

August 18, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 86:1-2) Pastor John

Leader: Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me;

People: For I am afflicted and needy.

Leader: Preserve my soul, for I am a godly man;

People: O You, my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.

*Apostles' Creed Steve Moore

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, 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.

*Passing of the Peace Steve Moore

*Opening Hymn "Make me a Captive, Lord" No. 421

*Prayer of Assurance (Based on Psalm 13) Steve Moore

How long, O Lord, will you forget me? How long will you hide your face from me? How long shall I have sorrow and despair in my heart? Consider and answer me, O Lord, my God. Enlighten my eyes, so that I will not fall into the hands of my enemy. Be with me always for I have trusted in your loving kindness. My heart shall rejoice in your promise of salvation all the days of my life. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

All-Knowing and Powerful God, nothing that we say or do can be hidden from your sight, so once again today, we come before you in spirit of humble contrition, confessing all that we have done and all that we have failed to do, while pledging a greater commitment to respect, revere, and obey your commandments. This we pray with dedication and devotion to your Sacred Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Psalm 25:16-21 Pastor John

Scripture 2 II Corinthians 12:7-10 Steve Moore

Scripture 3 Philippians 4:12-14 Steve Moore

Scripture 4 Matthew 7:7-8 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 "Be Still, My Soul" No. 534

Message "I Hate to Ask, But ..." Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology No. 95

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" No. 2158

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Shelter from the Storm: Oak Chapel is launching a new outreach initiative, titled "Shelter from the Storm." An anonymous donor has purchased a generous supply of blankets and pillows for those in need in our community to keep them warm this fall and winter. Our goal will be to distribute these items possibly during Light-Up Night in Downtown Wooster in November or through some other form of outreach. If you would like to donate a blanket and a pillow or make a financial contribution, we would be greatly blessed by your generosity. More details will follow soon.

Thinking...and Planning...Ahead: As we look to continue our efforts to extend our reach and our impact on the community, we are considering some possible initiatives in the coming year, including...

1. A Sunday afternoon recreational/instructional session for young people in the community followed by a brief Bible lesson this fall.
2. A partnership with nearby Liberty Prep, a school that helps to support, encourage, mentor, and educate at-risk high school students complete their degree and earn a diploma.
3. A possible Prison Ministry in Downtown Wooster or a possible partnership with nearby Hilltop Villa veterans home.
4. A Back-to-School Outreach project to support young people involved in such organizations as Boys and Girls Club and O-Huddle.

More details will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

A well-read Bible produces a well-fed soul



Praises and Prayers

Loving and compassionate God, we pause to reflect on those who need the healing, comfort, guidance, and assurance that only you can provide, so we take this time to lift up the following praises and prayers before you....

Praises

- *For the many gifts that God has bestowed upon us
- *For God’s presence in our church, nation, and world

Prayers

- *For Lori Hauser, who is still dealing with undiagnosed pain
- *For Bob Troutman’s brother with health issues
- *For the family of Doug Patton’s Hospice patient, who passed recently
- *For Sheri Finn’s friend, Leslie, with health issues
- *For Lucas Mark’s friend, whose grandmother passed
- *For Henry, who is dealing with health issues
- *For Kim and Pam Domer and their Nomad’s trip
- *For our neighbors in Orrville, who are dealing with floods
- *For the hungry and homeless in our community
- *For peace, calm, and civility in our nation and our world

Sunday Smile

There’s a fine line between a long sermon and a hostage situation



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 8/18	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/19	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8/20	District Consultations	All Day
	SPRC with Dist. Sup.	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/25	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/26	Prayer Shawl Team	6:00 p.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8/27	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.

Sunday Youth Initiative: The church is purchasing new basketball hoop and support structure so that the church can launch a new program this fall, consisting of instruction and recreation for young people as well as Biblical lessons. It is our hope that these efforts will bring young families to our church and engage with our congregation so that we can grow and flourish for many years to come. The program will run September 22 through October 20 at Oak Chapel.

UWF has a new order of NUTS in the Narthex: Deluxe Mix, Giant Cashews, and Harvest Mix. The price is marked on each bag, and there is a jar for your donation. All proceeds go to mission projects. Thank you in advance.

Upcoming Worship Services

August 25	A Quiet Voice
September 1	The Bountiful Fruits of Labor
September 8.....	Staying Grounded
September 15	Outdoor Worship—So Help Me...
September 22.....	Gimme a Break

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Today’s Message...

“I Hate to Ask, But ...”