

Oxford Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 25, 2017

Liturgist: Scott Parkinson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you.
Receive our invitation to dwell with us.
Enfold us in your presence and
fill us again with holy awe and mystery.
We are yours and we claim you as our Lord. Amen.

(Image on the bulletin cover – The city of Pikeville, KY, where the Youth Group Mission Team will be serving.)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* arr. John Ferguson

CHORAL INTROIT *"My Life Is in You, Lord"* Daniel Gardner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God calls us to step forth in faith

All: We respond; Lord here I am

One: Jesus sends us out to live in faith

All: We trust that the Lord will provide

One: Come let us now worship the God

Of everywhere, every time and every place

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** *"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"* #837

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not always reflect your glory. Time and again, you deliver us from death to life, but we continue to live as though we are slaves to our sins. You welcomed us in Christ, yet we fail to extend the invitation to others. Forgive us; restore us and reorder our lives. Help us to live in Faith and faithfulness. Help us to always answer your call with "Here am I" In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace. **Amen**

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH GROUP MISSION TEAM
Invitation**

Covenant

Pastor: You have been called on behalf of this congregation to go out as witnesses to the Risen Christ and seek to serve God in through the communities of Pike County, KY. I invite you to now commit yourselves to this mission.

Team: We go to be present with one another and with those who host us.

All: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Team: We go to make a change for good in our own lives and in the lives of others.

All: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Team: We go to experience God in new and powerful ways.

All: Love God. Love Neighbor.

Team: We go so we can come back, transformed by the journey outward and the journey inward.

**All: As you go, we go with you:
present with our prayers
changed by your commitment
and empowered to work together
upon your return that God's kingdom come,
God's will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

(Children in Preschool through Grade 5 are dismissed to class following the Commissioning of Youth Group Mission Team.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Startle us, O God, with your truth
And open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love.
Speak your word to us;
Silence in us any voice but your own
And be with us now as we turn our attention,
Our minds and our hearts to you,
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from *Matthew 10:24-42*

The Word of God for the children of God!
Thanks be to God!

HYMN *"Jesus Loves Me"* #188

SERMON *"Some kid tried to steal my joy!"*

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN *"Open My Eyes That I May See"* #451

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"* Civilla D. Martin
Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"* #839

***BLESSING**

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,
and to make you stand without blemish
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. Amen.

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *"Go Now in Love and Peace"* Patrick M. Liebergen

***POSTLUDE** *"Variations on a Theme by Handel"* Darwin Wolford

****Please stand as you are able***



Third Sunday of Pentecost

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Sunday, June 25, 2017

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 25

Guest Minister: Garth Adams
9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Nursery and Preschool available plus Grades K-5 in the Art Room
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
Youth Mission Trip
Junior High Youth-Camp

Monday, June 26

Youth Mission Trip
Junior High Youth-Camp
6:00-8:00 Facilities Planning Committee (Molyneaux)
7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, June 27

Youth Mission Trip
Junior High Youth-Camp
10:00 OPC DVD Showing (Knolls)
7:00 Session (Molyneaux)

Wednesday, June 28

Youth Mission Trip
Junior High Youth-Camp

Thursday, June 29

Youth Mission Trip
Junior High Youth-Camp

Friday, June 30

Youth Mission Trip
Junior High Youth-Camp

Saturday, July 1

Junior High Youth-Camp
10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, July 2

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday School – **Nursery and Preschool only**
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Lawrence H. Bartel
Music Director: Kent Peterson
Organist: Lynn Jacobs
Pastor Emeritus: Dr. Joseph R. Hookey
Parish Associate: Rev. Diane Ziegler
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Sexton: Robert Simpson

OFFICERS OF OPC SESSION

Class of 2017: Gwen Fears, Kim Logsdon, Mary Jane Roberts, Robert Smith, Janet Ziegler
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

DEACONS

Class of 2017: Danny Cross, Connie Everhart, Matt Lykins, Rori Lykins, Jean O'Connell
Class of 2018: Lee Fisher, Virginia Layton, Joni Marcum, Mary Jo McFadden, Karen Shearer
Class of 2019: Carol Burkhalter, Debbie Davidson, Janet Holmes, Pat Roberts, Diane Young

TRUSTEES

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

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June 25 - July 2, 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: Joy Russell and Mickey Preston

Acolyte: Robert Simpson

The flowers on the left side of the communion table are given by Danny and Joni Marcum in loving honor of their parents.

