

November 7, 2021

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

Responsive Reading (Psalm 46:4-7)

One: There is a river whose streams gladden God's city,

All: The holiest dwelling of the Most High.

One: God is in that city. It will never crumble.

All: God will help it when morning dawns.

One: Nations roar; kingdoms crumble.

All: God utters his voice; the earth melts.

One: The Lord of heavenly forces is with us!

All: The God of Jacob is our place of safety.

*Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" No. 723

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Heavenly Father, we greatly value the life you have given us, and we give you thanks for those who have come before us, helping us to establish a relationship with you. Today, we pause to honor those who have mentored, counseled, and guided us to you. May they find rest in your Eternal Kingdom as we look forward to the reunion that will come when you return in glory. Amen!

*Unison Prayer

Lord Jesus, because of your sacrifice on the cross and your resurrection from the tomb, the sting of death has been swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to the Father, who gives us eternal life through you, His Son! Let us all stand firm, unshakable, and ever faithful as we seek to excel in our service to you, now and forevermore. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the way, the truth and the life. Without you, we are hopelessly lost for eternity, but through you we have the gift of life everlasting. Forgive us for our sins and cleanse our souls so that we can bring honor and glory to your name from this day forward. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 25:6-9 CEB

New Testament Scripture Revelation 21:1-7 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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 452

Message "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" Pastor John

Recognition of the Saints

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15

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

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" No. 559

*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.

Serve the Lord by Serving Others

The Wooster Homelessness Task Force will be setting up a Severe Weather Warming Shelter at the Salvation Army again this winter, and volunteers are needed.

Here's how it works: Beginning in December, the shelter will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. on frigid nights when it is 20 degrees or below (or feels that way with the windchill). Anyone without a warm place to stay can find safe and warm accommodations, where they will have access to a hearty meal, a warm shower, and comfortable cot on which to sleep.

If you would like to assist in this endeavor, the shelter is looking for people to volunteer from 6-10 p.m. on evenings when you are available. You might help with the check-in process, assist in the serving of meals, or simply engage in casual conversation to lift the spirits of another. Hired independent contractors will take over to supervise the overnight hours (10 p.m. to 8 a.m.).

If this sounds interesting to you, let Pastor John know, and he will put you in touch with those who are organizing this effort. There will be a training session as well as a background check for all volunteers.



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
All who are suffering with COVID
Becky Schlund as she recovers from an illness
Micah, who is recovering from knee surgery
The families of Scott, Bill Hamilton and Ken Smetzer
Alexis

Today's Prayer Concerns

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



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 11/7	All Saints' Celebration	
	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
	UMW Unit Meeting	10:30 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 11/14	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 11/15	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 11/16	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Outreach	6:30 pm

Fellowship Dinner will be Sunday, November 21 followed
by decorating the church for Christmas.

All Saints Day

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. May we learn how to walk wisely
from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

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*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*