,
Our passion for following Jesus
Wilts in the chill of indifference.

We could walk in the light,
But tiptoe through the shadows of missed chances.
We could look for your glory in others,
But gaze instead in the mirror of selfishness,
Seeing our desires staring back at us.
We could gather the broken of the world to our side,
But hold them at arm's length from us.

Forgive us with your redeeming grace,
As we serve your world
With renewed hope and grace. Amen.

* ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

However far we have wandered from God:
God comes to find us,
And to gather us in generous love.
However broken we have become:
Jesus comes to heal us and make us whole in hope.
However empty our spirits may be:
The Spirit comes to feed us,
Until we are filled with grace.

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES – Community Change

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling,
Your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
So that we may receive your grace
And live as your beloved children;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE – 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7 Mike Rudolph

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "The Great Ends of the Church: Proclaim!"
Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **HYMN** – "Will You Come and Follow Me?" (vs. 1, 4, 5) #726

INSTALLATION of CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders: Noel Albarrán, Rich Drewes, Pat Gifford,
Patricia Nesper, Katy Rasche, Mike Rudolph,
Dic Worcester

Deacons: Lynn Cronk, Debbie DeGennaro,
Stephanie Hartman, Marty Miller,
Paulette Worcester

Trustees: John Curry, Susan Scheib

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS of the CANDIDATES

QUESTIONS of the CONGREGATION

SYMBOLIC LAYING on of HANDS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious God,
Pour out your Spirit upon your servants
Whom you have called through baptism

As your own and marked as your own.
Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit
To build up the church,
To strengthen the common life of your people,
And to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry,
Give to your servant's gladness and strength,
Discipline and hope,
Humility and humor, courage
And an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER
(Lord's Prayer on pg. 35 of Glory to God saying sins...sin)

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING – "May the Peace of the Lord"
Douglas E. Wagner

(Scan the QR code to the right or go to
<https://onrealm.org/oxfordpresbychurch/-/give/now>
to give online)



* **DOXOLOGY** – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
#606

* PRAYER of DEDICATION

* **HYMN** – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #32

* BLESSING

May the God of amazing grace renew your sense of call
And inspire you to go out and share the good news of
Salvation, hope, and love!
With our very lives proclaiming Amen
To this time of worship,
We go into the world ready to serve! Alleluia!
Amen!

POSTLUDE – "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts"
Camille Saint-Saëns

WE DEPART to SERVE

The flowers on the communion table are given by Jan Reinhart,
celebrating a new year and a new life. May God's mercies never
cease.

Congregational Concerns

Jim Baer, Fred & Mary Jane Brower, Steve Dana, Sandy
Douglass, Amber McClelland, Peggi Stitt.

Email congregational concerns to the church office
(office@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

MINISTRY NEWS

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held after worship today. We will receive the 2024 annual report, review the 2025 ministry budget, and approve the pastors' terms of call. We will give thanks to God for a faithful, wise, and vital congregation as we follow the Holy Spirit into this new year.

Hymn Learning and Discussion Correction

The Special Edition of the Voice that was sent in email Wednesday, January 15, noting an upcoming Christian education event about Hymn learning and discussion to be held this Sunday, January 19, was in error and the session will not take place. The time for the event was also incorrectly posted in the church online calendar as well. Please join us for the important Annual Meeting of the congregation immediately following worship service today.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle (TAC)

The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet on January 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Knolls. Visitors and guests are always welcome to join this group.

Adult Christian Education – "The Chosen" Discussion

Oxford Presbyterian Church invites you to join our discussion series on the popular program, "The Chosen," presented by the Christian Education Committee on Thursday, January 23, in the Molyneaux Room at 6:30 p.m. We will watch season 2, episode 4, of the program followed by a guided discussion. [Click here](#) for the reading list.



This intergenerational program is appropriate for adults and youth ages 12 and up. For more information, please contact the church office.

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Please return this portion of your bulletin to the church office

OPC Community Meal - Wednesday, January 29

Seminary Church – Community Room
104 E. Church St.

Contact Bill Fisher at the office (513.523.6364).

Volunteers needed to:

Setup 4:30 p.m. ____ Serve 5:30-6:30 p.m. ____

Cleanup 6:30-7:30 p.m. ____

I can bring: Stew ____ Bread ____ Dessert ____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Youth Group Paint Night

Middle school and senior high youth group will meet on [Wednesday evening, January 29, at 6:30 p.m.](#) Gordon will lead us in a cleanup project of the upstairs youth group classroom, followed by a re-painting/updating of the illustrated ceiling tiles. Bring your creativity and wear some good work clothes! Dinner will be provided.

Next Community Blood Drive

Community Room of the Oxford Presbyterian Church Seminary (on the corner of Church and Poplar)

Friday, February 7
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Appointments Preferred. Walk-ins welcome.

Scan QR code to the right or call 937.461.3220

Results from the January 3 blood drive:

- 20 were successful!
- Over 60 lives will be positively impacted because of total donations!



WEEKLY CALENDAR of MINISTRY

19	Congregational Meeting	Following worship service (Memorial church - Sanctuary)
21	Tuesday Afternoon Circle	1:00 p.m. (The Knolls - boardroom)
21	Session Meeting	7:00 p.m. (Memorial church - Molyneaux Room)
23	Bicentennial Team Meeting	10:00 a.m. (Memorial church - Molyneaux Room)
23	Adult Christian Ed - "The Chosen"	6:30 p.m. (Memorial church - Molyneaux Room)
23	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m. (Memorial church - Geneva room)
26	Adult Christian Ed - Bible study of John	11:30 a.m. (Memorial church - meeting room)

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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

Second Sunday after Epiphany



January 19, 2025



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