

**February 25, 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** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” No. 400

**\*Prayer of Assurance** Stuart Mykrantz

Great God in Heaven, we are richly blessed by the light your provide. Not only does it serve to guide us, but it also offers warmth and wisdom, which assure us that we are, indeed, following you. We ask that you continue to lead us as we seek to expand our faith and grow in your precious gifts of grace, mercy, compassion, and love. in your Magnificent Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

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

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Almighty God, we have let you down once again through our inability to stand strong in the face of temptation. Instead of honoring your commandments through obedience, we jeopardize our relationship with you through our decadence and depravity. We humbly confess before you, seeking your grace and mercy while also pledging to be more disciplined and forthright in our earthly journey. This we pray with great hope and thanksgiving in your faithful and forgiving Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Passage 1	Psalm 32:8	Pastor John
Scripture Passage 2	Psalm 33:11	Stuart Mykrantz
Scripture Passage 3	I Corinthians 2:9	Stuart Mykrantz
Scripture Passage 4	Ephesians 1:11-14	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** “Amazing Grace” No. 378

Choral Anthem “All to Jesus” Choir

Message “What’s Our Endgame?” Pastor John

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

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

**\*Hymn** “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 462

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**WHAT’S COMING UP?**

**UWF Sunday**

United Women in Faith will lead our Worship Service on Sunday, March 17. Please plan to join us for a very moving and inspiring service.

**Looking Ahead**

Oak Chapel will host the annual All-Daughter Banquet on Thursday, May 9. All women of the church (as well as guests) are welcome to attend. More information will follow soon. In addition All-Sons Dinner will return on June 18 after an extended hiatus. Join us for great food, warm fellowship, and an interesting program as a local author discusses his recent book. Stay tuned for further details.

**Lenten Worship Series**

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

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

**Sunday Smile**

*Exercise your faith; Walk with God*



**Praises and Prayers**

Giver of Life and Deliverer of Salvation, we stand in awe of your glory. Be with us today and every day as we seek to draw closer to you, and hear our voices as we lay out the following praises and prayers ....

**Praises**

- \*For God’s daily blessings that are often overlooked
- \*For fellow believers who encourage and inspire

**Prayers**

- \*For Jay Hauser following hip replacement surgery
- \*For the family of Gladys Johns following her passing
- \*For Bruce Bloch as he recovers from surgery
- \*For Dale and Zoe Ring as the move into assisted living
- \*For Pastor John as he continues radiation treatments
- \*For Gale, whose husband, Chuck, passed last week
- \*For Dan, a friend of the Troutmans, who is hospitalized
- \*For Doris, the Troutman’s sister-in-law, who shad a stroke
- \*For Alison Flanagan’s nephew, Jay, following surgery
- \*For Sandy Hower’s cousin, Ann, following surgery
- \*For Sandy Hower’s friend, Karen, who was life-flighted
- \*For Jodi Spelman as her mother prepares for life eternal
- \*For the owners and employees of Farmer Boy Restaurant
- \*For Mark who recently had a pacemaker implanted

**Upcoming Worship Services**

March 3.....Please Don’t Let Me Be Misunderstood  
 March 10..... Window of Opportunity

**Thought Provoking . . .**  
*The task ahead of you  
 is never greater than the power behind you*

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

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.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 2/27	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/28	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 3/3	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Series/Moreland	4:00 p.m.
Monday 3/4	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	UWF Executive Team	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 3/5	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 3/6	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.



**Chili Cookoff and Game Night**

Our annual Chili Cookoff returns on March 23. Prepare your favorite chili recipe or simply sample the entries and vote on your favorite. Then, stay around as we reprise an Oak Chapel tradition with a good old-fashioned Game Night. Pull up to a table and play your favorite game. Everyone is welcome!

**Vacation Bible School**

Congregations from Oak Chapel, Smithville, Church of the Cross, Wooster, New Pittsburg, Orrville, and Rittman will come together again this year to host a joint Vacation Bible School, June 3-4, at Smithville United Methodist Church. This year’s VBS will have an Olympic theme to coincide with the upcoming Summer Olympics in Paris. If you would like to help in any way, just let Pastor John know.

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

Today’s Message...  
***“What’s Our Endgame?”***