

Oxford Presbyterian Church  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, October 15, 2017

Liturgist: Karen Shearer

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Lord God of grace,  
open our hearts today to receive the invitation of  
Jesus to come and be present in our lives.  
Create an atmosphere of healing love in our hearts and our spirits.  
For we ask these things in Christ's name, Amen.

(On the bulletin cover – St. Columba's Bay on the Isle of Iona, Scotland)

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** – Facility Planning Team  
Youth Group

**PRELUDE**                   *"Sing Praise to God"*                   ar. Jacob B. Weber

**CHORAL INTROIT**           *"Lord, Speak to Me"*                   Jeffrey H. Rickard

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: It is by the Lord's grace that we gather for worship.

All: **And it is by God's faithfulness that our lives are changed.**  
HYMN – "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (vs. 1)                   #39

Our hearts are filled with joy when we think of those  
who have framed our faith.

**May their labors continue to bring a harvest of faith in  
our lives and throughout every season of life to come.**  
HYMN – "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (vs. 2)                   #39

Praise be to Christ, who continually inspires and guides his disciples  
through challenging and divisive times.

**Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord,  
as we praise you for the gift of gathering with a song in our hearts.**  
HYMN – "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (vs. 3)                   #39

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

How many times in our lives have we felt lost, alone, abandoned?  
**Yet there is One who will never leave our side.**

**We can depend upon God's loving presence  
to rescue us and to heal our brokenness.**  
HYMN – "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (vs. 1)                   #649

Even though we have been battered and blown by storms and struggles,  
we still can place our trust in the Lord's abiding presence.

**It is the grace of God that has brought us through and  
will continue to be with us all our lives.**  
HYMN – "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (vs. 2)                   #649

Our lips shall sing and shout forth our praise of Jesus Christ.

**Let our hearts and spirits rejoice and continually be  
praising the Lord for all God's mercies. Amen.**  
HYMN – "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (vs. 3)                   #649

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rejoice! For God is with you.  
You have always been loved by God.  
Know that you are healed and forgiven.  
Serve God in all that you say, think, and do.  
Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN – "Jesus Loves Me!" (vs. 1)                   #188

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy Spirit, focus 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 you, O Lord, and may the peace of Christ be  
with us. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

A reading from Ephesians 2:1-10

pg. 176-177

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

*"The Solas: Sola Gratia"*

### **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

## \*HYMN

*"Amazing Grace" (vs: 1, 4-5)*

#649

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

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"Psalm 126:  
God has Done Great Things for Us"* arr. David von Kampen

Marty Haugen,

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*HYMN

*"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"*

#837

## \*BLESSING

Beloved in Christ, the word has gotten around.  
The news of your faith in God is out.

You are the message!  
You represent Christ and bear witness to Jesus wherever you may be;  
You use your skills to carry on the Lord's work in the world;

To ALL the people of the Church -  
Every time we think of you, we are always thankful!  
**Every time we think of you - we are always thankful! Amen!!**

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*"May the Peace of the Lord"*

Douglas E. Wagner

## \*POSTLUDE

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* arr. Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Oxford Presbyterian Church**

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**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

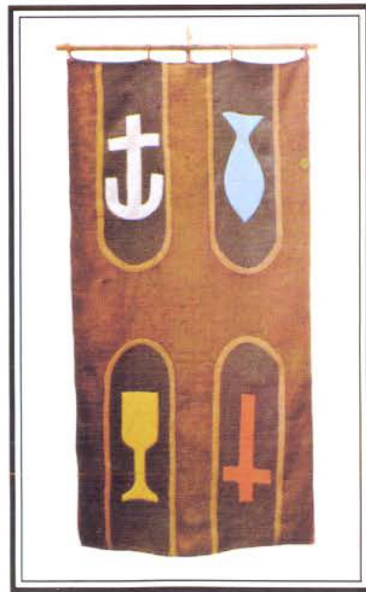


## Banners of Our Church Confessions

As we celebrate the our congregation's heritage in the midst of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will be highlighting the banners of our church confessions. These banners were made in 1978 by a team including Prue Dana, Carol Flee, Eileen Jeck, Susan King, Kathy McGrew, Debbie Snyder, Marilyn de Soucy, Janet Sturgeon & Helen Zimmerman.

### I. Nicene Creed (4th Century)

The cross, which is also a sword is the symbol for the Emperor Constantine. The green triangle represents the doctrine of the Trinity, with symbols for God the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.



### II. Apostle's Creed (8th Century)

The somber brown background represents the persecutions of early Christians. Purple arches symbolize the catacombs. The anchor cross symbolizes security in Christ, and the upside-down cross represents Peter's martyrdom.



