

January 7, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

\*The Apostles Creed Tom Rife

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Hymn "Shine Jesus Shine" Insert

\*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

We spend much of our lives wandering in the wilderness, but we have the assurance that the Lord provides light and guidance for our journey. Scripture proclaims that in Him there is no darkness so let us seek and follow Him with great confidence from this world to the world to come. In His Mighty and Magnificent Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John  
Lord Jesus, we know that the blood you shed on the cross has cleansed us from our sins and cleared all obstacles on the pathway to salvation. Once we walked in darkness, but now we see the light, so we come before you this morning to freely confess our transgressions and seek your forgiveness. In your Faithful and Forgiving Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

1st Scripture I John 1:1-4 Tom Rife  
2nd Scripture I 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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light" No. 206

Choral Anthem "Come Now and Praise His Name"

Message "Come to Jesus" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Trust and Obey" No. 467

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### United Methodist Men

Oak Chapel's Men's Group will gather on a new date in a new location this month. We will meet at Buehler's Café downtown on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 a.m. All men are welcome to join us!

### Make a Joyful Noise

Kudos to the hearty voices of our choir! They have been outstanding, but they would also welcome the addition of several new voices. If you enjoy singing, contact Jen Moser for more information.

### Genesis Bible Study Resumes This Week

Our Monday morning Bible Study resumes tomorrow morning as we continue our journey through the Book of Genesis. Join us for this fascinating exploration. The study runs from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds.

### Membership Certificates

If you recently joined our church, we have a certificate for you in the Narthex. If you don't see one with your name on it, let us know and we will print one for you.

### Thought for the Day

*Christ is not valued at all,  
Unless his is valued above all!*

### Sunday Smile

*To get to heaven:  
It's not what you know but whom you know*



**Praises and Prayers**

Lord God, a new year brings new hope. Be with us as we journey forward, and hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers ....

**Praises**

- \*For new opportunities and blessings in 2024
- \*For God’s wisdom and guidance in the year ahead

**Prayers**

- \*For Wendy Rife’s granddaughter, who was hospitalized
- \*For Wayne Spangler, who is at Danbury Assisted Living
- \*For Heidi Arnold as she deals with cancer
- \*For Carol Gasser as she receives treatment for pain relief
- \*For Barbara during her ongoing journey with cancer
- \*For Dave Grube as he recovers from pneumonia
- \*For Kerry Franks who is recovering from an infection
- \*For Phyllis Weaver’s aunt, as she recovers from an infection
- \*For Keri Merickel’s husband Jeff, who has health concerns
- \*For Paul and Shelly, who are recovering from RSV

Upcoming Worship Services	
Jan. 14.....	That’s the Spirit
Jan. 21.....	Be Prepared
Jan. 28.....	Confident and Secure
Feb. 4.....	God’s Rules
Feb. 11.....	The Power of Love

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

Sunday 1/7	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 1/8	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1/9	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1/10	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Saturday 1/13	UWF Unit Meeting	10:00 a.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 1/14	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 1/15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 1/16	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 1/17	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Saturday 1/20	UMM Breakfast	7:30 a.m.



**Financial News:**

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (Sep 2023): \$2,546

**Received in September:**

09/03.....	\$4,690.00
09/10.....	\$1,036.00
09/17.....	\$3,194.10
09/24.....	\$1,379.00

As of 09/30/2023, we received about 101% of our budgeted income for the month of September and 96% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 77% and 83%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black. Donations: \$100; Purchases: \$0. We are making a difference. Thank you Oak Chapel!

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United Methodist Church**

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

Today’s Message...  
**“Come To Jesus”**