

September 22, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Isaiah 61:10) Pastor John

Pastor: I delight greatly in the Lord;

People: My soul rejoices in my God.

Pastor: For he has clothed me with garments of salvation,

People: And arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness.

*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 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 430

*Prayer of Assurance Bruce Bloch

Gracious and Loving Father, you have opened the door to life eternal in your Heavenly Kingdom through the gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May we show that same love and hospitality to others by welcoming them into our homes and into our churches and feeding their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs so that their health and their faith might be nourished. In You Benevolent Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, our blemishes cannot be hidden from your sight, but through your abundant grace and infinite mercy, our faults can be expunged and our stains wiped clean, giving us the opportunity to leave our sinful ways behind and move forward on your glorious pathway to salvation. In Your Compassionate Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Matthew 25:35-36 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Hebrews 13:1-3 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 3 I Peter 4:7-11 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 4 Luke 8:22-25 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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

Message "Shelter from the Storm" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "We Are Called" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Outreach Opportunity

On Thursday, October 17, Oak Chapel will be providing complimentary coffee for the teachers and staff at Triway High School. It is a goodwill gesture to demonstrate our support for the vital work they do in teaching and mentoring young people. It is also an opportunity to introduce our church to them in a very non-threatening way. If you are an early riser and would like to mingle with them, please contact Pastor John. We will be at the school from 7-9 a.m.

Good News Club

Oak Chapel will launch its Good News Club for kids this afternoon, 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. If you would like to participate on Sunday afternoons and/or provide snacks for one of the sessions, please contact Steve Moore.

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 October 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. Please contact Rosie Troutman to set up an appointment.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty God, we are honored and blessed to be in covenant with you. Guide us through our daily journey and 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 our new Shelter from the Storm initiative
- *For our new Good News Club
- *For the wonderful outdoor service at the Lake last week
- *For Becky Schlund’s successful eye procedure

Prayers

- *For an end to the violence in our schools and workplaces
- *For Lori Hauser, who is in Wooster Hospital
- *For Paul Kauffman, who is battling cancer
- *For Wendy Rife who is recovering at home
- *For Lori Oney and Sharon Young as they recover
- *For Dan Hildebrandt’s grandfather, who is recovering

Thoughts for the Day

Now is the Best Time to invest in Eternity!

*We cannot change the truth,
but the truth can change us.*



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/29	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Good News Club	4:00 p.m.
Monday 9/30	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 10/01	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.

Shelter from the Storm

Oak Chapel will launch a new outreach initiative, titled “Shelter from the Storm,” today 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. Also if you know of any individuals that could use new linens or blankets, but cannot afford them, please let us know, and we will make arrangements to provide them.

Upcoming Worship Services

September 29.....	Judgment Day
October 6	Get Together, World Communion Sunday
October 13.....	Reach Out in the Darkness
October 20.....	More Than I Can Handle
October 27	Sick and Tired
November 3	For All the Saints

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Today’s Message...

“Shelter from the Storm”