

September 15, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 141:1-4) Pastor John

Leader: O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me.

People: Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth.

Leader: Keep watch over the door of my lips!

People: Do not let my heart incline to any evil.

\*Apostles' Creed Bruce Bloch

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 Bruce Bloch

\*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Insert

\*Prayer of Assurance Bruce Bloch

Holy and Mighty God, our words can inspire, but they can also devour. Help us to be judicious in what we say, so that we might lift up others and lead them to spread goodwill to all people. May we be one in the Spirit and one in the Lord, so that all unity may one day be restored, and that everyone will know that we are Christians by our love. In His Glorious Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Loving Savior, how could we possibly be so disloyal when we know the truth and have witnessed the depth of your love? We are both regretful and remorseful, but we are also relieved and renewed by your precious blood, which was shed on the cross as an atonement for our sins. Raise us up and restore us so that we may once again become the faithful people you created us to be. In Your Name — the Name above all others — we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 James 1:22-25 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Ephesians 4:29-32 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 3 Colossians 4:2-6 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

\*Gloria Patri

\*Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" Insert

Message "Speak Softly" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### 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.

### Good News Club

Oak Chapel will launch its Good News Club for kids NEXT WEEK, from 4-5 p.m. at the church. There will be a variety of activities for those ages 5-12 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 for this exciting new initiative! There are post cards here today that can be distributed to families with young children in your neighborhood.

### Shelter from the Storm

Oak Chapel will launch a new outreach initiative, titled "Shelter from the Storm," next Sunday, September 22, during our Worship Service. 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 through several local agencies, including One-Eighty and Salvation Army.

### Sunday Smile...

*With Jesus as your provider,  
there are no lost calls and unlimited minutes*



**Praises and Prayers**

Loving and Compassionate God, we come before you in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving, pledging our life and our loyalty to you. Be with us on our journey and guide us on the pathway of righteousness. May we also ask that you hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers before you....

**Praises**

- \*For the many gifts that God has bestowed upon our church
- \*For God’s presence in our church and our world
- \*For the compassion of our caregivers
- \*For Cindy Henshaw and Beth Patton as they celebrate birthdays

**Prayers**

- \*For an end to the violence in our schools and workplace
- \*For Lori Hauser, who is now recovering at home
- \*For Paul Kauffman, who is battling cancer
- \*For Lori Oney and Sharon Young who were in an accident
- \*For Carol Gasser, who is dealing with back pain
- \*For Erica Boyer, who is recovering from oral surgery
- \*For Joe Manuella, who is recovering from serious surgery
- \*For Kim Domer, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For Alex Merwin’s grandmother, who suffered a stroke
- \*For Cathy McConnell as she deals with cancer
- \*For Margaret Herman who has health issues

**Thought for the Day**

*If prayer was your job, would you still be employed?*



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

Sunday 9/15	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship at the Lake	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/16	UWF Executive Team	10:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9/17	Outreach	6:30 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 9/22	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Good News Club	4:00 p.m.
Monday 9/23	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9/24	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Operation Christmas Child Packing Party	6:30 p.m.

**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, just in time for Christmas.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

September 22	.....Shelter from the Storm
September 29	..... Judgment Day
October 6	..... Get Together
October 13	..... Reach Out in the Darkness
October 20	..... More Than I Can Handle
October 27	..... Sick and Tired

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

Today’s Message...

***“Speak Softly”***