

January 8, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 72:11-14) Cindy Mykrantz

One: May all kings bow down to Him,

All: And all nations serve Him.

One: For He will deliver the needy who cry out,

All: And help the afflicted who have no one to help.

One: He will take pity on the weak and the needy,

All: And save them from death.

One: He will rescue them from oppression and violence,

All: For precious is their blood in His sight!

*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 327

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Cindy Mykrantz

Heavenly Father, open our eyes that we may see the glory of your kingdom, the wisdom of your word, and the brilliance of your perfect plan. Inspire us to be faithful and obedient so that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven, always and forever, Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Cindy Mykrantz

The winter days are often dark and cold, but the light of the Risen Savior burns brightly. Guide us, Lord, in the year ahead so that even on the days of darkness and despair we may be lifted up, inspired, and empowered to move forward to do your will. This we pray with hopeful expectation. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

God of all creation, we acknowledge our transgressions with sincere sorrow, but we take heart in the fullness of your righteousness and the magnitude of your love. Strengthen our resolve and fortify our discipline so that we may turn back temptation and stand strong in the face of evil, as we seek to draw closer to you. In your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:5-8 Cindy Mykrantz

Second Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-38 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 "Breathe on Me Breath of God" No. 420

Message "Suddenly I See" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn: "We Are Called" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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



Exciting Opportunities to Study and Discuss God's Word

We are happy to announce that Oak Chapel now has two concurrent adult Sunday School classes, which meet each week.

Surprised by Hope

The first is a new study based on a book by Biblical scholar N.T. Wright, titled "Surprised by Hope." The book and the study will reveal the full scope of what God's Word has to say about heaven and the hope the gospel holds for the present life. The six-session class, which began this morning, includes video teachings and follow-up discussion questions that focus on (1) Hope for the World; (2) The Hope of the Resurrection; (3) The Hope of Heaven; (4) The Hope of Jesus' Second Coming; (5) The Hope of Salvation; and (6) The Hope of the Church. All are welcome!

Chosenness

The Chosenness Bible Study group, which has met more than 20 Sundays at Oak Chapel, is continuing into the new year. The class began by discussing the importance of Chosenness in the establishment and development of religions such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam; and the recruitment of observers. The group has had in-depth discussions on such topics as forgiveness, parenting, friendship, judging, rejoicing, adversity, and the sovereignty of God the Father. The Bible is the sole source for the study. The group is currently discussing justification, righteousness, sanctification, condemnation and acquittal. The discussions are designed to be comfortable for those who actively participate and for those choosing to reflect silently. All are welcome!



Heavenly Father, we are indeed blessed to have the privilege of experiencing the beginning of another new year. As we embark upon this phase of our journey, let us never lose sight of our relationship with you. Guide us, counsel us, and bring us clarity as we lift up the following praises and prayers before you...

Praises

- *For our miracle child, Chase, who continues to thrive
- *For Macey and Landon on the birth of their son, Liam
- *For those who provide shelter from the storm
- *For Tom Rife who produced our Christmas Eve video

Prayers

- *For Zoe Ring who was hospitalized this past week
- *For healing for Tom Wolfe as he recovers from surgery
- *For Bill Feldman as he continues dialysis treatments
- *For the New York City police officers who were ambushed

Upcoming Worship Services

- Jan. 15.....Coming Clean
- Jan. 22.....Gratify or Glorify?
- Jan. 29.....Memory Lane
- Feb. 5.....Changing Lanes
- Feb. 12.....Inexcusable, but not Unforgiveable
- Feb. 19.....So Sorry! You Were Right
- Feb. 26.....Making the Grade
- Mar. 5.....Mixed Bag

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 1/8	Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 pm
Monday 1/9	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 am

Looking Ahead...

Saturday 1/14	UMM Breakfast	8:00 am
Sunday 1/15	Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
Monday 1/16	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	6:30 pm



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (November 2022): \$2,227
 Received in November:

11/06.....	\$1,711
11/13.....	\$1,804
11/20.....	\$2,023
11/27.....	\$2,314

As of 11/30/2022, we received about 88% of our budgeted income for the month of November and 89% YTD. We are slightly ahead of last year at this time, which was 84% and 86%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black. We're still making a difference. Thank you Oak Chapel!

**Oak Chapel
 United Methodist Church**

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

Today's Message...
"Suddenly I See"