### III. Scots Confession (Scotland 1560)

The Celtic cross and the Hamilton plaid are in honor of the first Scottish martyr. A ship is the symbol for the Church, and the Bible is God's Word which Paul called "The Sword of the Spirit". The burning bush is the symbol of God's presence.

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**October 15 - October 22, 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."

**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.

**Greeters:** William and Sandi Hazleton

**Acolyte:** Spencer Lykins

**The flowers** on the right side of the communion table are in celebration of our pastor's first anniversary in Oxford. They are from the former members of the PNC.

**The flowers** on the left side of the communion table are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Kenneth L. Cross, beloved husband and father, by Judy and Danny Cross.

Mission Partners Prayer List:  
**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:**  
 First Presbyterian Church  
**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, Betty Reinhart, Jan Reinhart, Marilyn Rettig, Sarah Soika, Stacey Winn

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

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 Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Lykins and Fears families on behalf of the Youth.



Sunday, October 29 children are invited to the Narthex at 9:55 to join in the

procession with the bagpiper and banners celebrating our heritage and the Reformation of the church.

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 15

- 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 Worship
- 10:20 Sunday school
- 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
- 11:30 Discover OPC Class (Molyneaux)
- 12:00 OPC Youth Special Outing  
Freedom Summer Memorial
- 5:00 Nominating Committee (Molyneaux)

### Monday, October 16

- 7:00 Art Class (Seminary)
- 7:00 PCCM Board Meeting (Molyneaux)

### Tuesday, October 17

- 1:30 Tuesday Afternoon Circle (Knolls)
- 2:00-6:00 Deacons Community Blood Drive (Seminary)
- 7:00 Session (Molyneaux)

### Wednesday, October 18

- 7:00 Deacons (Molyneaux)

### Thursday, October 19

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

### Friday, October 20 Newsletter Deadline

### Saturday, October 21

- 10:00 A.A. (AV Room)
- 5:30 PCCM (Seminary)

### Sunday, October 22

- 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 Teacher Orientation (Art Room)
- 10:00 Worship
- 10:20 Sunday school
- 11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
- 2:00-4:00 OPW Fall Gathering  
*Thank Offering Dedication* (Molyneaux)

**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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**THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday October 17 at 1:30 in the Country Kitchen. Prue Dana will lead the study on Hebrews with Karen Shearer conducting Least Coin and Lynn Cronk Mission Yearbook. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

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♦ All Sr. High youth (9-12) are invited to a dinner and movie night at the Bartel residence on **Sunday, October 22 from 6 - 8:30**. We will enjoy enchiladas while laughing along with Napoleon Dynamite. Come see if you can quote more of the movie than Mitch! Bring a dessert if you like. All are welcome!

♦ Please join us after service on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** for a shared meal of soup and salad and desserts at the Seminary building from 11:30-1:30 PM which will be hosted by our Youth Group as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip to Charleston, S. C.

**Tickets are \$5/person or no more than \$20/family.** Tickets are available for purchase after service in the Molyneaux Lounge or at the door on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## Discover Oxford Presbyterian Church - A Class for Inquirers and New Members

A cherished hymn begins:

*Called as partners in Christ's service,  
Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.*

Have you been visiting Oxford Presbyterian Church (OPC) or worshipping with us regularly? If so, then please join our Discover OPC Class for Inquirers and New Members in the lounge after worship.



### Teacher Orientation

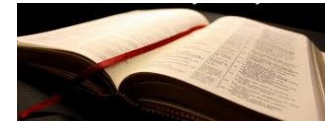
Sunday, October 22 at 9 a.m.  
Art Room at Memorial  
Quiche and Coffee

Photos for name badges  
What's happening this fall?  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

All Teachers and those interested in teaching are invited. Questions call Lynn Cronk 524-8574 / Reservations call Bridgite 523-6364.



Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the OPW Women's Fall Gathering Sunday October 22, 2:30pm in the Molyneaux Lounge. Karen Shearer, Carol Burkhalter and Sue Wilson will describe their adventures from the Mission trip to Columbia. You've heard some, but by no means all the good stories. Robert Smith and Dave Wilson will present slides. There will be sweets and treats!



## Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- A major problem in Israel was knowing which "prophets" were truly bringing God's word. Which prophet disagrees with Jeremiah's prophecies about Nebuchadnezzar? (Hananiah - Jer. 28)
- To whom does Jesus say, "I am the resurrection and the life"? (Martha - John 11:25)

Next week's Questions

- When does Jesus model servanthood by washing the feet of his disciples?
- Who is the Babylonian king at the time of Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, is carried off into captivity?

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## SERRV Catalogs

The SERRV catalogs are here! See Prue Dana in the lounge after the service. Our order of \$300 plus guarantees us free shipping. Get your shopping done now with fair trade items and chocolates, coffee and olive oil and spices. The catalogs will be available at the Oct. 22nd Women's Gathering and items to be sold will be at the Cookie Walk.

