

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 85:10-12) J.J. Cline

One: Love and faithfulness meet together;
All: Righteousness and peace kiss each other.
One: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
All: And righteousness looks down from heaven.
One: The Lord will indeed give what is good,
All: And our land will yield its harvest.
One: Righteousness goes before him
All: And prepares the way for his steps.

*Hymn "People, Look East" No 202
(Verses 1 and 4)

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance
Lord God, may this season of plenty also be a season of perspective. May we turn our attention away from self-indulgence and toward selfless generosity. Let us recognize that true joy comes from serving God and serving others. May the spirit of this holy and sacred season inspire all of us to seek peace on earth and goodwill toward all of humankind.

Lighting the Advent Candle

*Unison Prayer
Heavenly Father, we celebrate the gift of your son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through Him, we have abundant life, illuminating light, inspiring hope, and comforting peace. May this sacred season lift us up and inspire us to carry the joy into the year ahead so that we can enlighten and encourage others, as we all continue to seek and follow the Lord until He comes again in glory. This we pray in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession
Great and Powerful God, we know that the only way to you is through your Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So we humbly bow before Him, acknowledging our sin and repenting in earnest so that through His generous grace and mercy we may be forgiven and that through His precious blood we may be cleansed and purified. For this awesome gift, we offer our praise and thanksgiving. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John

First Scripture Reading (Isaiah 40:1-11) J.J. Cline
Second Scripture Reading (Galatians 5:22-25) Pastor John

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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381
(Verses 1 and 2)

Sermon "A Matter of Perspective" Pastor John

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15

*Jesus is the host at the Communion table.
At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus
is welcome at the table.*

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

Presentation to God of Our Gifts
*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "O Zion, Haste" No. 573
(Verses 1 and 3)

Benediction and Postlude
*=please stand in body or spirit

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

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.

Blood Drive
St. Peter Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive December 15 from 2:30 to 7:00 pm.

Christmas Eve Service
We want to be able to provide for as many people as possible to worship in person on Christmas Eve. We believe we can safely accommodate 75 people in the sanctuary at one time. Ushers will seat you in a safe area that will appropriately accommodate individuals or groups of varying sizes. In addition, we are working on having a livestream option which can be viewed from Fellowship Hall or the comfort of your own home. If you wish to continue to worship from your car, the FM feed will be available or if you want to reserve a room for your family in the church we can provide that as well. We will not let the coronavirus impede our efforts to offer meaningful worship on Christmas Eve and beyond. Masks will be required in all areas inside the church with the exception of family rooms.



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
Bill Feldman	Bill Stewart
Esther Franks	Wayne Kahrig
Elsie Mykrantz	Betty Princehorn
Christy Rickard	Mark and Patti Ritchey
Elaine Sprinkle	Youth Group

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

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
 Dale - Connie Reed's friend
 Ed - Connie Reed's friend
 Kay - Connie Reed's friend
 Susan - Connie Reed's friend
 COVID vaccine
 Children and families served through Mt. Vision

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 12/6	Worship	10:30 am
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

Looking Ahead

Sunday 12/13	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 12/14	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance	6:00 pm
	Admin. Council	6:30 pm
	Trustees	7:00 pm
Tuesday 12/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm

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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Fellowship and Caring*