

October 20, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Proverbs 3:5-6) Pastor John

Pastor: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

People: And lean not on your own understanding!

Pastor: In all your ways submit to him,

People: And he will make your paths straight!

\*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 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 185

\*Prayer of Assurance Cindy Mykrantz

Lord God, you have encouraged, enlightened, and empowered us to be stewards of your Kingdom here on earth. Help us to shine your light and show your way to others so that they may join us on the journey of faith that leads to glory and honor in your Heavenly Kingdom. This we pray with great praise and thanksgiving, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John  
Holy and Compassionate God, we bow before you in humble contrition, confessing all that we have done and all that we have failed to do that falls short of your glory. Forgive us for our sins, cleanse our souls, purify our hearts, and shape us into a new being — one that is committed to serving you with honor and reverence. In your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John  
Scripture 1 Psalm 37:1-7 Pastor John  
Scripture 2 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Cindy Mykrantz  
Scripture 3 Romans 12:1-2 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 "Cares Chorus" Insert

Chancel Choir "God Is So Good"

Message "Words to Live By" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John  
The Lord's Prayer No. 824

Presentation of Our Gifts  
\*The Doxology  
\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" No. 129

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Fellowship Dinner

Oak Chapel's storied tradition of delicious Fellowship Dinners resumes today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a hearty meal immediately after our service as we catch up with one another and hear from the directors of Homeward Bound, the new homeless shelter, which opens in Wooster next month.

### Volunteers Needed

Speaking of 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)

### Good News Club

Oak Chapel's Good News Club for kids concludes this afternoon here at the church. Please feel free to invite anyone you know between the ages of 5-12! All are welcome! We hope to resume the program sometime in the spring. Our thanks to those who dedicated their time and talents to this endeavor.

### Pictorial Directory

The time has come for Oak Chapel's 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. There's still time to sign up. Please contact Bob or Rosie Troutman to set up an appointment.

### Shelter from the Storm

Oak Chapel's new outreach initiative, "Shelter from the Storm," delivered new blankets to Salvation Army and One-Eighty on October 7 and will be providing sheets, blankets, and pillows for Homeward Bound, the new homeless shelter in Wooster. In addition, we have blankets and pillows for individuals and families. Our thanks to the Outreach Team for its dedicated work on this project!



**Praises and Prayers**

God of Power and Might, we come before you in an attitude of reverence and devotion to praise your Holy Name, while asking 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 our world
- \*For the compassion of our caregivers
- \*For the volunteers who made the Good News Club a success
- \*For our food pantry that has fed so many individuals
- \*For Joyce Varns, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For Betty Aylesworth, whose family was spared from the storm
- \*For Kim Domer’s mother who is home from the hospital

**Prayers**

- \*For peace in our Nation and in our World
- \*For those suffering from the aftermath of the storms/flooding
- \*For Paula Shrader, who is recovering from a broken hip
- \*For Tina and Bill Braucher who are fostering canines
- \*For Steve and Carol Gossage, who are recovering from Covid
- \*For Mike Zuercher, who is recovering from a fall
- \*For Bob Troutman, who is recovering from illness

**Looking Ahead**

Pastor John and Sheri will be away next weekend. Steve Moore will lead the service and deliver the message. Please join us for a Sacred Day of Worship.

**Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants**

Our sincere thanks to all who participated in our Outreach event at Triway High School this past Thursday, and a special thanks to all who worked so hard to make yesterday’s Craft Fair a great success!

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

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.
Tuesday 10/22	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/23	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 10/26	UWF Annual Celebration	9:30 a.m.

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Sunday 10/27	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 10/28	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Directory Photos	2—8:30 p.m.
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/29	Directory Photos	2—8:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/30	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 11/2	Charge Conference	10:00 a.m.

**Glass Candy**

Our longtime tradition of making Glass Candy has resumed this fall. Join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 for a time of fun, frivolity, and fellowship as we create a rainbow of delicious flavors to support the efforts of United Women in Faith. No prior experience is necessary. Just come as you are!

**Upcoming Worship Services**

October 27.....	Simple Acts of Kindness
November 3.....	For All the Saints
November 10.....	God Only Knows
November 17.....	Pick Me Up
November 24.....	Where’s the Beef?
December 1.....	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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**Today’s Message...**

***“Words of Wisdom”***