

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

*Responsive Reading (Proverbs 3:1-6) J.J. Cline

One: My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,

All: For they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

One: Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

All: Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

One: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

All: In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

*Hymn "Blessed Be the God of Israel" No 209
(Verses 1 and 3)

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance J.J. Cline

As we begin this season of Advent, we do so with great joy and anticipation. The Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ provides a source of light in the darkness, a source of hope in the face of despair, and a source of joy in the presence of sadness. Let us enter this season with great peace, comfort, and assurance that the Messiah will come again to restore a broken world and to redeem those who believe.

Lighting the Advent Candle Youth

Blessing of the Gifts Pastor John

*Unison Prayer (from Psalm 80) Pastor John
Restore us, O God! Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. Restore us, God Almighty. May this Advent season be unlike any other. May we see the light like never before, and may the message of God penetrate our soul and soften our heart from this day forward.
Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession
Forgive us, Lord, for we lack the discipline to turn away from the darkness and into the light, so we seek your abundant grace and mercy once again. May it cleanse and purify us as it also strengthens us in our efforts to stand up to all that is evil while we embrace all that is good, today and forevermore. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John

First Scripture Reading Matthew 7:24-27
Second Scripture Reading Romans 10:8-13
Third Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:5-9

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!
All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn "At the Name of Jesus" No. 168
(Verses 1 and 4)

Sermon "Did You Get My Message?" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" No. 513
(Verses 1 and 2)

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand in body or spirit

Colors of Christmas

During Advent we will begin our annual Oak Chapel tradition of the "Colors of Christmas." Members are encouraged to wear something reflecting each week's color.

Sunday, 11/29– Green (signifying life)

Sunday, 12/6 – Purple (signifying royalty)

Sunday, 12/13 – Red (signifying sacrifice)

Sunday, 12/20 – Blue (signifying eternity)

Thursday, 12/24 – (Christmas Eve) – White (signifying purity)

Sunday, 12/27 – Gold (signifying riches)

Student Sunday

This Sunday is United Methodist Student Sunday, a churchwide special Sunday for the support of our students. When you give, you help provide for over seventy scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. Please consider supporting this ministry so that young people can be "shaped intellectually, spiritually and, perhaps more important, offer hope for the church."

Sunday Bulletins

Bulletins will now be posted on our website (oakchapelumc.com) each week prior to Sunday worship. You may bring a copy with you or pick one up in the narthex, if you are worshipping inside. If you are remaining in your car and need a bulletin or a copy of the hymns, we ask that you drive to the end of the ramp and someone will bring them to you.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community, those serving in the armed forces, our country, its leaders

Our Church Family

Jennifer Adair	April Aten
Betsy Bower	Arden Boyer
Roger Martin	Bill Feldman
Esther Franks	Wayne Kahrig
Elsie Mykrantz	Betty Princehorn
Christy Rickard	Mark and Patti Ritchey
Elaine Sprinkle	Bill Stewart
Connie Wheeler	Roger Burckhart
Tina Clevidence	Youth Group
Dave and Miriam Zech	

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Bill Snyder - Carol Gossage's cousin
 Bob - Connie Reed's brother
 Avi - Connie Garg's son
 Samantha and Jackson - Wendy Rife's daughter and grandson
 Dwight Goodrich - Sheila Burckhart's brother
 Chuck - Connie Garg's cousin and family
 Sue - Steve Gossage's daughter
 Those suffering from depression
 Our Nation

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 11/29	Student Day	
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 11/30	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 12/1	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 12/2	Morning Circle	9:30 am
Thursday 12/3	Bookworms	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday 12/6	Worship	10:30 am
	Youth	6:30 pm
Monday 12/7	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Girl Scout Leaders	7:30 pm
Tuesday 12/8	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Saturday 12/12	Men's Breakfast	7:30 am
	GS Cookie Rally	11:00 am

Youth Group:

Our Youth Group typically meets the first and third Sundays of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Gathering Grounds. Our leader provides a lesson that is followed by open discussion. We also have time for fun, games, and a light snack. Please join us or invite a young person you know to attend. Due to our current concern for the health and safety of our youth and their families, check the bulletin to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

Join us from our parking lot at 97.9 FM
and visit our website at
oakchapelumc.com

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