

February 13, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

*Responsive Reading Stuart Mykrantz

One: Lord God, you are the bridge to eternal life!

All: Without you, we would perish in the abyss below.

One: Show us the way to safety and salvation

All: As your grace and mercy deliver us from danger.

One: Let us be forever grateful and joyful

All: As we make our way to your protected place.

One: And as we cross the bridge, let us reach out to others

All: So that they, too, may pass safely to a reunion with

you.

*Hymn "Make Me a Captive, Lord" No. 421

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Great and Glorious God, we seek to strengthen our relationship with you so that you might guide us through the rough spots in life, traversing above deep gorges and dangerous valleys. You are the bridge that delivers us from darkness into the light, and so we seek the wisdom and the vision to follow you to safety and salvation. This we pray with joyful hearts in your glorious name. Amen!

Blessing and Dedication of Prayer Shawls Pastor John

Children's Message – Building Bridges Pastor John

We invite our children to come forward at this time to assist with a bridge-building project that teaches the importance of working together to provide safe passage.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone, and we humbly and sincerely repent. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ, we plead for mercy and forgiveness with a promise to turn away from sin and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Readings — Jeremiah 17:5-8 CEB

New Testament Reading — I Corinthians 15:1-10 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 "And Can It Be that I Should Gain No. 363
Verses 1 and 5

Message "Bridging the Gap" 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation to God of Our Gifts
*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed" No. 714

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Bringing the Word



We are very fortunate and blessed to have two senior pastors lead us in worship in the coming months. Rev. David Wilcox, most recently the pastor at Wooster United Methodist Church, will bring forth the message next week. Rev. Dan Wingate, recently retired as pastor at West Hill Baptist Church, will bring the message on Palm Sunday (April 10). Please plan to join us on these Sundays.

Young Adult Class

Young adults (ages 15-25) are encouraged to consider a short series on a pair of interesting topics this month. Rich and Cyndi Boyer will explore some Bible basics with "Bible 101" this afternoon and "GPSing the Holy Spirit" on Feb. 27. The classes will be held in The Gathering Grounds from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Oak Chapel's Prayer Shawl Ministry has brought peace, comfort, and assurance to many people over the years, and thanks to the dedicated efforts of several of our members, we have a healthy inventory of beautifully crafted shawls that will be blessed this morning. If you know of someone who would benefit from one of our prayer shawls, or if you are in need yourself, please check out the display in the Narthex this morning.

Fellowship Dinner

Be sure to join us for our monthly Fellowship Dinner next Sunday following the worship service. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a delicious variety of food as well as a great time of fellowship.



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 | Kevin Horst |
| Ewing Giffin | Jen Moser |
| Ann Kahrig | Jim and Patti Pfander |
| David Houser | Cameron Boyer |



Our Friends, Family, and Neighbors

Elizabeth Feldman, who is recovering from surgery
Betsy Bower, who is recovering from a broken arm
Christy Rickard, who is continuing treatments this week
Evelyn Silver, who is recovering from an illness
Patti Ritchey's sister-in-law, Kathy, after the loss of her father
Family of Beverly, who passed earlier this month
Cindy Mykrantz's father, who continues to undergo treatments
All those who work in Assisted Living Facilities

Today's Prayer Concerns

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

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 2/13	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Class	11:30 am
Monday 2/14	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 2/15	Acorn Deadline	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/20	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
Monday 2/21	Trustees	6:30 pm
Wednesday 2/22	Days for Girls	2:00 pm
Thursday 2/24	Bookworms	

Opportunities for Mentorship

If you happen to have some spare time, and you would like to provide some guidance for young people in our community, consider becoming a mentor with OHuddle. Just 30 minutes a week can reshape and even transform the life of a young person. You can also become a sponsor with a monthly gift of \$15, which covers the cost of supplies. OHuddle is a nonprofit organization serving more than 400 students in Orrville, Smithville, Triway, Waynedale, and Wooster, as well as the Wayne County Career Center. It's mission is to awaken each child to his or her unique value through hope-filled relationships and one-to-one mentorship. For more information, visit www.ohuddle.org.



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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*