

November 17, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 71:1-2) Pastor John

Pastor: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;

People: Let me never be put to shame.

Pastor: In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;

People: Turn your ear to me and save me.

*Apostles' Creed Bob Troutman

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 Bob Troutman

*Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" No. 160

*Prayer of Assurance Bob Troutman

God of Grace and Mercy, illuminate our pathway with your bright light, and bring us wisdom with your powerful Word. In all that we say and do, let us seek first your Kingdom, and let us guide others as they search for you. May we all build a mighty fortress that repels all that is evil and embraces all that is good. In Your Great and Powerful Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, you endured unspeakable pain, unending torment, and unyielding humiliation on the cross so that we could be spared from the oppressive wages of sin. While we can never make up for our iniquities, we can express our regret, and come before you in a spirit of repentance so that our transgressions may be blotted out and our efforts to be righteous may come to fruition. In your Exalted Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Psalm 27:1-6 Pastor John

Scripture 2 II Corinthians 4:8-12 Bob Troutman

Scripture 3 I John 1:5-10 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 Lord, You're Beautiful" Insert

Chancel Choir "Let the Name of the Lord Be Praised"

Message "Breaking Point" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fellowship Dinner

Please join us for a hearty meal following today's service as we gather downstairs for our monthly Fellowship Dinner. Enjoy a variety of delicious homecooked dishes, and share the latest happenings in our lives with our fellow congregants.

Poinsettias for Advent

Would you like to order a poinsettia to brighten up the Sanctuary during Advent? Each plant is \$13. Red, White or Marble (white with pink edges). You may give in honor or in memory of a loved one or a special person or event. Deadline for ordering is next Sunday. Place your order in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Giving You the Shirt Off Our Back

T-Shirts have long been a symbol of togetherness and teamwork. Oak Chapel is considering designing and purchasing t-shirts as a symbol of unity and dedicated discipleship. Please indicate your size on the attendance slip (we won't share the information with anyone else), and we will order the shirts with the hope that we can distribute them in January.

Advent Bible Study

Oak Chapel will host an Advent Bible Study again this year. We will gather on Wednesday evenings in December, beginning with a light supper of soup and fresh homemade bread at 5:30 p.m. The study will begin at 6 p.m.; and conclude at 6:50 p.m. so that members of the choir can attend practice at 7 p.m. There is no cost or pre-registration necessary.

Sunday Smile

One shalt love thy neighbor as one loves thy phone!



Praises and Prayers

Almighty God, you are the ruler of the universe. We come to you in search of wisdom and guidance. We also ask that you 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 peace following our election
- *For Cathy McConnell whose treatments have gone well
- *For Joyce Varns’ recovery from surgery

Prayers

- *For Nancy Miller and West View residents who have Covid
- *For Kevin, who has a tumor on his liver
- *For Mark Ritchey and family whose niece recently passed
- *For the family of Wayne Spangler, who passed last week

Glass Candy

Tomorrow will be our last night of candy making. If you want a special order, this morning is the time to do it.

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church Endowment Fund.

What is an endowment fund and were you aware that Oak Chapel UMC has one? An endowment fund is an investment portfolio with the initial and future principal being derived from donations. Copies of the policy are in the Narthex.

Upcoming Worship Services

- November 24 Where’s the Beef?
- December 1 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
- December 8 O Come All Ye Faithful
- December 15 Angels We Have Heard on High

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 11/17	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 a.m.
Monday 11/18	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/19	UWF Executive Team	12:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11/20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 11/24	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 11/25	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11/26	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 11/28	<i>Thanksgiving!</i>	

Tis the Season!

Our annual Christmas Hymn Sing returns on Sunday, December 15, at 2 p.m. Join us for a festive and inspiring afternoon of uplifting and joyful Christmas music. Admission is free and everyone in the community is welcome, so invite a friend or neighbor. The concert will be followed by a dessert reception featuring a delicious variety of Christmas baked goods.

Last Week’s Attendance 47 in person
 29 online
Last Week’s Offering..... \$2050

'Chosenness' Bible Study Group

This is an open invitation to join this group on Sundays, from 9:30 am to 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Future discussion topics will be listed in the bulletin and newsletter. Questions and suggestions can be directed to Bruce Bloch (bbloch@oakchapelumc.com)/201-207-5143.

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

Today’s Message...

“Breaking Point”