

January 29, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading Stuart Mykrantz

One: Caring and sustaining God, we reach out to you!

All: In your presence, we see the light!

One: We also seek the life that comes through you;

All: And we pledge to follow you with great reverence.

One: Our heart is always open to you;

All: And our soul is anxious to covenant with you.

One: Prepare us for service in this world,

All: So that we may reunite in your Heavenly Kingdom.

*Hymn “Come, Thou Almighty King” No. 61

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

Great and Powerful God, we know that it is impossible to measure up to your perfection, but we continue to seek and follow you with the best of intentions. Bless us on this day as we reaffirm our faith in you and our dedication to you. May we walk together side-by-side from this day forward. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Stuart Mykrantz

Gracious God, your light is always on and your love is always present. Keep us in your care. Watch over, guide, and admonish us so that we can continue the journey that you have planned for us. This we pray with renewed hope and joy in your Precious Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Most Merciful and Compassionate God, you have given birth to all of creation, conceiving, guiding, and giving purpose to all living beings. Unfortunately, we have fallen victim to our own arrogance, which has caused us to manipulate and even dominate others. Free us from our evil ways and forgive us through the gentle touch of your Spirit, which helps us to rediscover the plans you have for us to live lives of integrity, obedience, and service. In your Hallowed Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God’s Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:7-13 Stuart Mykrantz

Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:5-9 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 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” No. 500

Message “Coming Clean” Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn “He Touched Me” No. 367

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

The Great Invitation

While we know that God has and will continue to bring people to our church, we also recognize that he calls on us to reach out and actively invite others into a relationship with our Lord through a partnership with Oak Chapel.



On Feb. 19, we will be hosting “The Great Invitation” an opportunity to invite others to join us for worship and then to gather for fellowship at our monthly dinner that follows.

It does take some courage to ask others to come to church because we don’t like to run the risk of rejection, but we know that as part of our faith, we are asked to spread the Good News and share our faith with others.

Consider extending an invitation to a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or even a member of your own family. If we all invite one person, we will double our attendance — a positive step in the right direction.

Promoting the Power of Prayer in 2023

Oak Chapel has always been steeped in prayer and devotion, and we want to fortify our foundation in the year ahead by paying special attention to opportunities for intercessory prayer and intentional devotion.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please feel free to contact Pastor John, and he will pray with and for you in the sanctuary, in your home, or wherever you are most comfortable. Likewise, if you would like to become part of our nascent prayer partners at Oak Chapel, please let Pastor John know. He is hoping to develop a more organized prayer structure in 2023.



Faithful and Loving God, we give you thanks for your many blessings, including the beauty of the landscape following a gentle snowfall. We also come to you in times of fear and frustration when things in life don't go our way. Today, once again, we bow before you as we lift up the following praises and prayers with the full faith and assurance that you will hear and respond to our petitions...

Praises

For Shelby & Noah who were united in marriage last week
 For Zoe Ring, who is continuing to recover
 For Bob and Rosie Troutman following a safe trip

Prayers

For Jennifer Adair following the passing of her brother
 For Nancy Miller, who has an infection in her leg
 For Gene Varns, who is dealing with vision issues
 For Pam Domer, who is dealing with a seasonal illness
 For Bob and Rosie Troutman for safe travel to Florida

Upcoming Worship Services

Feb. 5.....Changing Lanes
 Feb. 12.....Don't Take Your Love for Granted
 Feb 19.....Sealed in Trust
 Feb 26.....Brick-by-Brick
 March 5.....Mixed Bag

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 1/29	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Wednesday 2/1	Choir	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 2/5	Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 2/6	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 2/7	Eastbrook Mission Barn	
	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 am
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 2/8	Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday 2/11	UMM Breakfast	8:00 am



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (December 2022): \$2,130
 Received last month:
 12/04.....\$1,644.05
 12/11.....\$1,372.00
 12/18.....\$5,447.00
 12/25.....\$2,850.00

As of 12/31/2022, we received about 133% of our budgeted income for the month of December and 92% YTD. We are behind last year at this time, which was 197% and 95%, respectively. The weather during Christmas impacted this some. The Food Pantry is in the black. 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...
"Coming Clean"