

Liturgist: Keith Payne

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

(Images on the bulletin cover – Capernaum along the Sea of Galilee)

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**                            *"The Call"*                                 arr. Jacob B. Weber

**CHORAL INTROIT**                *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*             arr. John Ferguson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 27)

One: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**All: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,  
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

**O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!  
Be our guide and our light instead!**

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,  
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,  
for God is among and within us!

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN**                                *"How Firm a Foundation"*                         #463

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Psalm 27)

**Gracious God, in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose,  
but we confess that our hearts are often turned  
toward separation and division.**

**We quarrel; we encourage rivalries;  
we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith.**

**Help us to remember that all have been baptized as one body  
into Christ's death and resurrection.**

**Teach us to hold fast to those promises  
which draw us together in the Spirit,  
so that we may proclaim the power  
of Christ's life and ministry with one voice.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Receive the good news: there is no place, not even in our hearts,  
where the love of God cannot penetrate.

God is around and among us, healing, restoring  
and calling us to new life as one body, united in Christ.

**Praise be to God for the gift of forgiveness  
and the promise of peaceful unity!**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

(Children in Preschool through Grade 8  
are dismissed to class following the children's message.)

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Un-stop our ears, O God,  
that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day.  
Open our minds and hearts to be changed.  
Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride.  
Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

A reading from Matthew 4:12-23

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                                *"Our Critical Challenge"*

**\*HYMN**                                *"From the Nets of Our Labor"*                         #751

**A SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS**

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

I Cor. 12: 4-7, 27

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord  
who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose  
that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common  
good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Moderator

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION/INSTALLATION**

Clerk

**Elders:** Jenny Bailer, Lynn Cronk, Greg Hughes, Nancy Moeckel,  
Johanna Reinhart

**Deacons:** Carol Burkhalter, Debbie Davidson, Janet Holmes, Rori Lykins,  
Mary Jo McFadden, Pat Roberts, Diane Young

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS  
QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

Moderator  
Clerk

One: Do we, the members of the church accept .....as elders and deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**All: We do.**

One: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**All: We do.**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Unison)**

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 a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. 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.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**     *"Love Your Neighbor"*

Michael Helman

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**                     *"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*     #721

**\*BLESSING**

We go now in peace,  
**for Christ has called us to live in peace  
among our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

We go now in courage,  
**for Christ has called us from our homes  
to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.**

We go now in joy and thanksgiving,  
**for Christ is our light!**

We go now as one body,  
**to love and serve God as we love and serve the world!**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**     *"What Does the Lord Require of You"*     Jim Strathdee

**\*POSTLUDE**             *"Foundation"*             arr. Janet Linker

*\*Please stand as you are able*



## **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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**Sunday, January 22, 2017**



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**New Officers Ordination and Installation Service**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

- 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 Worship
- 10:20 Sunday School
- 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
- 2:00 Memorial Service  
Tip Ziegler

**Monday, January 23**

**Tuesday, January 24**

- 10:00 DVD Church Showing  
(The Knolls dining room)

**Wednesday, January 25**

**Thursday, January 26**

- 7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)
- 7:30 Chancel Choir  
(Geneva Room)

**Friday, January 27**

**Saturday, January 28**

- 9:30-3:00 Moon Co-op  
Chili Lunch (Seminary)
- 10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

**Sunday, January 29**

- 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 Worship
- 10:20 Sunday School
- 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

#### OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor:** Pastor Lawrence H. Bartel  
**Music Director:** Kent Peterson  
**Organist:** Lynn Jacobs  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Dr. Joseph R. Hookey  
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#### OFFICERS OF OPC SESSION

**Class of 2017:** Mary Jane Roberts,  
Robert Smith, Janet Ziegler,  
Gwen Fears, Kim Logsdon  
**Class of 2018:** Carol Klumb, Amy McGoldrick,  
Katie Payne, Deb Sayers,  
David Wilson  
**Class of 2019:** Jenny Bailer, Lynn Cronk,  
Greg Hughes, Nancy Moeckel,  
Johanna Reinhart  
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**Class of 2017:** Danny Cross, Connie Everhart,  
Matt Lykins, Jean O'Connell,  
Rori Lykins  
**Class of 2018:** Karen Shearer, Lee Fisher,  
Virginia Layton, Joni Marcum,  
Mary Jo McFadden  
**Class of 2019:** Carol Burkhalter, Debbie Davidson,  
Janet Holmes, Pat Roberts,  
Diane Young

#### TRUSTEES

**Class of 2017:** Lisa Brunckhorst, Rick Bailey  
**Class of 2018:** Tom Holmes, Nick Fears  
**Class of 2019:** Joe Simpson, Keith Payne

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**January 22 - January 29, 2017**

Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We're so glad you're here! We welcome you to participate in any or all activities of the church. Our congregational vision is to become "a more joyful, passionate, spiritually vibrant, inter-generational community of friends who are intentionally engaged in growing in faith, committed to serving our community and the world, and centered on transforming lives through the Good News of Jesus Christ." As a community of friends in Christ, our mission is: **Seeking God...** We strive to know God and love God. As fellow seekers, we welcome all who wish to learn and grow with us. **Serving others...** Following our Servant Savior, we give our time, talent and resources to help bring fullness of life to others. **Sharing Christ's love with all...** Through our words and actions, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ. Filled with joy and hope, we build relationships across any boundaries that separate us."

