

February 5, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 37:3-7) Stuart Mykrantz

One: Trust in the Lord and do good;

All: Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

One: Take delight in the Lord,

All: And he will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the Lord;

All: Trust in him and he will do this:

One: He will make your reward shine like the dawn,

All: Your vindication like the noonday sun.

One: Be still before the Lord,

All: And wait patiently for him.

\*Hymn "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" No. 129

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

Lord God Almighty, teach us to trust in you and your Sacred Word. We know of your unfailing love, which gives us the full assurance that you will always be with us. Guide us on our journey, protect us from evil, encourage us to do good, and fortify our faith so that we may turn from the darkness and into the light, today and always. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Stuart Mykrantz

Even in the midst of darkness and despair, the light of our Savior is always present, like a lampstand at our feet, illuminating our journey and crystalizing our mission. As a fellowship of believers, let us come together once again to lift up one another and reflect His light so that all may see and believe. In His Gracious Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Gentle, Gracious, and Compassionate Savior, we lay our sins before you, holding nothing back as we seek to come clean in your presence. Wash us of our iniquities and inspire us to live a life of obedience so that we will find favor with your Father in Heaven. In your Sacred Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 26:4-9 Pastor John

Second Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-6 Stuart Mykrantz

Third Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:10-14 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 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" No. 361

Message "Sealed in Trust" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" No. 514

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### We Gather Together

While we know that God has brought people to our church and that he will continue to do so, 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.



It takes some courage to ask others to come to church because, let's face it, 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.

We will "Gather Together" on Sunday, Feb. 19, for a devout worship service and a delicious fellowship dinner that follows.

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

### Cheer on the Scots

Everyone at Oak Chapel is invited to cheer on the Scot basketball team as it hosts DePauw 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 given a ticket for free admission to the church. For additional information, contact Pastor John or Steve Moore.





God of the Universe, we give you thanks for the beauty of your creation and the bounty of blessings you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us our sins and bless our intentions 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 Zoe Ring, who is now home after being hospitalized
- \*For Phyllis Weaver's grandson, who was protected during a potentially dangerous encounter
- \*For young Chase, who took his first steps last month

**Prayers**

- \*For Gene Varns, who continues to deal with vision loss
- \*For John Hower as he continues to receive treatments
- \*For Nancy who had surgery this past week
- \*For Jody Spelman following the passing of her father
- \*For the Steve Myers Family following his passing
- \*For Bob and Rosie Troutman during their time away
- \*For a clean and safe supply of drinking water for all people

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

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

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

**Looking Ahead...**

Sunday 2/12	Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
Monday 2/13	Revelation Bible Study	9:30 am
Wednesday 2/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Choir	7:00 pm



**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...  
**"Sealed in Trust"**