

October 24, 2021

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

Responsive Reading (Psalm 34:1-5)

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: His praise will always be in my mouth.

One: Praise the Lord — let the suffering listen and rejoice.

All: Magnify the Lord with me!

One: Together let us lift his name up high!

All: I sought the Lord and he answered me.

One: He delivered me from all my fears.

All: Those who look to God will shine;

*Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Sky” No. 185

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Lord Jesus, as we look to the heavens, we are inspired by the beauty of your creation. Beautiful blue skies reflect the tranquility of your Father’s kingdom. Dark, foreboding clouds are a portent of danger on the horizon. Guide us as we navigate through our journey. Shelter us from the storms and bring us safely to our peaceful destination. This we pray with faithful assurance. Amen!

*Unison Prayer

Father, the clouds above are reflective of your nature — soft and gentle in times of obedience, but ominous and threatening in times of waywardness. Guide us and direct us so that we may follow the path that you have set before us — the one that will lead us back to you. May all that we say and do bring honor and glory to your precious name. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Great and Powerful Redeemer, we are not worthy of your magnanimous sacrifice, but we are exceedingly grateful for your heroic act, which conquered sin and death while cleansing and purifying us so that we might find salvation in you. Forgive us as we confess our sins, and bless us as we seek to reform our ways and live a life that his holy and obedient. This we pray in your Most Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Job 36:26-33 CEB

New Testament Scripture Luke 21:25-28 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 “Nearer, My God, to Thee” No. 528

Message “The Son Behind Every Cloud” 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 “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” No. 717

*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.** They are asking that local churches provide a meal for the homeless. If you are willing to help please contact the church office.



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, Becky, Jason, Piper, Brad, Violet and Alyssa who are suffering with Covid
Joyce Varns as she recovers from foot surgery
Becky Schlund as she recovers from an illness
Rev. Stephanie Lee as she deals with cancer
Micah, who is recovering from knee surgery
The Uhler Family following the loss of their mother
The missionaries in Haiti
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 10/24	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 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	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 10/31	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult SS	11:30 am
	Trunk or Treat	2 - 4 pm
Monday 11/1	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
Tuesday 11/2	Voting	
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Wednesday 11/3	Morning Circle	9:30 am
Thursday 11/4	Charge Conference	7:00 pm
	(please plan to attend)	
Sunday 11/7	All Saints' Celebration	



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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*