

May 21, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 68:1-3) Bill Braucher

One: May God arise, and may his enemies be scattered;

All: May his foes flee before him.

One: May you blow them away like smoke,

All: As wax melts before the fire,

One: May the wicked perish before God.

All: But may the righteous be glad,

One: May they be happy and joyful,

All: And rejoice before God!

*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 154

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Bill Braucher
Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth. Today, we celebrate the glorious ascension of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who walked the earth for 40 days after His resurrection. His departure has left a major void that remains unfilled, but we are forever linked through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for whom we give great thanks and praise. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Bill Braucher
As we look to the heavens, we see the beauty and the fury of nature, reminding us of both the trials and the triumphs of life. Help us, Lord, to stay balanced so that we can weather the violent storm and also enjoy the peaceful breeze that brings consolation and contentment. May you be present and prominent in our lives, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Majestic Savior, our discipline has weakened, and our obedience has waned, causing us to fall victim to the temptation that surrounds us. Please forgive us for our sins and strengthen our resolve so that we may reject that which is evil and pursue that which is holy. In your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

1st Scripture Reading Acts 1:2-3, 6-9 Bill Braucher

2nd Scripture Reading John 17:1-8 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 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" No. 544

Choral Anthem "Clap Your Hands"

Message "Did You See That?" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" No. 569

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 2-3 at Church of the Cross in Wooster. If you would like to volunteer, there will be an information session on Sunday, May 28, at 2 p.m. at Church of the Cross (5100 Cleveland Road). Also, if you know of any children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, please reach out to them and encourage them to participate. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

Men's Gathering Survey

We are trying to bolster attendance at our monthly men's breakfast meetings, which are currently held on the second Saturday of each month. Right now we are looking at several options, See the June Acorn for further details.

Joint Service Cookout

The men of the church will sponsor a cookout at Oak Chapel after we worship with our friends from New Pittsburg at our Pentecost/Memorial Day service on May 28. If everyone could bring a picnic-like side dish, salad, or dessert to share, that would be terrific.

Donations for Community Impact Day

The Outreach Team is collecting donations for hygiene kits to be assembled on Community Impact Day in June. A list of items needed is available in the Narthex. Salvation Army and One Eighty will benefit from the items donated.

Eastbrook Mission Barn Trip

We will be sending a team to Eastbrook Mission Barn in Pennsylvania on Tuesday. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pam Domer at 330-601-3926



Praises and Prayers

Lord Jesus, as we move into a more relaxed summer schedule, we continue to be surrounded by suffering, heartache, anxiety, and a range of other issues. Please be with us and hear our voices as we come before you with the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For Joyce Varns' successful surgery and continued healing
- *For Tina Braucher's return from the hospital

Prayers

- *For Connie Garg's brother as he prepares to return to Ohio
- *For Nancy Miller as she deals with severe pain
- *For Becky Schlund's friend, Joanie, who is in Hospice Care
- *For Shelby Davenport, who is recovering from a concussion

Chamber Music Series

Susan Shaw (Flute) and Ken Shafer (Piano) will perform their second chamber concert on Sunday, May 28, at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (621 College Avenue). The performance, titled "Paris Serenade," will feature works by French composers Fauré, Debussy, Bonis, and

Upcoming Worship Services

May 28.....Red, White, and Blue
 June 4.....Play Day
 June 11.....A Day of Reckoning
 June 18.....Father Figure
 June 25.....I Did It HIS Way

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/21	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Monday 5/22	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5/23	Eastbrook Mission Trip	8:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 5/28	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	All-Church Cookout	11:30 a.m.
Monday 5/29	Memorial Day	(No Bible Study)

Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (April 2023): \$1,893

Received last month:

04/02.....	\$5,054
04/09.....	\$2,852
04/16.....	\$2,074
04/23.....	\$1,534
04/30.....	\$2,970

As of 04/30/2023, we received about 153% of our budgeted income for the month of April and 109% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 100% and 81%, respectively. We received a QCD in April, which further pushed us up from 121% and 101%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black. We're still making a difference.

Mother's Day Pump Flashlights

If you did not receive a Mother's Day Flashlight and would like to have one, our backorder shipment should arrive by May 24. Please see Pastor John, and he will give you one.

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

Today's Message...
"Did You See That?"