

January 9, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

***Responsive Reading** Cindy Mykrantz, Liturgist

(Selections From Psalm 29)

One: Give to the Lord the glory due his name!

All: Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!

One: The Lord's voice is over the waters;

All: The glorious God Thunders;

One: The Lord is over the mighty waters.

All: The Lord's voice is strong;

One: The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters;

All: The Lord sits enthroned — king forever!

One: Let the Lord give strength to his people!

All: Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 61

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

When darkness descends and danger drifts in, we need not to be afraid because the Spirit of the Lord is always present to guide us and protect us. Give us the vision and the assurance to be strong in our faith so that we can combat all doubt and rise above all uncertainty as we remain true to the God we serve from this world into the next. Amen!

***Unison Prayer**

Lord God, we proclaim our belief in you as we affirm our covenant with you. Be with us as we fortify our faith and share our testimony with others, so that they, too, will see and follow the light, now and forevermore. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Savior, we are humbled by your inexhaustible compassion and your immeasurable grace. Despite our shortcomings, we have hope for new life through You. Forgive us for our sins, and help us to strengthen our resolve to turn away from all that is evil and toward all that is good. This we pray in earnest, Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-5 CEB

New Testament Readings Acts 8:14-17 CEB

I Timothy 6:12 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** "Amazing Grace" No. 378
Verses 1-4

Message "Without a Doubt" 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** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" No. 514

***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. All are welcome!

Visioning Day/Fellowship Dinner

Join us next Sunday for our monthly Fellowship Dinner and stay with us for a brief presentation about our Vision for Church in 2022. As always, you are invited to bring a dish or dessert to share and then partake of the many delicious items to choose from on our buffet. Drinks will be provided. Join us for the food and the fellowship!

Card Shower

Marie Houghton turns 95 on Jan. 17, and we are asking her friends here at Oak Chapel to shower her with Birthday Card greetings. You can send your card to her at 1033 Country Club Drive (No. 5), Wooster, OH, 44691. Thanks so much for taking time to brighten her day!

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. More details will follow soon.

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!



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
Ann Kahrig	Cameron Boyer

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Melissa Davis, who is recovering from heart surgery
Christy Rickard, who is recovering from surgery and preparing for chemotherapy
Miriam's cousin and those in the Philippines affected by the typhoon
Samantha, Jackson, and Selena for peace, comfort, and guidance
Uta's husband, Jay, who is suffering with COVID
Dave Zech's cousin, Charlotte, who is suffering with COVID
All who are affected by COVID in our community and around the world

Today's Prayer Concerns

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

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 1/9	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Class	11:30 am
Monday 1/10	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 1/11	Outreach	9:30 am
Saturday 1/15	Acorn Deadline	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/16	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
Monday 1/17	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees Meeting	6:30 am
Tuesday 1/18	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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