

February 12, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 86) Stuart Mykrantz

One: My Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All: Full of faithful love for all who cry out to you.

One: Teach me your way, Lord,

All: So that I can walk in your truth.

One: Make my heart focused —

All: Only on honoring your name.

One: I give thanks to you, my Lord, my God;

All: You are very patient and full of faithful love.

*Hymn “To God Be the Glory” No. 98

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

Heavenly Father, just as you have invited us into a deep and meaningful relationship with you, you have also encouraged us to covenant with others so we can share the Good News and advance the glory of your Kingdom here on earth. Inspire, encourage, and empower us as willing partners in your perfect plan. This we pray with hope and joy in your Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Stuart Mykrantz

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God for his many gifts – the greatest of which is love — and let us embrace the virtues of His love, which include patience, kindness, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and grace. May we walk in the light of His life, which protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres all the days of our life. In his Great and Powerful Name we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Holy and Awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our failure to obey and serve you. Though there is a longing for goodness within us, we often fall victim to the temptation that lurks in the darkness. Lift us from the depth of sinfulness and into the height of glory so that we may reconcile and rejoice with you from this day forward. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God’s Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: I John 4:7-10 Pastor John

Second Scripture Reading: I John 4:11-15 Stuart Mykrantz

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 “Glorify Thy Name” Insert

Choir Anthem

Message “Would You Be Mine?” Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn “Blest Be the Tie The Binds” No. 557

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet tomorrow evening (Feb. 13) at 6 p.m. in the Sing-Mar Room. If you are a Team Captain, please plan to join us so that we can learn more about what your group has been doing. If you are not able to travel, please consider joining us via Zoom. The meeting generally lasts for 60-75 minutes.

We Gather Together

Oak Chapel will host “Gather Together” Sunday next week (Feb. 19) in an effort to reach out and invite others to worship and fellowship with us.



Consider extending an invitation to a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or even a member of your own family to join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. and then our monthly Fellowship Dinner immediately afterward at 11:30 a.m.

If everyone invites just one person, we will double our attendance as we spread the Good News and continue to grow our church. Invitation cards are available in your bulletin and in the Narthex.

Cheer on the Scots

Everyone at Oak Chapel is invited to cheer on the Scot basketball team as it hosts Wabash on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. Join us for a day of fun and excitement. Simply identify yourself as a member of Oak Chapel at the ticket window, and you will be granted free admission to the game.





Almighty God, we rejoice in our relationship with you, and we seek to honor your commands by loving our neighbor and treating all people with respect and dignity. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers with the full faith and assurance that you will hear and respond to our call...

Praises

- *For Beth Gaubatz that she was not injured in an auto accident
- *For Emily Smith for safe passage home with her family

Prayers

- *For Sandy Treece that her spinal injection may bring comfort
- *For Gene Varns that his vision will stabilize and improve
- *For John Hower as he continues to receive treatments
- *For Amy and Barry Jolliff after the passing of Amy's mother
- *For the family of Ted Vitaro following his passing
- *For the family of Gary Beckler following his passing
- *For the father of Erica Boyer's boss that he may find the Lord
- *For safe travel for Ted Zech and his girlfriend

Upcoming Worship Services	
Feb 19.....	Changing Lanes
Feb 22.....	Ash Wednesday
Feb 26.....	Brick-by-Brick
March 5.....	Mixed Bag
March 12.....	Unfinished Business

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 2/12	Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 2/13	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 am
	Administrative Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday 2/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Choir	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 2/19	Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 2/20	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday 2/21	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 2/22	Choir	7:00 pm



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (January 2023): \$1,969

Received last month:

01/01.....	\$570.00
01/08.....	\$3,925.00
01/15.....	\$3,482.00
01/22.....	\$260.00
01/29.....	\$3,268.00

As of 1/31/2023, we received about 117% of our budgeted income for January. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 70%. The positive bump is likely related to the weather over Christmas. The Food Pantry is in the black. We're still making a difference. Thank you Oak Chapel!

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

Today's Message...

"Would You Be Mine?"