

**Oxford Presbyterian Church
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 24, 2017**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

O Lord, you call all the laborers!
Tell us to roll up our sleeves
For we know that we have work to do.
Let us find you in the work we share here and now,
in Christ's presence we pray. Amen.

(On the bulletin cover – Images from the August 2017 mission journey to Colombia)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Blood Drive

Deacon's

PRELUDE *"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"*

arr. Mark Sedio

CHORAL INTROIT *"Make A Joyful Noise"*

Allen Pote

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Salmos 145 / Psalm 145)

Melanie Ziegler

One: Te exaltaré, mi Dios y rey;
por siempre bendeciré tu nombre.

**All: I will extol you, my God and King
and bless your name forever and ever.**

Todos los días te bendeciré;
por siempre alabaré tu nombre.

**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Cada generación celebrará tus obras
y proclamará tus proezas.

**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

¡Prorrumpa mi boca en alabanzas al SEÑOR!

¡Alabe todo el mundo su santo nombre,
por siempre y para siempre!

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever!**

***HYMN**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

#267

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Matthew 20: 1-16)

Robert Smith

O Lord, our eyes are heavy.
Our hope is soaring.
We wait in the marketplace seeking the most lucrative work.
Our God is gracious.

O Jesus, our feet are tired.
Our expectations rise.
We are hired at first light in the morning.
Our God is merciful.

O Christ, our backs are sore.
Our spirits are low.
We are paid last – after those who worked less than half as much.
Our God is slow to anger.

O Lord, our tempers flare.
Our anger rages.
We deserve more and seek to take what we feel belongs to us.
Our God abounds in steadfast love.

In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Inspired by Psalm 145)

Carol Burkhalter

**Sing aloud! These are the Lord's mighty acts!
In grace and mercy, God abounds in steadfast love.
Bless God's name forever!
Alleluia! Amen!**

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Karen Shearer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dave Wilson

Living Jesus, whose presence on our daily road
we often fail to see;
warm our hearts with fresh confidence in your Word,
so that, in making room for the stranger beside us,
we find your hospitality awaiting us,
and the reassurance of your presence
to inspire us to tread the road again
and to share the good news of your resurrection life.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Matthew 20: 1-16

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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

"Sharing our Mission Experiences"

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

#726

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Lord, Speak to Me"

Jeffrey H. Rickard

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sue Wilson

*HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

#37

*BLESSING

Eternal God, let us be in one spirit, striving side by side.
**Use our hands, hearts, and minds
to renew your world.**

Let us be surprised by the joy in our faith.

**Use our lives to bring others the new life you
give this world in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.
Amen.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Be in My Head"

Old English Prayer

*POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune in D Major"

C.S. Lang

**Please rise in body or in spirit*



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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24

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 (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 25

7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

Tuesday, September 26

10:00 DVD Church Showing
(Knolls)
10:00 Staff Meeting (Molyneaux)

Wednesday, September 27

7:00 Nominating Committee
(Molyneaux)

Thursday, September 28

2:00-9:00 Directory Photos
(Seminary)
7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:30 Chancel Choir (Geneva)

Friday, September 29

2:00-9:00 Directory Photos
(Seminary)
5:30 Grajewski / Lathery
Wedding Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)

Saturday, September 30

World Communion
10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)
10:00am-5:00 Directory Photos
(Seminary)
4:00 Grajewski / Lathery
Wedding (Sanctuary)
5:30 PCCM Fellowship and
Worship (Seminary)

Sunday, October 1

World Communion
9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
10:20 Sunday school
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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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! 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: Mickey Simonds and Jane Kelly

Acolyte: Lydia Bartel

The flowers on the communion table are given by Dian Young to the Glory of God.

Mission Partners Prayer List:
Presbytery of the Miami Valley:
Honey Creek 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, occonnelljm17@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 Mission and Outreach

HOST A MISSIONARY

Ellen and Al Smith, missionaries supported by OPC in Russia, will be joining us during worship service on Sunday, October 1, and will need a place to stay on Saturday, September 30. If you can accommodate our guest, please contact Bill Fisher at 524-4504 or fisherwf@miamioh.edu.

OPC Nominating Church Officers (for Class of 2020)

The OPC Nominating Committee invites your suggestions for officers who will lead our congregation over the next few years.

Name submissions will be accepted until September 26th. Nomination ballots are also located in the mailbox labeled Nominating Committee.

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



THE TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will be meeting on October 3 at 7:30pm in the home of Jo Reinhart, 175 Stone Creek Dr. Janet Holmes is the Co-hostess and will lead the program. Nancy Sturgeon will lead the devotions.



- ◆ Fall Kick-Off Picnic for Youth, Sunday, September 24 at 5:30 pm at Greg and Peggy Hughes' home, 2285 Trenton Rd.
- ◆ **OPC Youth Journey Through the Bible: Race and Ethnicity**
All middle school and high school youth are invited to join Matt Lykins and Molly Todd during Sunday School time on Sunday, October 1st to continue the youth's Journey Through the Bible: Race and Ethnicity discussion. The high school youth will be introduced to a novel study surrounding Angie Thomas' The Hate U Give.
- ◆ On October 15, OPC's youth will attend a special outing at the Freedom Summer Memorial on Miami's Western Campus. They will be listening to Mrs. Sibyl Miller and her friend as they recount their experiences recruiting and registering voters during the Freedom Summer of 1963. We will eat lunch in town at noon (location TBA) and head out to Western immediately afterwards. The talk will occur around 1pm.

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

Requirements:

- 1) You must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent)
- 2) You must weigh at least 110 pounds

Appointments Recommended:

To Donate Blood:

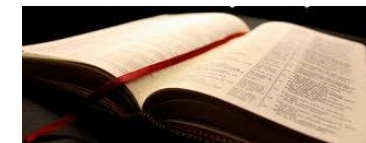
You are encouraged to sign up online at www.Donortime.com
Use Sponsor Code 321

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.

If you would like the church office to sign you up, please call 513.523.634. You will need to provide your name, date of birth, phone number, and time available.

**Any questions about donor eligibility contact CBC
at: 1-800-388-4483
or 777-4428**

**Register to donate at
www.DonorTime.com**



Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- Who prays for deliverance from Sennacherib because this seemingly invincible Assyrian king has mocked the "living God"? (Hezekiah. - Isaiah 37:17)
- What Persian king does God, in a prophecy of Isaiah, call "my shepherd"? (Cyrus. - Isaiah 44:28)

Next week's Questions

- Hebrews tells us that Jesus is a priest along the lines of what mysterious Old Testament figure from the time of Abraham?
- Like Proverbs, what does Ps. 111 say is the beginning of wisdom?



October 1 for World Communion
Sunday, all youth and children are asked to meet in the narthex to join in the procession of the elements at the start of the service.

October 29 for Reformation and Heritage Sunday all youth are asked to meet in the Narthex to join the bagpiper and banner procession to start the service.