

October 9, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Based on Psalm 66) April Aten

One: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

All: Sing the glory of His Name;

One: Make His praise glorious.

All: How awesome are His deeds!

One: So great is your power...

All: That your enemies cringe before you.

One: All the earth bows down to you;

All: They sing the praises of your name.

One: Come and see what God has done,

All: His awesome deeds for humankind!

*Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 185

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance April Aten

Lord God, we may not see your face, but we certainly feel your presence. Watch over us, guide us, and keep us grounded so that we do not get caught up in the unsavory things of this world, but instead focus on the glory of the world to come where we will reunite with you in the splendor of your Father's Kingdom. This we pray with great joy and anticipation in your Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination April Aten

God of light and giver of life, we bow before your with great reverence and respect. May your guiding light illuminate our path and may the wisdom of your Word elucidate our mind so that we will clearly see the direction you have plotted out for us. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Gracious Savior, we reluctantly lay out our transgressions before you with deep regret and profound sorrow. It is only through your death and resurrection that we can escape Satan's grasp, so we come together seeking redemption, renewal, and reconciliation as we resolve to be more obedient to your Holy Word. In your Invincible Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 April Aten

Second Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3 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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Video Screen

Message "Don't Look Down" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "When We All Get to Heaven" No. 701

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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



Coming Up...

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

Oak Chapel BazaarOct. 22

Old-Fashioned Christmas.....Dec. 3

Bible Study on Revelation

Our Monday morning Bible Study continues tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. as we explore The Book of Revelation.

We meet in the Gathering Grounds in the lower level of our educational wing. All are welcome!

Homecoming Celebration

Next Sunday, we will celebrate Homecoming here at Oak Chapel. Invite a friend, neighbor, relative, or former member of Oak Chapel. Several former pastors are hoping to join us, and we hope you will, too. Our worship service will be followed by a delicious Fellowship Luncheon.

Lay Leadership

After considerable thought, planning, and prayer, a slate of lay leaders has been assembled and is listed on the insert in today's bulletin. Our goal has been to place people in positions that match their passions and their skill sets. The plan is to have this slate in place for two years (2023 and 2024), so we don't have to go through the nomination process every year. We tried to contact everyone, but there will be an opportunity to make changes once the slate is released. If you find your name on a team that is not to your liking, please let us know and we will make a change. Even more importantly, if you don't see your name on a particular team and would like to be part of that team, please let us know, and we will add you. No one with an interest in serving will be excluded. Thank you for your patience and your willingness to serve!



Great and Glorious God, we have witnessed the power of nature as it ravaged through our southern states, but we have also seen the calm after the storm, and so we pray today for peace, comfort, and assurance as we lift up these praises and prayers before you. In your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For Joyce Varns as she continues her recovery
- *For Chase as he prepares to celebrate his first birthday
- *For Toni as she recovers from cancer treatments

Prayers

- *For Elaine Sprinkle as she recovers from a stroke
- *For Tonya & John Houser as they recover from Hurricane Ian
- *For Gary, Margo, & Donna as they recover from the storm
- *For Sandy Treece as she deals with chronic pain
- *For the family of Kim Stutz as they mourn her passing
- *For the family of Fred Thomas as they mourn his passing
- *For Ruth as she undergoes hip surgery
- *For all those dealing with breast cancer
- *For the Merriman Family following the loss of a loved one
- *For the Scot basketball team as they travel to France

Upcoming Worship Services

- October 16.....Welcome Home
- October 23.....The Praying Church (Pastor Wingate)
- October 30.....Scared to Life
- November 6.....Nickel and Dime
- November 13.....From Salvage to Salvation
- November 20.....Holy Moly

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 10/09	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 pm
Monday 10/10	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
Tuesday 10/11	Ad Council	7:00 pm
Saturday 10/15	Acorn Deadline	

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 10/16	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 pm
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 10/17	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 10/18	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 10/19	Eastbrook Mission Barn	
Saturday 10/22	EOC UWF Celebration	9:00 am
	Oak Chapel Bazaar	10:00 am



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (August 2022): \$2,260
 Received in August:
 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 Food Pantry is in the black, but the funds do not purchase as much food as a year ago. We're making a difference. Thank you, Oak Chapel!

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

Today's Message...
"Don't Look Down"