

February 11, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Stuart Mykrantz

Opening Prayer Steve Moore

*The Apostles Creed Stuart Mykrantz

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 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" No. 79
vs. 1-4

*Prayer of Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

May the Lord make our love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as his love overflows for us. May he soften our hearts and strengthen our desire to show compassion, grace, and mercy to those who have offended us. May our forgiveness be complete and unconditional so that we, too, will be forgiven and deemed holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes again in glory. Amen!

Call to Confession Steve Moore

Prayer of Confession Steve Moore

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Steve Moore

Scripture Passage 1 Matthew 22:34-40 Steve Moore
Scripture Passage 2 John 13:34-35 Steve Moore
Scripture Passage 3 Luke 6:27-35 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 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" No. 349
Sing 2 Times

Choral Anthem "Til All the World Believes" Choir

Message "The Greatest Commandment" Steve Moore

Our Morning Prayer Stuart Mykrantz
Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Stuart Mykrantz
*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

Benediction Stuart Mykrantz

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Ash Wednesday

We hope you can join us for a special and solemn service this Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Celebration Gospel Choir

Join us for an afternoon of uplifting and inspirational music when the Celebration Gospel Choir performs at our Lenten Service on Sunday, March 17, at 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend and then join us for dessert in Fellowship Hall following the concert.

Lenten Worship Series

It seems that Christmas has just passed, and now Lent is approaching quickly on the horizon. Once again this year, Oak Chapel will partner with congregations from Moreland, New Pittsburg, Smithville, Church of the Cross, and Wooster United Methodist Churches to present a Sunday afternoon Lenten series. Each session will begin at 4:00 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship to follow. All offerings will go to OHuddle. Here is the schedule...

February 18	Smithville UMC
February 25	New Pittsburg UMC
March 3	Moreland UMC
March 10	Church of the Cross UMC
March 17	Oak Chapel UMC
March 24	Wooster UMC
March 29	Joint Choir Cantata at Oak Chapel

Thought Provoking . . .

*Real generosity is doing something
For someone who will never find out*



Praises and Prayers

Gracious Heavenly Father, the time of preparation is upon us. The Lenten season provides an opportunity for us to reflect, repent, and reconcile. Let us engage in this restorative process as we continue on our journey with you while pausing to lift up the following praises and prayers

Praises

- *For our medical professionals at Wooster Hospital
- *For the successful recovery of Bruce Bloch's friend, Sylvia

Prayers

- *For Pam Domer's cousin, Carl, who was seriously injured in an accident
- *For Doug Henshaw's brother, Tom, as he prepares for post surgery options
- *For Michele Mosely as she deals with health issues
- *For Kevin Horst who is recovering from shoulder surgery
- *For Pastor John as he undergoes radiation treatments

Upcoming Worship Services

February 18.....For Christ's Sake
 February 25.....God's Rules

Sunday Smile
*Although you may have pain
 You don't need to be one*

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 2/11	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 2/12	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 2/13	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/14	Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 2/15	ACORN deadline	
Saturday 2/17	Men's Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/18	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Lenten Series at Smithville	4:00 p.m.
Monday 2/19	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 2/20	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 2/21	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.

Financial News

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (December 2023): \$2,372

Received in December.

12/03 - \$6,454	12/10 - \$1,327
12/17 - \$3,101	12/24 - \$1,015
12/31 - \$4,697	23EOY - \$1,520

As of 12/31/2023, we received about 191% of our budgeted income for the month of December and 106% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 133% and 92%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black. Donations: \$1,840; Purchases: \$0 (December 2022 Donations: \$320; Purchases: \$365.42). We are making a difference; the need is great. Thank you Oak Chapel!

**Oak Chapel
 United Methodist Church**

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

Today's Message...
"The Greatest Commandment"