

**Oxford Presbyterian Church
Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, November 12, 2017**

Liturgist: Greg Hughes

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

O Lord, our creator –
the source of life and all we have and all we are –
we are aware of your grace and generosity always at work in our lives.
Our gratitude is so great we respond with these simple and life-changing words -
Thank you and Amen.

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Celebration at the Manger

PRELUDE *"I Will Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills"* Robert Lau

CHORAL INTROIT *"A Mighty Fortress"* Karle Erickson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is the church. It is yours, mine and ours.
But it is more than our church.

All: It is the church of the Living God!

It is the Lord who has worked through all of us.
**Let us with thanksgiving, worship with all our
heart and mind, soul and strength together.**

***HYMN** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* #14

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We are a church of gifted people.
**Lord, all the gifts come from you and you make
it possible for us to use our gifts together,
showing that in Christ, we know unity in God's Spirit.**

We celebrate the gifts that have allowed for
holy dreams to be expressed, and vision shared.
**We learn from those who risked answering the
Lord's call and left lives of comfortable security
to make a new home in Oxford.**

We give thanks for those who found healing and wholeness,
transformation and purpose as they walked with God in this
community of lifelong learning.

**We affirm those who gave to the ministry of this church
even when their economic future seemed far from safe;
whose vision for ministry ensured the doors of this
church would be open for us
and inspire us to rededicate our lives,
our congregation, and our future to you.**

We affirm that God's Spirit is never stagnant,
and is always moving, inspiring and re-creating.
**We dedicate our worship and commitments today to you,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
in whom we breathe and move and have our being.
Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The eternal God, the creator of the world,
**has called us from many places across the globe
to this place where our journeys meet.**

So here, in this shelter house of generations,
there is much to share and celebrate
when paths cross and pilgrims gather.
**With gratitude for the grace of our diversity
and the strength of our unity,
we commit ourselves to embodying the
presence of the Lord and sharing the
Good News that transforms lives.
Alleluia, Amen!**

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,
through the work of your Holy Spirit,
that in the hearing of your Word,
we may receive new life. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Matthew 25: 1-13.

pg. 26-27

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

"Awakened to the Gift."

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#65

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Coming Home"* William J. Kirkpatrick & Mary McDonald

CONSECRATION OF OUR GIFTS & PLEDGES (inspired by Psalm 116)

Thanks be to God! We have been given gifts by God's Spirit
– ability, energy, time, and possessions –
to serve Christ in this world through our church.

What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

We dedicate to you, O Lord, our time, talent, and treasure.

**We see, O Lord, that we live in a time of great need which calls us to
share the testimony of our faith in Christ through the ministry and
mission of this congregation.**

**May the pledges we bring before you today, O Lord, be a sign of our
commitment to your new heaven and new earth. Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#611

*BLESSING

Beloved body of Christ,
we have received the immeasurable riches of God's riches
and the Gospel free of charge.

**As stewards of this incredible grace,
we go forth from worship to share this great gift with all.
Alleluia, Amen!**

*CHORAL RESPONSE *"God Be with You till We Meet Again"* William G. Tomer

**Please rise in body or in spirit*



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CALENDAR

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Stewardship Sunday

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00 MEF Meeting (CE Office)
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday school
11:10 Congregational Meeting
11:20 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
11:30 Meeting with New Officers
(Sanctuary)

Monday, November 13

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 DVD Church Showing (Knolls)
5:30 Worship & Music
(2nd Pastor's Office)
7:00 Trustees (Molyneaux)

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 Deacons (Molyneaux)

Thursday, November 16

6:30 APNC Meeting
(2nd Pastor's Office)
7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva Room)

Friday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, November 19

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday school
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
11:30 Journey Through the Bible:
Bible Study and Discussion
(Seminary)
1:00 45-56 Club
(Host: Dick Munson)

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Lawrence H. Bartel
Music Director: Kent Peterson
Organist: Lynn Jacobs
Clerk of Session: Julia R. Fisher
Administrative Assistant:
Bridgite Dickerson:
office@oxfordpresbychurch.org
Financial Secretary: Mary Martin
finance@oxfordpresbychurch.org

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Slated Nominees for OPC Leadership Session

Class of 2018: Leanne Staley
Class of 2019: F. Harrison Green
Class of 2020: Candice Crist, Jenn Walter,
Dan Cross, Pat Gifford, Richard Munson

Trustees

Class of 2020: Scott Parkinson, Rick Bailey

Deacons

Class of 2018: Mickey Simonds
Class of 2020: Cornelia Browne, Stephanie
Hartman, Jill Grajewski, Becky Quay

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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, 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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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! 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."

WELCOME MIAMI STUDENTS! We're so glad you're here! We invite you to make this church your church home away from home during your time at Miami.

Greeter: Ginny Swanson

Acolyte: Eric Staley

The Flowers on the communion table are given by Cornelia Browne with gratefulness for her loving church family.

Mission Partners Prayer List:
Presbytery of the Miami Valley: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Xenia
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

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Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Amy McGoldrick on behalf of the Worship and Music Committee.

Congregational Meeting
Immediately following worship

Stewardship Sunday -
What is a pledge?
What is a tithe?