**Greeters:** Becky and Richard Quay

**Acolyte:** Eric Staley

**The Flowers** on the communion table are given by Joy Russell in loving memory of Paul Russell.

**Mission Partners Prayer List:**  
**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:**  
First United Presbyterian Church,  
Rushsylvania.

**Sister Churches:** The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

**Congregational Prayer Concerns:**  
Genee Hesse, Stacey Winn, Betty Barnhart, Cathy Fey, Marilyn Rettig, Sarah Soika, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Breanna Kinneman, Jan Reinhart

Email prayer requests to Jean O'Connell, [oconnelljm17@yahoo.com](mailto:oconnelljm17@yahoo.com), call Lawretta Clum, 513-524-7437 or email the church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Amy McGoldrick on behalf of the Adult Spirituality Group.

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Oxford Presbyterian Church will take place immediately following worship. Join us for this time in which we tell the stories of God's amazing grace through our worship, fellowship, and mission over this last year. Printed copies of the annual report are available for your prayerful reading in the Narthex.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Prior to the Children's Message,** Children's Activity Bibles and bags are available in the Narthex. Following the Children's Message, our teachers are waiting to welcome our students. Members of the Christian Education Committee will be available to escort students to their perspective rooms following the children's story.

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**Room Assignments:**

**Nursery:** Infants through age 2,  
Nursery 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Preschool:** Ages 3-5, Preschool area,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Grades K through 2:** K-1 Room,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Grades 3-5:** Art Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Grades 6-8:** Audio-Visual Room,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad located at the end of the pew. This simple action helps us give better guest and member care.

**2017 HONORED WOMEN AWARD**



The Honored Women Award is given annually by Oxford Presbyterian Women to those who have dedicated their time and talents to the work of Oxford Presbyterian Church. Please consider thoughtfully those women you know who give faithfully, willingly, and joyfully in their efforts for this church. Write a letter detailing their work and send it to: Pat Gifford at [gifforp@miamioh.edu](mailto:gifforp@miamioh.edu) or 6511 Morning Sun Rd., Oxford, OH 45056. A new letter is necessary for those who have been nominated previously. Any questions, call Pat at 516-255-5416. **Nominations must be received by March 1, 2017.**

Numbered envelopes for 2017 are available in the Narthex for Sunday tithes and pledges.



**PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS**  
(Knit or crochet or.....)

We need you! Our supply of Prayer Shawls is down and together we can provide love and care for our friends.

Shawls are given for comfort in times of illness or grief, as well as for celebration in times of joy. Please contact Diane Young at 513-255-6051 if you have questions.

**DVD CHURCH SERVICE SHOWING**



Come join Becky Quay to enjoy Presbyterian Church services on DVD at The Knolls on January 24, 2017 in the Assisted Living dining room.

Program begins at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!



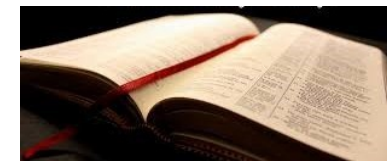
**FOOD DRIVE ALL YEAR**

Food Donations and monetary donations are accepted any time. Please leave non-perishable food in the box outside the offices or in the box in the Narthex. Please make checks to Oxford Presbyterian Church with a note in the note-field saying Food Drive. Please place cash donations in a pew envelope and mark Food Drive on the envelope.

**AN APPRECIATION**



23 **FREE** copies of the Gad-A-About featuring a 6 page profile of former OPC member and legendary football coach Weeb Ewbank. Copies are available outside the church office.



**Journey Through the Bible**

As we continue our exploration of scripture, we want to enjoy the sense of discovery. In our bulletin, we will regularly include a brief question or two about the readings for the week.

Last week's Questions and Answers

- In Genesis, what is the reaction of Abraham and Sarah to the news that God has promised them a son? (Abraham and Sarah both laugh. Gen 17:17, 18:12)
- When Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac, who carried the wood? (Isaac himself carried the wood. Gen 22:6)

Next week's Questions

- In Matthew, what are the names of Jesus' brothers?
- In Genesis, Joseph's position worsens shortly after being sold as a slave in Egypt. Why?



**We want to keep you informed! Please submit any announcements to the office by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday**