

February 6, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 138:1-5) Stuart Mykrantz

One: I've taken refuge in you, Lord.

All: I give thanks to you with all my heart, Lord.

One: I sing your praise before all other gods.

All: I bow toward your holy temple and thank your name.

One: On the day I cried out, you answered me.

All: You encouraged me with inner strength.

One: Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, Lord,

All: When they hear what you say.

One: Let them sing about the Lord's ways

All: Because the Lord's glory is so great!

*Hymn "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" No. 662

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your guidance on our journey. You are an ever-present source of light and an overflowing font of grace. Lead us on the pathway of righteousness and empower us to stand strong in the face of adversity and opposition because we know that all who walk with you will triumph in the end. This we pray in your glorious name. Amen!

*Unison Prayer

Father of all creation, we lift our voices to you, asking that you hear our prayers and bless our efforts to serve you as we serve others. Even in times of uncertainty, we are able to feel your presence, and so we ask you to guide us in the circumstances we face and the decisions we make so that in all things we are faithful and obedient to you, today and every day, until we meet again. Amen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Precious Savior, your blood was shed on our account. You are innocent, while we are guilty. You are perfect, while we are flawed. Yet through it all you acted out of obedience to the Father and accepted His call to be the only one who could save us. For your great and glorious act, we offer our sincere gratitude as we lift up your mighty and majestic name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings Selections from the Old Testament 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 "It is Well with My Soul" Mark Ritchey

Message "Elevate your Faith" Pastor John

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15

Jesus is the host at the Communion table
At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus
is welcome at the table.

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

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 110

*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 on Feb. 20. 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 two 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" on Feb. 13 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.

Chili Cookoff

The Chili Cookoff countdown is on. Just six more days to a delicious evening of fellowship. Dig out your favorite chili recipe and enter the contest, or just come to sample the variety of mouthwatering chili concoctions. Join us on



Saturday, Feb. 12, from 5-6 p.m.

If you are looking for some spiritual companionship during the week, be sure to tune into Heartfelt Radio (91.9 FM). The station features programming for every



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	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 having surgery on Wednesday
Betsy Bower, who had surgery after a fall last week
Kevin Horst, who was in an automobile accident
Christy Rickard, who continues to progress following surgery
Elaine Sprinkle, who has been diagnosed with Covid
Evelyn Silver, who is recovering from an illness
Family of Chris Cochran, who passed last week. She is the daughter of Dwight & Nancy Ogden & cousin of Jeff Burckhart
Family of Ellen Starling, who passed last week
Kelly, who is recovering from Covid
Teri who has Covid and recently lost her husband to Covid
Jay, who continues to recover from Covid
All those who work in Assisted Living Facilities

Today's Prayer Concerns

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 2/6	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 2/7	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 2/8	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Saturday 2/12	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/13	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Class	11:30 am
Wednesday 2/15	Acorn Deadline	

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 or www.facebook.com/ohuddle.org.



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Fellowship and Caring*