

February 18, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

\*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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 399

\*Prayer of Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

Great God Almighty, you have blessed us with considerable talent, but we often fail to apply these gifts in our service to you. Help us to ponder more deeply our options and consider our opportunities to commit ourselves to serving others while bringing honor and glory to your name. This we pray with great gratitude and anticipation in your Holy and Blessed Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

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

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, we cannot fathom the depth of your sacrifice or the breadth of your glory, but we continue to follow you to the best of our ability. Unfortunately, we are vulnerable to the temptations that repeatedly stalk us, so we pause now to acknowledge our transgressions and confess our sinfulness, knowing that your abundant grace and mercy will lift us from the depths of despair and guide us gently on the pathway of righteousness. In humble contrition, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

|                     |                    |                 |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Scripture Passage 1 | Matthew 5:16       | Pastor John     |
| Scripture Passage 2 | Ephesians 2:10     | Stuart Mykrantz |
| Scripture Passage 3 | James 2:14-17      | Stuart Mykrantz |
| Scripture Passage 4 | Colossians 3:23-24 | Stuart Mykrantz |
| Scripture Passage 5 | Hebrews 13:16      | Stuart Mykrantz |
| Scripture Passage 6 | Romans 12:1-2      | 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 "Father, I Adore You" On Screen

Choral Anthem "Lord of Mercy, God of Grace" Choir

Message "For Christ's Sake" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John  
Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John  
\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Make Me a Captive, Lord" No. 421

Benediction Pastor John  
Postlude Jen Moser

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Opportunity for Service

Dale and Zoe Ring could use some help with meals and transportation as they work their way through some health issues. If you would be willing to lend a hand, please contact the church at office@oakchapelumc.com

### 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

Our Sunday afternoon Lenten Series begins this afternoon and continues for the next five weeks. Each session (Except Cantata at 7:00) will begin at 4 p.m., with refreshments and fellowship to follow.

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| February 18 | Smithville UMC                    |
|             | Pastor Jen Darling Mellott        |
| February 25 | New Pittsburg UMC                 |
|             | Pastor James Lance                |
| March 3     | Moreland UMC                      |
|             | Pastor John Finn                  |
| March 10    | Church of the Cross UMC           |
|             | Pastor David Rittgers             |
| March 17    | Oak Chapel UMC                    |
|             | Celebration Gospel Choir          |
| March 24    | Wooster UMC                       |
|             | DS, Rev. Edgar Brady              |
| March 29    | Joint Choir Cantata at Oak Chapel |



**Praises and Prayers**

God of love, grace, mercy and compassion, we bow down before you as we lift up your Most Holy Name. Hear our voices and bless our intentions as we lay out the following praises and prayers . . .

**Praises**

- \*For Caroline, whose friend Anita is visiting from NH
- \*For Pam’s cousin, Carl, who is recovering at home

**Prayers**

- \*For Doug Henshaw’s brother, Tom, as he recovers
- \*For Michele Mosely as she deals with health issues
- \*For Pastor John as he undergoes radiation treatments
- \*For Dale and Zoe Ring who struggle with health issues
- \*For Ezra, 11 years old, who was hit by a car
- \*For the driver who hit Ezra
- \*For Gladys Johns who recently suffered a fall
- \*For Bob and Rosie Troutman’s friend whose husband died.
- \*For Bob and Rosie Troutman’s friend who is hospitalized.

| Upcoming Worship Services |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| February 25 .....         | God’s Rules                 |
| March 3 .....             | Window of Opportunity       |
| March 10 .....            | Buttons and bumper Stickers |
| March 17 .....            | Luck of the Irish           |

**Sunday Smile**  
*God promises no loafes  
 To those who loaf*

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

|                |                          |            |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Sunday 2/18    | Sunday School            | 9:30 a.m.  |
|                | Sunday Worship           | 10:30 a.m. |
|                | Fellowship Lunch         | 11:30 a.m. |
|                | Lenten Series/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           | 7:00 p.m.  |

**Looking Ahead**

|                |                             |            |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Sunday 2/25    | Sunday School               | 9:30 a.m.  |
|                | Sunday Worship              | 10:30 a.m. |
|                | Young Adult Class           | 11:30 a.m. |
|                | Lenten Series/New Pittsburg | 4:00 p.m.  |
| Monday 2/26    | Bible Study                 | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Tuesday 2/27   | Days for Girls              | 2:00 p.m.  |
| Wednesday 2/28 | Choir Rehearsal             | 7:00 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!

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

Today’s Message...  
**“For Christ’s Sake”**