

November 24, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 100:1-3) Pastor John

Pastor: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with celebration!

Pastor: Come before him with shouts of joy!

People: Know that the Lord is God!

*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 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 694

*Prayer of Assurance Bob Troutman

Father in Heaven, you have blessed us beyond anything we could possibly imagine or deserve, yet we so often fail to give thanks for the depth of your love, the wisdom of your Word, the magnitude of your grace, and the brilliance of your light. Today we bow before you to express our profound gratitude for your presence in our life and the many blessings you bestow upon us. In Your Incomparable Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, we are humbled by our inability to be honor your commandments, but we rejoice in the knowledge that your sacrifice on the cross and your resurrection from the tomb have lifted the burden of sin from our shoulders and created a pathway to salvation in your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. May we respectfully ask you to forgive us once again as we pledge a greater commitment to obedience. In your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 1 Chronicles 16:34-36 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Colossians 3:12-17 Bob Troutman

Scripture 3 Hebrews 12:28-29 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 "Give Thanks" Insert

Chancel Choir "O Magnify the Lord"

Message "Give Thanks" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Poinsettias for Advent

TODAY is the last day to order poinsettias. Forms and information are in the Narthex.

Last Call for T-Shirts

Today is the last day to order an Oak Chapel T-Shirt. Simply put your shirt size on the attendance slip, and we will order one for you. The shirts are free and will be a further sign of unity in our church. We hope that the shirts will arrive in late December or early January.

Advent Bible Study

Oak Chapel will host an Advent Bible Study again this year. We will gather on Wednesday evenings in December (4, 11, 18) beginning with a light supper of soup and 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.

'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.

Church Endowment Fund

Oak Chapel has established an endowment fund to provide financial security for the future of the church. As you consider your estate planning, keep in mind that all gifts are protected as principal and that all dividends can be applied to future needs or opportunities at Oak Chapel.



Praises and Prayers

Great and Powerful God, we pause from our busy schedules to give you thanks and praise for your many blessings. As we gather today, we ask that 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 Bruce Bloch’s recovery from successful surgery
- *For Gene Varns’ son-in-law’s great support
- *For those who greet others with support

Prayers

- *For Caroline Lilburn, who suffered a fall this past week
- *For Kevin Harbaugh who is awaiting test results
- *For Nancy ‘s husband who assisting with flood relief
- *For Darrell Moser as he recovers from a foot injury
- *For the family of Wayne Spangler, following his passing

Glass Candy

Our Glass Candy-making sessions have come to an end for another year but there is a limited supply of candy available in the Narthex. A 2-cup bag is \$6 and a 1-cup bag is \$3. If you have questions, contact Elizabeth Feldman/at office@oakchapelumc.com

Upcoming Worship Services

- December 1..... Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
- December 8 O Come All Ye Faithful
- December 15..... Angels We Have Heard on High
- December 22 Joy to the World
- December 24 What Child Is This?

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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>	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 12/1	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 12/2	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12/3	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12/4	Advent Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

We will decorate the church for the Christmas season after our service this morning. If you have a few moments to spare, please join us.

Last Week’s Attendance:46 in person.....20 online

Last Week’s Offering:.....\$4107

‘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.

Blue Christmas

Shreve Community Church (430 N Main St. Shreve) will host its annual Blue Christmas service on Monday, December 23, at 6:30 p.m. This time of reflection enables those who have lost loved ones to rest in the presence of God and feel his comforting hand in the midst of struggle and grief. Additional information is available by calling 330-567-2051.

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through Love, Compassion,
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Today’s Message...

“Give Thanks”