

December 11, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading Phyllis Weaver

One: The Name of the Lord is a fortified tower;

All: The righteous run to it and are safe.

One: The Name of the Lord is above all names;

All: And should be revered accordingly.

One: The Name of the Lord is strong and mighty;

All: Stronger than any force in the universe.

One: The Name of the Lord brings comfort to the faithful;

All: But reigns judgment on those who do evil.

One: The Name of the Lord is sacred and supreme;

All: Let us all bow down in admiration and awe.

*Hymn "What Child Is This" No. 219

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Phyllis Weaver

As we come together in unity through the Hallowed Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are reminded that He did not object to His Father's call for him to become the sacrifice that would atone for our sins. Therefore, we should not be fearful to proclaim His Name among all people, so that everyone may see His light and follow His pathway to eternal life. This we pray with thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Lighting the Advent Candle Erica Boyer and Alex Merwin

Prayer of Illumination Phyllis Weaver

Eternal God, in your providence you made provisions for the Kingdom through your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brilliance of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

God of Grace and Mercy, we thank you that you judge us not by our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly in faith. Help us to trust and follow where you lead so that through Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:6-7 Phyllis Weaver

Jeremiah 10:6 Pastor John

Acts 4:12 Phyllis Weaver

Romans 10:13 Pastor John

I Corinthians 6:11 Phyllis Weaver

I Timothy 2:5 Pastor John

Acts 2:38 Phyllis Weaver

Matthew 28:19 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 "There's Something About that Name" No. 171

Message "Say His Name" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn: "At the Name of Jesus" No. 168

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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



Celebrate the Season!

The Christmas season brings with it a wide variety of opportunities for worship and fellowship. Below is a list of church events and activities so that you will be able to plan and prepare during this Sacred Season.

Christmas Colors

Dec. 18 Blue

Dec. 24 White

Dec. 25 Gold

Movie Night Tonight at 6 p.m.

Our youth group will gather tonight for an evening of crafts, cookies, hot chocolate, and a delightful Christmas movie. All are welcome!

Fellowship Dinner Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m.

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner is next Sunday following the Worship Service. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share, and join us for a hearty meal.

Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

Our annual Christmas Eve Service will take place on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Please join us, and bring a friend!

Christmas Day Service 10:30 a.m.

We will celebrate the birth of the Messiah on Christmas Day at our normal worship time—10:30 a.m.

Christmas Greetings

Remember to post your Christmas Card on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.



Lord of Mercy and Might, you are our rock and our salvation. We give you thanks for your many blessings, and we ask you to hear our voice as we lift up the following praises and prayers before you...

Praises

- *For Becky Schlund following successful cataract surgery
- *For Bob Troutman’s recovery from an illness

Prayers

- *For John Hower as he continues to heal
- *For Alice Giffin as she mourns the passing of Ewing
- *For Jennifer Adair’s sister, who had a biopsy last week
- *For Jennifer Adair’s brother, who is in Hospice care
- *For Jennifer Adair’s daughter, who has Covid
- *For Bill and Tina Braucher as they recover from illness
- *For the Terry Nicholson Family following his passing
- *For Anita and Herb Berry, who have been hospitalized

Birthday Blessings

Today’s flowers are in honor of Caroline Lilburn’s 91st birthday, given in great love and appreciation from her family.

Membership Care Meeting

The Membership Care Team will meet tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to pack bags for our homebound.

Upcoming Worship Services

- Dec. 18..... Stocking Stuffers
- Dec. 24..... Keep It Simple
- Dec. 25..... Gratify or Glorify

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 12/11	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
	Youth Group	6:00 pm
Monday 12/12	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Membership Care Team	11:00 am
	Administrative Council	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 12/18	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
Monday 12/19	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	7:00 pm



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (October 2022): \$1,709

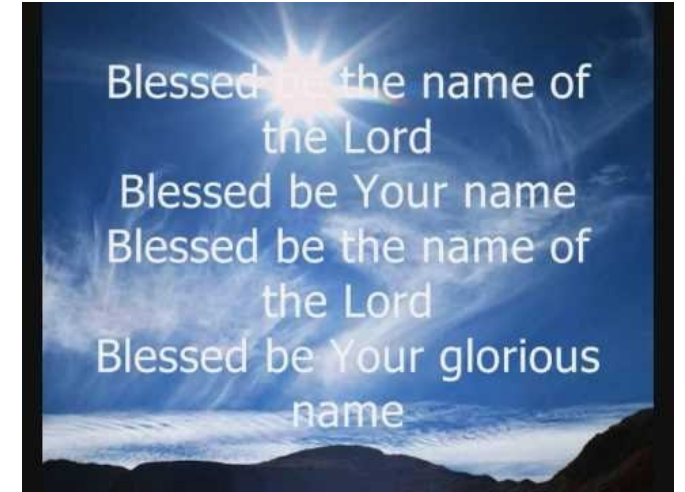
Received last month:

10/02.....	\$4,036
10/09.....	\$1,642
10/16.....	\$2,242
10/23.....	\$ 663
10/30.....	\$4,399

As of 10/31/2022, we received about 152% of our budgeted income for the month of October and 89% YTD. We are slightly ahead of last year at this time, which was 133% and 87%, respectively. 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. Thumbs up Oak Chapel!

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

Today’s Message...

“Say His Name”