

October 13, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 34:15,18) Pastor John

Pastor: The Lord's eyes watch the righteous;

People: His ears listen to their cries for help!

Pastor: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;

People: He saves those whose spirits are crushed!

*Apostles' Creed Cindy Mykrantz

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 Cindy Mykrantz

*Hymn "Near to the Heart of God" No. 472

*Prayer of Assurance Cindy Mykrantz

In the midst of darkness and despair, we are not defeated but instead empowered as we seek to rise above the trauma and follow the Lord, whom we know will lead us to ultimate victory. May we continue to be hopeful, faithful, and obedient as we answer His call and carry out His will from this world to the next. In His Majestic Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord of great compassion and infinite mercy, we acknowledge our failure to honor your commandments and obey your Sacred Word, so we come before you once again confessing our repeated sinfulness and requesting that you spare us your judgment. Instead, we ask you to restore us to the person you created us to be. In your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Psalm 91:1-4, 14-16 Pastor John

Scripture 2 II Corinthians 1:3-7 Cindy Mykrantz

Scripture 3 Hebrews 12:1-3 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

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

*Gloria Patri

Chancel Choir "Have Faith"

*Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 117

Message "Ultimate Victory" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Victory in Jesus" No. 370

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Outreach Opportunity

This Thursday (October 17) Oak Chapel will be providing complimentary coffee for the teachers and staff at Triway High School. It is a goodwill gesture through O-Huddle 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 welcoming 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 approximately 7-9 a.m. that day.

Annual Craft Fair ~ October 19 ~ 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

We hope you will come and shop and eat lunch. We will feature glass candy, and our Kitchen Corner that offers eat-in as well as carry-out foods. We will have a bake sale with items ready to give as gifts as well as enjoy at home. Our Nice-as-New Boutique is back with plants and produce.

Pictorial Directory

Oak Chapel will be putting together a new pictorial directory. 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 Bob Troutman to set up an appointment.

Good News Club

Oak Chapel's Good News Club for Kids is gaining momentum each week, and our sessions continue this afternoon from 4-5 p.m. at the church. There will be a variety of activities and games for those ages 5-12 as well as a Faith-based discussion and a snack each week. Please encourage your friends, neighbors, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren to join us for this exciting new initiative! All are welcome!



Praises and Prayers

God of Grace and God of Mercy, we bow before you in humble adoration, asking for your continued guidance and blessings as we also ask you to hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers before you....

Praises

- *For God's presence in our church and in our world
- *For the compassion of our caregivers
- *For our new Shelter from the Storm initiative
- *For our new Good News Club
- *For Operation Christmas Child
- *For our celebration with the Communion of Saints
- *For Lori Hauser, who is now home from the hospital
- *For Caroline Lilburn's friend, Melissa, who visited last week
- *For Joyce Varns' recovery from foot surgery
- *For Tripp, who is now out of an induced coma
- *For all those who have mentored our faith journey

Prayers

- *For peace in our Nation and in our World
- *For those suffering from the tropical storms in the South
- *For Angela and Margot, who have health concerns
- *For young Jack Baker, who is dealing with cancer
- *For Paul Kauffman, who is battling cancer
- *For Phyllis Weaver's friend, Linda, who is battling cancer
- *For Cyndi Boyer as she recovers from a broken foot
- *For Bill Braucher, who was under the weather
- *For the Howlett Family, whose mother has cancer
- *For Donna Serzen, whose mother passed last week
- *For Alison's aunt and uncle in Florida
- *For Kim Domer's mom, Lela Horst, who is hospitalized

Sunday Smile...

T.G.I.F.—Thank God I'm Forgiven

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 10/13	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Ad Council (Sing Mar rm.)	11:35 a.m.
	Good News Club	4:00 p.m.
Monday 10/14	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/15	ACORN deadline	
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 10/17	Coffee at Triway HS	7:00 a.m.
Saturday 10/19	Men's Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
	CRAFT FAIR	10:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 10/20	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Good News Club	4:00 p.m.
Monday 10/21	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Membership Care Team	11:00 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/22	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10/26	UWF Annual Celebration	9:30 a.m.

Volunteers Needed ~ Homeward Bound, the new severe weather shelter in Wooster, is looking for volunteers to help with laundry, serve meals, and do maintenance. If you are interested, training sessions will be held throughout October, or contact volunteer@homewardboundwwc.org.

Shelter from the Storm ~ Oak Chapel's new outreach initiative, "Shelter from the Storm," will be providing sheets, blankets, and pillows for Homeward Bound, the new homeless shelter in Wooster. Also, if you know of any individuals who could use new blankets or pillows, but cannot afford them, please let us know, and we will make arrangements to provide them.

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

Today's Message...

"Ultimate Victory"