

August 25, 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: Only in God do we find rest;

People: Our salvation comes from him.

Leader: Only God is our rock and our salvation;

People: We will not be shaken anymore.

*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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 158

*Prayer of Assurance Steve Moore

Father in Heaven, you created us in your image and likeness, and when we failed to honor our covenant with you, you sent your Son to be our bridge between eternal darkness and everlasting light. Because we are undeserving of this magnificent gift, we respond with great praise and thanksgiving, lifting up and exalting Your Wondrous Name, today, and always. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Gracious God, we bow before you in humble contrition, ashamed of our transgressions, but confident in your benevolent mercy, which promises to cleanse our souls and renew our spirit. As you forgive us, we ask that you also strengthen us so that we might stand strong in the face of temptation and defiant in the presence of evil. This we pray with great joy and thanksgiving. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John
Scripture 1 Colossians 3:1-4 Pastor John
Scripture 2 Colossians 3:5-8 Steve Moore
Scripture 3 Colossians 3:9-12 Steve Moore
Scripture 4 Colossians 3:13-16 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 "Oh Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 396

Message "Looking Up" 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 "Precious Name" No. 536

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 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.

The Clock on the Wall

At long last, our antique clock in the Narthex has been repaired. Thanks to our good friend, Matt Call, we now have an accurate timepiece after years of it being in disrepair. We greatly appreciate Matt's kind, thoughtful, and generous gesture.

Gathering Music

A reminder that our wonderful musicians will be providing gathering music before each service, beginning at 10:20 a.m. Please join us in the sanctuary at that time. You are welcome to sing along or simply soak in the uplifting music as we prepare for worship.

Outdoor Service and Games

Our annual outdoor service at the Lake (185 Cherry Lane) is less than a month away. We will gather for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15, followed by a covered dish meal and fun and games for the kids. We are expecting a number of visitors, so if you would be so kind as to bring a dish (and maybe two) to share, that would be great.



Praises and Prayers

Mighty and Merciful God, we stand in awe of your wisdom and your wonder, and we take refuge in you. We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, and assurance that only you can provide as we lift up the following praises and prayers before you....

Praises

- *For the many gifts God has bestowed upon our church
- *For God’s presence in our church and our world
- *For the Wayne County Fair Parade and those who helped
- *For Joyce Varns as she celebrates her birthday

Prayers

- *For Lori Hauser, who is recovering at Sycamore Run
- *For Jeff Burckhart, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Paul Kauffman, who is battling cancer
- *For Kristine, who is dealing with a brain lesion
- *For Keri and her husband when they travel to Maine
- *For those involved in the traffic accident downtown

Sunday Smiles

*Moses was the first one with a tablet
to download data from a cloud*

*He is Divine
We are DiBranches*



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/1	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/2	Labor Day	Office closed
Tuesday 9/3	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 9/4	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.

Good News Club

Oak Chapel will launch its Good News Club for kids on Sunday, Sept. 22, at the church. There will be a variety of activities for those in Grades 4-6 as well as a Faith-based discussion and a snack each Sunday afternoon for five weeks. Please encourage your friends, neighbors, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren to join us.

Pictorial Directory

Oak Chapel will be putting together a new pictorial directory in the coming months to reflect the many new people we have welcomed into our church while noting the unfortunate losses we have suffered over the past few years. Portraits will be taken Oct. 28-29 at the church. We would love to have everyone participate. Each family will receive a complementary 8x10 portrait with the option of ordering more for Christmas.

Upcoming Worship Services

September 1	The Bountiful Fruits of Labor
September 8	Staying Grounded
September 15	So Help Me...
September 22	Gimme a Break

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Today’s Message...

“Looking Up”