When you make a pledge, you promise to give a certain amount of money over the year. You decide the amount that you can generously afford. When you make a tithe, you promise to give a certain percentage of your income over the year. The word tithe is historically used when pledging one tenth of your income. These commitments may be revised at any time during the church year by your request. The process of budgeting and planning for our church life together is deeply impacted by knowing what income we can expect to support this ministry. Thank you for your commitment to BUILDING MOMENTUM for God's work in the world through the ministry of our congregation for 2018!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Prior to the Children's Message,

Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex next to the Activity Bibles. 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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Nursery: Infants through age 2,
Nursery 1st Floor

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

Grades K through 2: K-1 Room,
2nd Floor

Grades 3-5: Art Room, 2nd Floor

Grades 6-8: Geneva Room,
2nd Floor

Save the Date Thanksgiving Dinner



In a few short weeks, many Miami students will be going home to celebrate Thanksgiving.

However, those

staying on campus need not miss out on the festivities. Hosted by International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at Miami University, the 2017 Global Neighbors Friendship Program Thanksgiving Dinner will bring together Miami international students, faculty, staff, and Oxford community members for an early Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in Miami University Armstrong Pavilion C. Reservations are required.



A Jericho Moment

What image do you have of Jerusalem, Nazareth - even Jericho? After nearly four decades of living with one image of Jericho, Pastor Lawrence stepped off the bus and there was the site of ancient Jericho. It was much, much smaller than the colossal and magnificent city portrayed in the Bible storybooks. Opportunities to learn about both historical and contemporary realities are so vital for our faith, economic and civic lives - our whole lives.

The Mosaic of Peace presented by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is a unique opportunity for you to walk the streets of Bethlehem and Hebron, Tel Aviv and Capernaum. This 12-day peacemaking conference from April 29-May 12 presents you with touch the ancient stones of Solomon's Temple and meet the "living stones" who are today's residents of the land called holy.

Registration for the Mosaic of Peace ends on November 15.

For more information, please contact Pastor Lawrence who will be serving as a co-director of this journey, pick up a brochure from the bulletin board across from the staff offices, or visit - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/mosaic/>

Church Services at The Knolls



If you've missed any of our recent church services you now have a chance to see one in The Knolls

Country Kitchen. We will be viewing them (via DVD) on Tuesdays, November 14 at 10:00 A.M. As a special treat, Pastor Lawrence will be joining us for worship and fellowship. All are welcome, and if anyone needs a ride, please call Becky Quay at 523-5747.

45-56 Club: Bird Feeders



Students, parents, grandparents, and siblings are invited to make birdfeeders with Dick Munson and Libby

Birch. The 45-56 Club will meet on Sunday November 19th at 1:30 at 6751 Brown Road. Please plan to car pool.

A heavy duty plastic juice jug is needed. Call Bridgite to make reservations. This event is open to all ages. It will be just in time for winter so our families can feed the birds. If you have a jug you would like to donate please leave it on the bench outside of the education office.



The Tuesday Afternoon Circle meets on November 21 at 1:30 in The Knolls Country Kitchen. Reservations for

the optional lunch at noon due to Rosemary Fisher by Friday, November 17. Visitors and guests are always welcome. For more information contact Prue Dana or Lynn Cronk.

Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- Which figures from the Hebrew Scriptures does James point to as he makes the case for our faith in action? (Abraham and Rahab - James 2:21-25)
- Which New Testament writer recommends that when making future plans we should humbly consider "If the Lord wishes"? (James 4:15)

Next week's Questions

- To what does Peter compare the elders in the church?
 - Where do you find the vision of the dry bones?
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Decorate Safe Haven Farm



A happy group of OPC elves are going to Safe Haven Farms on Sunday, December 3 to decorate their center for the Christmas season.

This home is for autistic young adults who reside and take care of the beautiful farmland. We will meet in the alley behind the church at 1:30 p.m. and can carpool or drive separately to Middletown. Directions will be available. The decorations to be hung and the trees to decorate are ready on site. So bring yourself and your holiday spirit to help make their Hatton Center a warm, festive place for the Christmas season. Questions? Ask Karen Shearer.



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We need actors, musicians, singers, narrators, ushers and greeters!

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On the reverse side of this sheet is a list of roles that need to be filled. Please note your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices and place your completed form in the “Celebration at the Manger” box in the Molyneaux Lounge by **November 19th**.

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- _____ Joseph (3rd-5th grader)
- _____ Prophet
- _____ Emperor Augustus
- _____ Innkeeper
- _____ Shepherd
- _____ Angel
- _____ Wiseman
- _____ Animal
- _____ Musician
- _____ Narrator (6th-12th grader)
- _____ Choir
- _____ Usher (6th-12th grader)
- _____ Greeter (6th-12th grader)

Child’s name: _____
 Child’s age: _____
 Parent’s Name: _____
 Parent’s Phone #: _____
 Parent’s email address: _____

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cookie Bakers & Craft Makers

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The Annual Christmas Cookie & Craft Sale

**On Saturday, December 2, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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Homemade Cookies and Candies

**SERRV International Gifts
Handmade Crafts**



_____ I will bake cookies

_____ I will donate craft items

_____ I will work at the sale or café Saturday, December 2
(circle your choice)

_____ from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Please send this form to the church office or place it
in the offering plate

Thank you for your help. Your time and talents benefit mission
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Name _____

Telephone _____

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