

September 18, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 37:3-7) Tom Rife

One: Trust in the Lord and do good;

All: Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

One: Take delight in the Lord,

All: And he will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the Lord;

All: Trust in him and he will do this:

One: Make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,

All: Our vindication like the noonday sun.

One: Be still before the Lord,

All: And wait patiently for him.

*Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King No. 715

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Tom Rife

Lord in Heaven, when we feel deserted, we take heart in the knowledge that you are always with us. Teach us to be still and wait patiently for your direction, so that we may continue to walk the straight and narrow pathway of righteousness that leads to your Father's Eternal Kingdom. This we pray in humble adoration. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Tom Rife

Almighty God, we seek your wisdom, your counsel, and your guidance as we navigate the often difficult and perilous terrain in this world. Protect us and empower us as we commit to follow your Word and obey your Commandments. This we pray with great devotion, always and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Holy and Living God, we acknowledge our transgressions with profound regret and deep sorrow, but we are lifted up by your promise of forgiveness and reconciliation. Hear our prayer and forgive our sins so that we can bolster our relationship with you and stand strong against future temptation. This we pray in solemn and sincere repentance in your Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:15-20 Tom Rife

New Testament Reading: James 5:14-22 Pastor John

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 "Near to the Heart of God" No. 472

Message "Fare Thee Well" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 529

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*



Coming Up...

Oak Chapel Youth Fellowship Tonight..... 6:30 p.m.

Eastbrook Mission Barn Trip..... Oct. 19

Oak Chapel BazaarOct. 22

Old-Fashioned ChristmasDec. 3-4, 10-11

Bible Study on Revelation

Our Monday morning Bible Study resumes tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. with an in-depth study of The Book of Revelation. Join us as we journey through this mysterious but promising book that reveals Jesus Christ to the world. We will return to in-person gatherings, but we may have an online component as well. If you are interested in becoming part of the study, just let us know. Don't be concerned about the complexity of the book, and don't worry if you can't make it to every session. Just come when you can.

Homecoming Celebration

We are planning a Homecoming celebration on Oct. 16. Dig out your old letter jacket, plaid skirt, and saddle shoes, and invite an old friend from Oak Chapel (or anyone else) as we reminisce. Pastor Bohley and Linda, among others, are hoping to join us, and we hope you will, too. Our worship service will be followed by a hearty Fellowship Dinner.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas

The Outreach Committee is planning to host an Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration for the church and the community in early December. This will include displays of classic toys and board games, vintage doll collections, and a series of miniature train displays. If you are interested in helping, contact Phyllis Weaver.



Lord in Heaven, as we transition to the season of autumn, we give you thanks and praise for another bountiful harvest. Let us never take for granted all that you have provided for us. At the same time, we ask your blessing upon those who are lost and lonely, anxious and afraid, hungry and homeless, ill or injured. May your healing hand rest upon them and bring them comfort and peace. In your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

For Jackie and Kevin Lawson on the birth of their son, Lucas

Prayers

For Cyndi Boyer's friend, Jackie, who has blood clots

For Zach Stevenson

For John Hower, who is dealing with chronic back pain

For Bruce Bloch following the passing of his wife, Debbie

For the Krichbaum Family on anniversary of John's passing

For the families of the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks

Upcoming Worship Services

- September 25Quizzes, Tests, Final Exams
- October 2.....Must, Mold, and Mildew
- October 9.....Don't Look Down
- October 16.....Homecoming Celebration
- October 23.....Guest Pastor Dan Wingate
- October 30.....Scared to Life
- November 6.....Nickel and Dime

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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| Sunday 9/18 | Sunday Worship | 10:30 am |
| | Youth Group | 6:30 pm |
| Monday 9/19 | Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| | Trustees Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday 9/20 | Days for Girls | 1:00 pm |
| | Outreach | 6:30 pm |
| | Bookworms | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday 9/24 | District UWF | 9:00 am |

Looking Ahead...

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| Sunday 9/25 | Sunday School | 9:30 am |
| | Sunday Worship | 10:30 am |
| | Young Adult Bible Study | 11:30 am |
| Monday 9/26 | Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| | UMW Exec Meeting | 11:00 am |
| | Prayer Shawl | 6:00 pm |



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (August 2022): \$2,260

Received last month:

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| 08/07..... | \$1,011.00 |
| 08/14 | \$3,702.86 |
| 08/21..... | \$1,740.00 |
| 08/28..... | \$2,494.00 |

As of 08/31/2022, we have received about 99% of our budgeted income for the month of August and 84% YTD. We are slightly ahead of last year at this time, which was 124% and 82%, respectively. The August fundraiser (Buy - Way Sale) contributed \$1,385.86 for our budgeted expenses. Thanks to all who helped. The Food Pantry is in the black, but the funds do not purchase as much food as a year ago. We're still making a difference. Thank you, Oak Chapel!

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*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

Today's Message...
"Fare Thee Well"