

January 23, 2022

## Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

**\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 19:5-8)** Cindy Mykrantz

One: The Lord's instruction is perfect,

**All: Reviving one's very being.**

One: The Lord's laws are faithful,

**All: Making naive people wise.**

One: The Lord's regulations are right,

**All: Gladdening the heart.**

One: The Lord's commands are pure,

**All: Giving light to the eyes.**

**\*Hymn** "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Lord of all Creation, we come before you in a spirit of surrender and supplication, leaning not on our own understanding but on your divine guidance, strength, provision, and protection. As we encounter difficult situations and challenging choices, we know that we can place our full faith and trust in the wisdom of your Word. Be with us so that we may live a life that brings honor and glory to your Sacred Name. Amen!

**\*Unison Prayer**

Gracious and Loving God, enlighten our minds, soften our hearts, and inspire our spirits so that we may serve you in obedience, holiness, and righteousness all the days of our lives. You are our beacon of light in the darkness, our protector in the midst of the storm. Show us the way, and we pledge to follow you all the days of our lives until we are reunited with you in the glory of your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen!

## Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, we bow our heads in solemn contrition as we seek forgiveness and liberation from the bondage of sin. Remind us of who we are and whom we serve so that we may strengthen our covenant with you and be a conduit for others seeking to find you. This we pray with the hope that comes through repentance, reconciliation, and renewal. Amen!

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Selections from Proverbs CEB  
**New Testament Readings** I Peter 5:1-5 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 Jesus, I Love Thee" No. 172

**Message** "Who Will Be My Guide?" 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 Lord's Prayer

**Presentation to God of Our Gifts**  
**\*Doxology** No. 95

**\*Hymn** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 430

**\*Benediction and Postlude**

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*



## Sunday School Classes

Please join us for Sunday School before and/or after our Worship Service. Our Adult Sunday School Class meets each week from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Sing-Mar Room. Our Young adult Sunday School Class meets on the second and fourth Sunday following the Worship Service from 11:30-12:15 in the Gathering Grounds.

## Chili Cookoff

The highly popular Chili Cookoff returns to Oak Chapel next month. Dig out your favorite chili recipe and enter the contest, which brings out people from the church and the community. It will be held on Saturday, February 12, from 5-6 pm

## Looking Ahead

As we look forward to spring (even though it is a long way off), our thoughts turn to the solemn Lenten season, which culminates with the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2, and concludes with Easter Sunday on April 17. Please plan to join us for these sacred services!

## Outreach Opportunities

Our vibrant and ambitious Outreach Team met earlier this month and set forth an exciting schedule of activities and events for the coming year. There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone in the church to become actively involved. Stay tuned for the details and plan to join our efforts to reach out to the community.



### Our Prayer List

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

### Our Church Family

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| 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 |
| Ann Kahrig     | Cameron Boyer         |
| David Houser   |                       |

### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Don Reigh, who is recovering from a fall  
The family of a friend of Jim and Cheryl Rastetter  
Jim Corbett as he continues cancer treatment  
Miriam’s cousin Charlotte, who is in an induced coma  
Melissa Davis, who is recovering from cardiac surgery  
Samantha, Jackson, and Selena for comfort and guidance  
Cindy Henshaw’s mother as she transitions to assisted living  
Lauren Cline’s sister Leslie who is recovering from COVID  
All who are affected by COVID in our community and around the world

### 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 1/23	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/24	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/30	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Class	11:30 am
Monday 1/31	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 2/1	Days for Girls	1:00 pm

### Tornado Relief

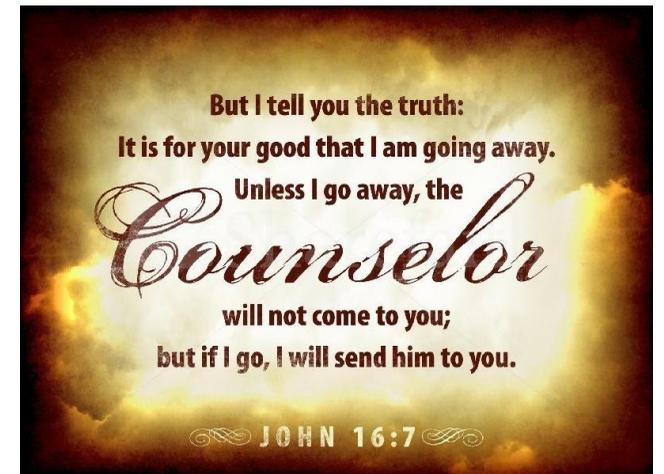
UMCOR continues to respond to the deadly tornadoes that ravaged several states to our South. Your response in prayer and financial support will lift up the victims of the devastating storm. Please **be there** for survivors by supporting UMCOR US Disaster Response with a gift today. To give by check, please send checks, payable to Advance GCFA, to:

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