

January 21, 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 "Amazing Grace" No. 378

*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

The presence of the Holy Spirit gives us strength, courage, wisdom, and discernment. When we wander, let us remember to seek and follow its guidance, and when we're tempted, let us be empowered by the discipline to turn away from the darkness and pursue the light, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

God of Grace and Mercy, we have been compromised by the spiritual warfare that has been waged against us. In our weakness, we have succumbed to the pervasive evil in this world, so we come before you in humble contrition, asking that you forgive, cleanse, and restore us. In your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

1st Scripture Psalm 116:1-9 Tom Rife
2nd Scripture I John 4:7-16 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 "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

Choral Anthem "Carry Me" Choir

Message "Who Ya Gonna Call?" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "America the Beautiful" No. 696

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

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, please consider joining this group. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings. Contact Jen Moser for more information.

Genesis Bible Study Continues This Week

Our Monday morning Bible Study continues tomorrow morning as we explore the Book of Genesis. Please join us, even if you have not been with us previously. The study runs from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds.

Fellowship Dinner

Oak Chapel will host its first Fellowship Dinner following today's Worship Service. We are honoring First Responders from our area, so we hope you can join us. Steve Moore will provide a brief message of inspiration.

New District Meet and Greet

Oak Chapel is now part of the Central Valley District of the East Ohio Conference. This change came when the East Ohio Conference downsized 10 districts to four. The change was effective January 1. Would you like to meet the players in this new district? There will be a gathering of the new Central Valley District on January 27 at 3:30 pm at N Canton Faith UMC. Our new District Superintendents; Cara Stultz Costello and Edgar Brady will be there, as well as Bishop Malone and other conference staff. All are welcome for a time of worship and fellowship.



Praises and Prayers

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for your many blessings, as well as the wisdom and guidance of your Sacred Word. Give us the strength and the discipline to stand tall in the face of temptation so that we may live holy and obedient lives. We also ask you to hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers

Praises

- *For our First Responders, who keep us safe
- *For our Medical Professionals, who keep us healthy

Prayers

- *For Doug Henshaw’s brother, Tom, who has a brain tumor
- *For Michele Mosley, who is dealing with a recent diagnosis
- *For the family of George Topovski, who passed last week

Upcoming Worship Services

Jan. 28.....Be Prepared

Feb. 4.....Confident and Secure

Feb. 11.....The Greatest Commandment

Feb. 18.....The Power of Love

Feb.. 25.....God’s Rules

Thought for the Day

Look to Eternity

When the World Collapses Around You

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 1/21	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
Monday 1/22	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1/23	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1/24	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Saturday 1/27	Central Valley District	3:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/28	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 1/29	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 1/31	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.



Jingly Buckets: Don't you just hate it when your wallet and pockets are full of change? We have the solution! Today we will pass the jingly buckets and collect all those pesky, heavy, noisy coins weighing you down! (We will also gladly accept "quiet" money, too) The change will go toward a mission project/ agency to be determined quarterly. We are currently collecting for Operation Christmas Child. The money will go to expenses in shipping, boxes, etc.

Guest Speaker: Our own Steve Moore will be delivering the message on February 11. Please join us as he shares his thoughts on “The Greatest Commandment.”

Ash Wednesday: Lent is just around the corner, and it all begins on February 14. We hope you can join us for a special and solemn service that evening, beginning at 7 p.m.

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...
‘Who Ya Gonna Call?’