

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read the scriptures today. Help us to hear them in a new way. May our meditations and actions be acceptable to God and may the peace of Christ be with us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

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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

"Menucha. It's No Secret!"

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN

"By All Your Saints Still Striving" (vs.1-2)

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (on insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart"

Anna Laura Page

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"By All Your Saints Still Striving" (vs.3-5)

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*BLESSING

You, who are faithful,
depart this place to return to a world
that will test your faith.
For with testing comes growth.

**We go forth remembering the commitment
of saints who did weep and pray and rejoice
because of their love of God.**

**We join them as we sing songs of praise to God
and say "Yes" to God with our whole lives.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

William G. Tomer

*POSTLUDE

"Song of the Redeemed"

Robert J. Powell

**Please rise in body or in spirit*



All Saints Sunday

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Sunday, November 5, 2017

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table where along with your saints we receive all Christ's gifts.

Provide for your church on earth a strong faith and increased love for one another.

Give us the grace to praise you with our lives in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



God is in this place.
And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the nudging God.
We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Remember God made flesh.
Jesus, who taught us a new way.

We gather around this table
at the invitation of our Lord
and in communion with generations past
and generations yet unborn.
We come in praise of God, always and forever.
We have been made holy in Christ.

At this table, we are mindful of the virtuous and
godly living of saints that have become an inspiration for us.

At this table, O God,
we receive the gift of bread and cup.
These are the symbols you provide that remind us of your love.

Leader *All*

The Lord be with you. _____ And al - so with

Leader *All*

you. _____ Lift up your hearts. _____ We lift them

Leader

up to the Lord. _____ Let us give thanks to the Lord our

All

God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. _____

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

We thank you, Almighty God,
for creating the gift of life.
We thank you
for the life and ministry of Jesus and
for the sustaining work of the Holy Spirit.

O Trinity of love,
We thank you for faithful living of saints for all centuries.
We thank you for the witness of those who gave their lives in your ministry.

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,
To taste the feast,
the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.


Time and time again you've offered your grace,
Even as we have stepped away,
You continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us.
We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.
You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration.
For the One this meal remembers.
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,
Whose hands touched the bread,
Whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you.

In the presence of this cloud of witnesses,
we gather around this table and we give you thanks
as we sing the eternal song of praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and
might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Eternal God, we gather in this sacred community with
all the faithful and before these gifts of your love.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
on this bread and wine on our gifts, and on us.
Strengthen your universal church
that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world.
Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Prayers of Joy and Concern are shared at this time.

Our time of prayer will draw to a close with a musical setting of the Lord's Prayer arranged by the late Rev. Dr. Bruce Bueschel, Parish Associate of this congregation.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

(All are welcome to approach the communion stewards at the front or back of the sanctuary. Receive the gift of Bread, hearing the words, "the Bread of Life," and then dip it into the Cup, hearing the words, "The Cup of Salvation." The crackers on the communion plates are gluten free. Please return to your seat by the outer aisles. If it's not comfortable for you to walk, a steward will joyfully offer you communion in your seat.)

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 5

9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday school
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
11:30 Journey Through the Bible
1:00 Kiwanis Food Drive
(Seminary)

Monday, November 6

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, November 7

6:00 Facilities Planning Team
(Molyneaux)
7:00 Oxford Community Band
(Seminary)
7:30 Tuesday Evening Circle
Hostess: Karen Simpson

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 Christian Education (AV Room)

Thursday, November 9

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

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)
5:30 Campus Ministry (Seminary)

Sunday, November 12

Election of Officers

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

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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: Phyllis Bowie
and Connie Everhart

Acolyte: Erick Staley

Mission Partners Prayer List:
Presbytery of the Miami Valley:
First Presbyterian Church, Fairborn
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 Nancy Moeckel and Jo Reinhart on behalf of the Worship and Music Committee.



**Congregational Meeting
Election of Officers
Sunday, November 12**

SERVV

Today is the last day-during fellowship to order any special items from SERRV. There will be SERRV items including coffee and chocolate for sale Dec. 2 at the cookie Walk. See Prue Dana during the fellowship time if you are interested and /or have questions.

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

**Kiwanis Holiday Food Drive
Sunday, November 5**

Oxford Kiwanis holds its annual Holiday Food Drive today. City residents and neighbors on Bonham Road and in Springwood are asked to put bags or boxes of food on their front doorsteps by 1 pm. Identified volunteers will pick up food and knock on doors Sunday, from 1-4 pm.

The Oxford Presbyterian Women

The Annual Christmas Cookie
& Craft Sale

Saturday, December 2
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Molyneaux Lounge

Watch for more details
in next week's bulletin.

Per Capita

Per capita or per head... is a set amount of money per member that congregations contribute to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA). This per capita is used for the expenses of our PC (USA) mission co-workers, leadership development, new church development, and General Assembly meetings to name just a few.

We urge every member to give toward your per capita of \$46.26. Your contribution not only connects you with the work of the church throughout the world, this also allows finances reserved in 2017 to fully cover our congregational per capita to be used instead to support the missions of the Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Per Capita envelopes are available in the Narthex or by contacting the church office. And thank you as we seek...serve... and share!



**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 EVENING CIRCLE will meet in the home of Karen Simpson, 1325 Dana Drive on November 7. Jean O'Connell is the Co-Hostess, Ginny Layton

will lead the Program and Billie Maynard will lead the Devotions.

Mosaic of Peace

When asked what he would do today if he knew the world would end tomorrow Martin Luther is said to have replied, "I would plant a tree". The olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane stand as beacons of hope through generations of uncertainty, war and even betrayal.

The Mosaic of Peace, presented by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, is a unique opportunity for you to walk among the olive trees in Gethsemane as well as meet the olive farmers of today who bridge the Israeli and Palestinian divide through working side by side in a fair trade company. This peacemaking conference from April 29-May 12 presents you with the occasion to 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 click here - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/mosaic/>

Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- Who helps Joseph of Arimathea bury Jesus? (Nicodemus - John 19:39)
- What does Thomas call Jesus when he sees him after the resurrection? ("My Lord and My God" - John 20:28)

Next week's Questions

- Which figures from the Hebrew Scriptures does James point to as he makes the case for our faith in action?
 - Which New Testament writer recommends that when making future plans we should humbly consider "If the Lord wishes"?
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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 Country Kitchen. We will be viewing them (via DVD) on Tuesdays, November 14 & 28 at 10:00 A.M. As a special treat, on November 14, Pastor Lawrence will be joining us for worship and fellowship. All are welcome, and if anyone needs a ride, Becky Quay would be glad to pick you up. Call 523-5747.



**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.
