

September 8, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 16:7-8) Pastor John

Leader: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;

People: Even at night my heart instructs me.

Leader: I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

People: With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

\*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 "I Am Thine, O Lord" No. 419

\*Prayer of Assurance Bruce Bloch

Gracious and Glorious God, our desire to be present in your presence is sincere and genuine, but the pervasive threat of temptation and the persistent presence of evil threatens our relationship with you. Remind us that there is no greater power in the universe than yours, and that we can overcome the iniquity of this world if we remain in you and you remain in us, always and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, you shed your blood so that we could be freed from the threat of condemnation and eternal damnation. You chose to liberate us, even when we were unworthy of your mighty sacrifice, so we take time now to confess our sins and once again seek your infinite grace and mercy. In your Wondrous Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Jeremiah 29:11-14 Pastor John

Scripture 2 James 4:4-10 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 3 I John 4:7-15 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 "Nearer, My God, to Thee" No. 528

Message "Present in God's Presence" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*The Doxology No. 95

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "Pass It On" No. 572

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Outdoor Service and Games

Our annual outdoor service at the Lake (185 Cherry Lane) is NEXT WEEK. We will gather for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 15, followed by a covered dish meal and fun and games for kids of all ages. 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 and your table service. We would also advise you to bring a comfortable chair, although there will be seating available in the pavilion.

### Good News Club

Oak Chapel will launch its Good News Club for kids on Sunday, September 22, 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.

### 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 through several local agencies, including One-Eighty and Salvation Army. We will officially kick off this outreach effort on September 22. We hope you can join us that day.



**Praises and Prayers**

Great and Glorious God, during this busy time of year, we take note of your ever-present nature in our lives, and we give you thanks for the grace you offer as well as the guidance you provide. We ask now 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 the memorial service for Bob Morris
- \*For the fruit and flower display assembled by the Troutmans

**Prayers**

- \*For Lori Hauser, who is recovering at Sycamore Run
- \*For Sheri Finn’s brother, Tom, recovering from hip surgery
- \*For Paul Kauffman, who is battling cancer
- \*For Jeff Burkhardt as he recovers from surgery
- \*For Dave Acker as he recovers from several surgeries
- \*For comfort and healing for Pat Gibbons
- \*For comfort and healing for Pat Rambo
- \*For Cathy McConnell as she deals with cancer
- \*For Paula following the loss of her dear friend
- \*For the family of Shannan Jones’ former boss, who passed last week



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

Sunday 9/8	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Wayne County Fair	

**Looking Ahead**

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.

**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.

**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 complimentary 8x10 portrait with the option of ordering more, just in time for Christmas.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

September 15	.....Worship at the Lake
September 22	.....Gimme a Break
September 29	.....Judgment Day
October 6	.....Get Together

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 through Love, Compassion,  
 Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...

***“Present in God’s Presence”***