

December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

Responsive Reading (Psalm 25:1-5) April Aten, Liturgist

One: Lord, you are the guiding light in our lives!

All: Like a lamp to our feet, you illuminate our path.

One: You are, indeed, the way, the truth, and the life.

All: No one comes to the Father except through you.

One: Let us reflect the light you so brilliantly shine

All: So that others may see, believe, and follow you.

\*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Almighty God, we come before you this morning with eyes open, ears attentive, and spirits alert, longing to hear the wisdom of your Word. Bring us clarity through your insight and guide us through your foresight so that we may spread the Good News from community to community, coast to coast, and country to country until everyone has had an opportunity to see and believe. This we pray with fervent expectation. Amen!

Lighting the Advent Candle

\*Unison Prayer

Father, we rejoice and give thanks for the gift of your Son, who brought light into a dark and troubled world. May His star burn brightly as it illuminates the hearts and minds of all humankind. Just as the shepherds followed that vibrant star, we continue to pursue His light as we seek to brighten the pathway that leads to salvation. In the Savior's Name we pray, Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate and Loving Savior, we continue to struggle with the temptation that permeates our world, but we know that your sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the tomb have conquered sin and crushed evil. May your abundant grace and mercy fall freely upon us as we seek to turn away from the darkness and toward the light. With great respect and reverence, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 57:14-19 CEB

New Testament Scripture John 8:12-18 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 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 236

Message "Get the Picture?" 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

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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 208

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family

Oak Chapel has signed on to Adopt-A-Family for Christmas through the Salvation Army. This young family of four is homeless, and currently staying at the Salvation Army Shelter in Downtown Wooster. The family consists of a father and mother in their early twenties, a 2 ½ year old boy, and another boy on the way.

If you are interested in participating, simply choose an item from the list below (it's perfectly fine if others pick the same item – they can use multiple items, particularly clothing), purchase it, wrap it, identify the item and who it's for with a label, and bring it to the church so that we can place it under our tree.

We are hoping to help to bring them a Merry Christmas and assist them in their efforts to get on their feet. Next Sunday, December 12, is the final Sunday to bring in your gifts.

Jackson Age 2 ½

Age-Appropriate Movies, Toys and Learning Games

Andrew Not Yet Born

Age-Appropriate Clothing and Shoes  
Disposable Diapers  
Burpee Cloths  
Infant Toys

William Age 22 (Color Preferences: Black/Red/Blue)

Shirts (3X)  
Pants (40W)  
Shoes (10.5)

Sara Age 23 (Color Preferences: Black/Purple/Blue)

Shirts (3X)  
Pants (22W)  
Shoes (10)  
Healthcare Items (Soap/Deodorant/Toothpaste, etc.)



### **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	Jen Moser
Mark Ritchey	Jim and Patti Pfander

#### **Our Friends, Family and Neighbors**

All who are suffering with COVID  
Melissa Davis, who is recovering from heart surgery  
Andy, who is recovering from lung surgery  
Kris Hawkinson, who was diagnosed with cancer  
Pat Rickard's mother  
Missionaries being held hostage in Haiti  
Broc and Katy Derr  
Cindy Gabautz

#### **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 12/5	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 12/6	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 12/7	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Saturday 12/11	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

#### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday 12/12	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 12/13	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance	6:00 pm
	Ad Council	6:30 pm

#### **Special Program After Fellowship Dinner, December 19**

Plan to join us after Worship for a yummy tradition of good food and fellowship. We have invited Jon Hutchison, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls club in Wooster, to speak as we finish eating. Jon works with boys and girls in our area who need extra support in daily living, encouraging and listening to kids and helping them to feel loved and cared for. What can Oak Chapel do to help? Come find out on December 19.

#### **United Methodist Women January 8, 2022**

We will start with a yummy breakfast at 9:30, followed by a brief business meeting and then a wonderful speaker. We have voted to support Operation Christmas Child in 2022. A woman who has supported this project for many years will attend our meeting to give an explanation of this program and how we can best serve the children. We urge anyone interested to attend the meeting to hear our speaker who has a great passion for this project. Phyllis Weaver and Sandy Hower have helped her and asked us to help pack 50 boxes in October. You will be amazed at the things these children need in their everyday lives. Please join us to learn how we can begin to gather items all year around. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

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through Love, Compassion,  
Fellowship and Caring*