

October 17, 2021

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

Responsive Reading (Psalm 95:1-3)

One: Come, let us sing out loud to the Lord!

All: Let us raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come before him with thanks!

All: Let us shout songs of joy to him!

One: The Lord is a great God,

All: The great king over all other gods.

*Hymn “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” No. 158

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

God of grace and mercy, we need not keep a record of our neighbor’s wrongs. We need not seek to avenge past transgressions. We need only to surrender to you because you are the perfect judge. Guide us as we seek to honor and obey your call to forgive others as you have forgiven us so that we might live in harmony with one another. This we pray with joyful anticipation. Amen!

*Unison Prayer

Father, your Word is strong and powerful, yet we often ignore it. Your commands are clear and direct, yet often we fail to heed them. Your plea for us to love our neighbor just doesn’t seem to resonate. But you can bring about a change within us — one that sanctifies and transforms. Hear our prayer as we seek to turn away from that which is evil and toward that which is good. This we pray with hopeful expectation. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we are unworthy of your mercy but ever so grateful for your abundant grace that enables us to reconcile with you and be redeemed by you. Guide us on the pathway or righteousness so that our words and our actions will bring honor and glory to your Sacred Name. Now and Forever. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Psalm 130:1-6 CEB

New Testament Scripture 1 Peter 3:8-12 CEB

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 “Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee” No. 562

Message “What’s the Score?” 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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 89

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Sunday School Underway

Sunday School at Oak Chapel is back. No prerequisites or advance knowledge is necessary — just a hunger for the Word of God! If you have young children or teenagers, bring them along, too. If you feel a call to help teach or facilitate a class, we would certainly like to hear from you.

As we get back into the routine of regular in-person Sunday worship, let us also consider becoming part of a Sunday School class. Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude between 10:15-10:20, young adults 11:30-12:15.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor John at 330-988-2577 or jfinn@wooster.edu. Enliven your spirit and illuminate your mind with a provocative study of God’s Holy Word.

All Saints Day

Would you like your loved one remembered on *All Saints Day, November 7*, at Oak Chapel? We will honor those who have died in the past year. Please email or call the church office by November 1 with the name of your loved one. Please include dates of birth and death.

The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth.

In Methodist tradition, All Saints Day relates to giving God earnest gratitude for the lives and deaths of his saints, remembering those who were well-known and not, people who have personally guided one to faith in Jesus, such as one’s relative or friend.

Severe Weather Shelter / Wooster Salvation Army

Beginning in December, on nights when the temperature is or feels like 20°F, the shelter, located at the Salvation Army will be open from 6 pm to 8 am to welcome our unsheltered citizens in from the cold. Sponsored by the Salvation Army and One Eighty, **your help is needed.** Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Copies are available for you to take home and pray about how you can help. Training will be November 1 at 6 pm.



Our Prayer List

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

Our church family

Jennifer Adair	Elsie Mykrantz
Betsy Bower	Christy Rickard
Bill Feldman	Elaine Sprinkle
Esther Franks	Sandy Treece
Ewing Giffin	Jeff Burckhart

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Carol Gasser's grandson, Chase, was born prematurely and for Chase's mother, Kelsey
Robert who is suffering with Covid
Amish neighbors of the Troutman's who were involved in an accident, continued prayers for healing.
Jonathan and Jeff for traveling mercies
Nick for challenges at the school where he teaches
Joyce Varns as she recovers from foot surgery
Becky Schlund as she recovers from an illness
Rev. Stephanie Lee as she deals with cancer
Jim, Father of Tina Braucher
Brad Moore

Today's Prayer Concerns

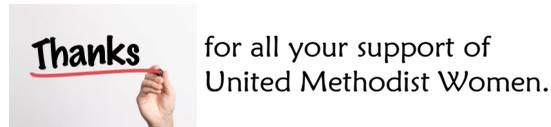
Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 10/17	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult SS	11:30 am
Monday 10/18	Bible Study—Zoom	9:30 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Saturday 10/23	UMW Ann. Celebration	10:00 am

Looking Ahead

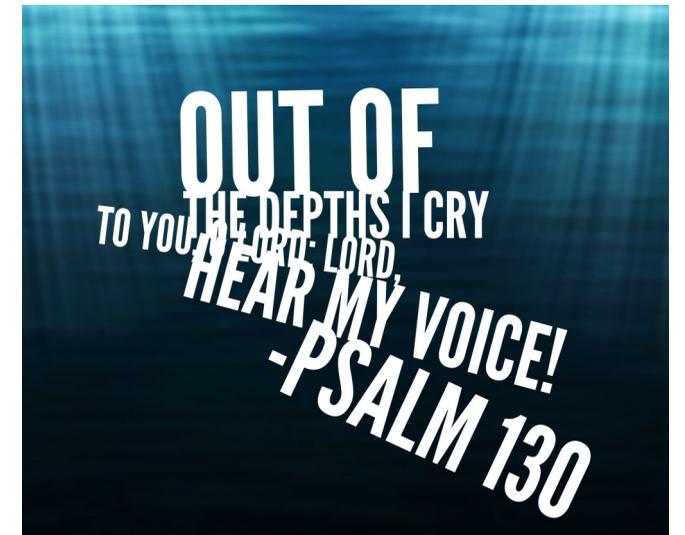
Sunday 10/24	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult SS	11:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:45 am
Monday 10/25	Bible Study—Zoom	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
Tuesday 10/26	Eastbrook Mission Barn trip	
Sunday 10/31	Trunk or Treat	2—4 pm
Sunday 11/7	All Saints' Celebration	



Oak Chapel has a longstanding reputation for active mission, fellowship, education, and worship, and we welcome you to join us as we return to the days of old.

Mission endeavors have continued during Covid, Education continued on Zoom and we are starting to bring back Fellowship opportunities. Our first **Fellowship Dinner in many months will take place on Sunday, October 24.** Bring your favorite dish to share and your table service and join us as we gather for a hearty meal just after the worship service.

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through Love, Compassion,
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