

September 29, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (James 4:6-7) Pastor John

Pastor: God opposes the proud,

People: But gives grace to the humble.

Pastor: Submit yourselves therefore to God.

People: Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

\*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 Almighty King" No. 61

\*Prayer of Assurance Bruce Bloch

God of Righteousness, we know that you are the ultimate judge, yet we continue to convict and condemn others through our personal biases and prejudices. Remind us to give way to you as the supreme ruler over all people and all of creation. Your wisdom is indisputable, and your justice is irrefutable, so we pledge to surrender all power and authority to you from this day forward. In Your Majestic Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

God of Grace and God of Mercy, our inability to honor and serve you in the way we would like continues to hinder us, but we know that if we confess our sins and turn away from life's temptations, you will lead us out of the darkness and into the light. We ask again today, that the blood of your Son wash away the stain of our sinfulness, so that we can begin anew a life with you. In Your Compassionate name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Romans 14:10-13 Pastor John

Scripture 2 1 Corinthians 4:5 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 3 Romans 8:1-6 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 "O How I Love Jesus" No. 170

Message "Judgment Day" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "And Can It Be that I Should Gain" No. 363

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Hospice Benefit Concert Today

Wooster United Methodist Church will host a benefit concert for Hospice LifeCare Wooster this afternoon at 3 p.m. Talented musicians Annie Gerig and John Finney, will be playing English horn and Pipe organ, respectively. The concert is free, and a plate will be passed for free-will donations to Hospice. A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert where everyone can mingle and also meet the musicians.

### 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 or Troutman to set up an appointment.

### Good News Club

Oak Chapel's Good News Club for kids continues 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 in the Narthex 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.



**Praises and Prayers**

Dear Lord Jesus, we know that you are the ultimate judge, so we ask that you help us to show restraint when we are tempted to criticize or condemn others. We also ask you to 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 Wendy Rife’s recovery from a cardiac procedure
- \*For Blair, Doug, and Greg, who installed the new basketball hoops

**Prayers**

- \*For Lori Hauser, who is in Wooster Hospital
- \*For Paul Kauffman, who is battling cancer
- \*For Lori Oney and Sharon Young as they recover
- \*For Dan Hildebrandt’s grandfather, who is recovering
- \*For Keri Merickel, following the passing of her husband
- \*For Brad Kitchen, who is dealing with health concerns
- \*For Carla and CJ, who are recovering from illness
- \*For Joyce Varns, who is having foot surgery
- \*For Brandi, who is having knee surgery
- \*For Cathy McConnell, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- \*For Bill Braucher, who was under the weather last week
- \*For Tina Braucher, whose four-footed friend died last week



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

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.
Saturday 10/5	District UWF	9:30 a.m.
	North Canton Faith UMC	

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 10/6	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	World Communion Sunday	10:30 a.m.
	Good News Club	4:00 p.m.
Monday 10/7	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10/8	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	UWF Unit meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10/9	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.

**Shelter from the Storm** ~ Oak Chapel’s new outreach initiative, “Shelter from the Storm,” is officially underway. An anonymous donor has enabled us to purchase 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.

**Volunteers Needed** ~ Homeward Bound, the new severe weather shelter located at 981 Grosjean Road in Wooster, is looking for volunteers to help with laundry, serve meals, and do maintenance. If you are interested, you may contact [volunteer@homewardboundwwc.org](mailto:volunteer@homewardboundwwc.org)

# Oak Chapel United Methodist Church

## JUDGEMENT



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Today’s Message...

**“Judgment Day”**