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## World Community Day

All are invited to join Church Women United 2017 World Community as we join the **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary joint Prayer Service**. It will be held **October 29 at 4 p.m. at Kumler Chapel on Miami's Western Campus**. The service will be led by Father Jeffery P. Silver of St. Mary Catholic Church and Pastor Logan Dysart of Faith Lutheran Church.

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**The next Community Meal sponsored  
by OPC will be Wednesday, October 25  
at The Seminary**

Please signup:  
**Community Meal Volunteer/Donation**

I can help set up at 4:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
I can help clean up 6:30-7:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
I can help serve 5:30-6:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_

**I can bring:**

Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_  
Bread \_\_\_\_\_  
Salad \_\_\_\_\_  
Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or wish to sign up,  
call or e-mail Bill Fisher at 524-4504  
or [fisherwf@miamioh.edu](mailto:fisherwf@miamioh.edu)

**If you would like to donate money please indicate  
"Community Meal" on your check.**

***This insert may be completed and placed in the  
offering plate or the Administrative Assistant mailbox.***

**Oxford Presbyterian Church**  
**Community Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, October 17 ~ 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**104 East Church St., Oxford**  
(The Seminary Building)

**Requirements:**

- 1) You must be at least 17 years' old  
(16 with parental consent)  
(there is no upper age limit)
- 2) You must weigh at least 110 pounds

**Appointments Recommended:**

**To Donate Blood:**

You are encouraged to sign up online at  
[www.Donortime.com](http://www.Donortime.com) / use **Sponsor Code 321**

The eDonor online blood donation scheduling site has been completely upgraded. Once you choose "Donor Login" you will be given instruction on what to do

- 1) If you would like us to sign you up, please fill out this sheet with name, date of birth, phone number, and time available.
- 2) Place in Collection Plate or call the church: 513.523.6364

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred appointment time \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions about donor eligibility contact  
CBC at: 1-800-388-4483 or 777-4428.  
Register to donate at [www.DonorTime.com](http://www.DonorTime.com)**



## Meet Tanner...



Some of you have heard Mary Shinn's request for prayers a few Sundays ago for Tanner Young, his brother Owen Young and their mother, Nichole Smith. Since that time, Tanner has moved out of ICU but remains in the hospital where he is receiving chemotherapy for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Your continued prayers are needed for Tanner and his family.

OPC has already provided prayer shawls for this family. Members of our youth group will be standing at the doors at the end of service today for anyone who would like to financially help this family during this time of crisis. We have a limited number of Tanner Strong bracelets available if you would like to take one as you make a contribution to help this family.

The youth group and any other congregation members who would like to demonstrate support for Tanner, his family, and for any others who have been affected by cancer in their lives, can join us in Cincinnati on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to walk in the "Light Up the Night" to be held in Yeatman's Cove. (No school for Talawanda students on the following Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.) The walk begins at 7 PM with additional "festivities" starting at 5:00. Tanner's team is called "Tanner's Warriors" and is headed by his mother Nichole Smith. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds for research and is a means of showing support for cancer survivors and those struggling with this horrible disease now. ***The youth group will meet at OPC at 5 PM on October 19<sup>th</sup> to share rides. We will need volunteers to drive. Please register online at <https://registration.lightthenight.org/event-selected/73395> ahead of time for a t-shirt and additional information.***

The Youth Group invites you to join them in mission as we share the love of God with Tanner and his family.

## Please help Homeless Children in Butler County, Ohio

Are you aware that there are homeless Children in Butler County, Ohio? Many don't see homelessness in our area, but it does exist. Families who are evicted end up living in their cars, hotels, or couch surfing. In Butler County there are currently over 500 children on record as being homeless, representing hundreds of families struggling with homelessness. As a community, it's time to do something about this. **Family Promise of Butler County** located in Hamilton, Ohio began serving some of these families on September 11, 2016. Please Join the OPC Mission and Outreach Committee and become involved with Family Promise of Butler County. On October 24 you have a chance to learn more about Family Promise. Please consider joining other OPC members by attending "**Keeping the Promise**" **Breakfast on October 24, 2017** in Hamilton for just one hour (7:45 am to 8:45 PM). The Continental breakfast is being prepared and served by Butler Tech Culinary Students. If you need a ride please or plan to attend please contact Dave Wilson (523-8848) or the church office (523-6364). Prior registration for this event is required. For further information and registration to attend this event go to the following website:

[http://familypromisebutlercounty.com/?event=keeping-the-promise-breakfast&event\\_date=2017-10-24](http://familypromisebutlercounty.com/?event=keeping-the-promise-breakfast&event_date=2017-10-24)



**Join us for an hour on your way to work to hear more about Family Promise of Butler County and how it is helping homeless children.**