

October 31, 2021

## Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

## Responsive Reading (Proverbs 12:17-22)

One: Those who state the truth speak justly,

**All: But a false witness deceives.**

One: Some chatter on like a stabbing sword,

**All: But a wise tongue heals.**

One: Truthful lips endure forever,

**All: But a lying tongue lasts only for a moment.**

One: Deceit is in the heart of those who plan evil,

**All: But there is joy for those who advise peace.**

One: No harm happens to the righteous,

**All: But the wicked receive their fill of trouble.**

\*Hymn "O Worship the King" No. 73  
(verses 1-3)

## \*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Lord, you know our innermost thoughts and our unspoken intentions. Teach us to be truthful and transparent, open and honest, authentic and sincere, so that we will be credible and honorable in the eyes of others when we share our faith with them in the hopes that they will pursue a faith journey of their own. This we ask in your Holy and Sacred Name. Amen!

## \*Unison Prayer

Father, may our words and our actions be deeply rooted in your commands, and may we exalt your Hallowed Name through our reverence and respect for your omnipotent Word. Guide us as we seek to do your will by sharing our desire to know you and make you known to others. This we pray with great expectation. Amen!

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Great and Glorious Redeemer, we confess what you already know — our indiscretions and transgressions that cause us to fall short of your glory — but we are encouraged and inspired by your gentle heart, which brings forgiveness and ultimately salvation. We offer sincere praise and thanksgiving for this life-saving gift. In your name, we pray. Amen!

### Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Jeremiah 9:1-6 CEB

New Testament Scripture 1 Peter 2:1-3, 11-12 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 "O For a Heart to Praise My God" No. 417  
(verses 1, 2, 4)

Message "Unmasked" 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 "How Firm a Foundation" No. 529  
(verses 1, 3, 5)

## \*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. Our young adults will meet from 11:30-12:15 on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor John at 330-988-2577 or [jfinn@wooster.edu](mailto: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.

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, Alyssa, Bonnie, Mike, Mt. Vernon Walmart, and all 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 and the entire nation

Jim, Father of Tina Braucher

Rachel and Sam who are recovering from a traffic accident

#### **Today's Prayer Concerns**

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

### **Opportunities for Ministry This Week**

Sunday 10/31	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult SS	11:30 am
	<b>Trunk or Treat</b>	<b>2 - 4 pm</b>
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	<b>Charge Conference</b>	7:00 pm
	(please plan to attend)	

#### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday 11/7	<b>All Saints' Celebration</b>	
	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 11/8	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
Saturday 11/13	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

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