The flowers on the right side of the communion table are given by Kathy Hardy, celebrating 54 years in the USA.

Mission Partners Prayer List: Presbytery of the Miami Valley:

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

Congregational Prayer Concerns:

Betty Barnhart, Pris Berry, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman, Jan Reinhart, Marilyn Rettig, Sarah Soika, Stacey Winn

Email prayer requests to Jean O'Connell, oconnelljm17@yahoo.com, call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org



Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Membership, Evangelism, Fellowship Committee.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 25

Nursery: Infants through age 2,
Nursery 1st Floor

Preschool: Ages 3-5, Preschool area,
1st Floor

Grades K-5: Art Room, 2nd Floor

Children are dismissed to class
following the children's message.

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Sunday, July 2

Nursery and Preschool only

Sunday, July 9

Vacation Bible School

*followed by a potluck chicken dinner
(The Seminary)*

Sunday, July 16, 23, 30

Nursery: Infants through age 2,
Nursery 1st Floor

Preschool: Ages 3-5, Preschool area,
1st Floor

Grades K-5: Art Room, 2nd Floor

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Friday, July 7 - Sunday, July 9**

The Oxford Presbyterian Church is pleased to host this year's Vacation Bible School, in partnership with the Faith Lutheran Church, the Oxford United Methodist Church and the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Our theme for this year is "Water All Around the World." Children ages preschool through 5th grade will be learning about the ways in which clean water access (or lack of access!) affects the lives of children in many parts of the world.

We'll also learn about the ministry of "Living Waters for the World", the water purification project that is providing safe water for many people in places where the water supplies are contaminated. Each day, we will look at a Bible story that tells of God's use of water and hear stories of children in other countries who struggle to have clean water.

You may sign up your child as a **participant** online at: <http://www.123contactform.com/form-1361811/VBS-Registration-Form>

We need many volunteers. Group leaders as well as middle school and high school students are needed. You may sign up as a **volunteer** at the following link: <http://www.123contactform.com/form-1364802/Volunteer-Recruitment>

**VBS Coordinators:
Oxford Presbyterian Church**

- Prue Dana - (513) 461-3404
- Katie Saylor - (513) 284-8157

**DEACONS
CHILDREN'S FOOD DRIVE**



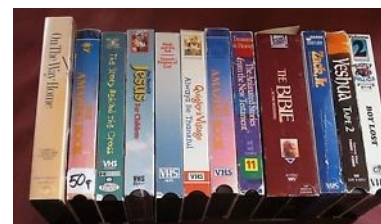
Many Children do not get school lunches in the summer and need extra food at home.

The Deacons request your donations of food

and money to make the June Food Drive a success. Food and Monetary donations may continuously be given throughout the summer.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to the Oxford Presbyterian Church with Children's Food Drive in the note field. The money will be used to purchase food for the Oxford Choice Food Pantry.

Oxford Choice Food Pantry needs: canned fruit, cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned meals (such as Chef Boyardee or Kroger meals) and peanut butter. Toilet paper, child personal care items like body wash, deodorant, shampoo and hair conditioner.



FREE VHS TAPES

Located on the bench outside of the Christian Education Office.



REV. GARTH E. ADAMS

Rev. Adams is a newly ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He received his Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Garth was the 2014 recipient of the Santavicca Scholarship from Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Adams was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. He is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and serves as a member of the Miami Valley Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. He has been active in this Presbytery serving numerous congregations as pulpit supply over the past seven years.

Rev. Garth E. Adams currently serves as a Chaplain for the Kettering Health Network system where he helps prepare the new Chaplains and CPE interns and Residents. He is married to DeLynne Adams, owner of DeLynne's Family Hair Care. They have three adult daughters, Sequoia, Shannon and Sierra.

Please mark Sunday July 9th on your calendar as we share in fellowship with the Oxford United Methodist Church, Faith Lutheran, and Trinity Episcopal Church to celebrate VBS. Following



church all are invited to the seminary for a chicken dinner. The chicken and beverages are provided. Please bring a dish to share so we can celebrate the joy

of VBS. **This Sunday will also be the week that the Methodists officially come to our church to worship.**