

January 12, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 33:20-21) Pastor John

Pastor: We put our hope in the Lord.

People: He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: Our heart rejoices in God

People: Because we trust his Holy Name.

\*Apostles' Creed Tom Rife

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 Tom Rife

\*Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee are spoken" No. 731

\*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

God of the Universe, we long for your Divine influence in a world that is spinning out of control. Empower us with the strength of your Holy Word, and inspire us through the Holy Spirit so that we may make your presence known among all people, and so that we may finally learn to live in peace and harmony with one another. This we pray with great conviction in your all-powerful Name. Amen

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, we openly admit our repeated failure to uphold our covenant with you. Instead of honesty and integrity, we have engaged in deceit and duplicity. Today, we once again bow in humble contrition, asking that you blot out our transgressions and cleanse our souls so that we may resume our journey of faithfulness and godliness from this day forward. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Ecclesiastes 11:4-6 Pastor John

Scripture 2 James 4:3-15 Tom Rife

Scripture 3 Luke 8:4-8 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 "Open Our Eyes" (2X) Insert

Chancel Choir "King of Glory"

Message "Take a Chance" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer John Finn  
The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Take Out Meal—Ham Loaf

If you ordered a Ham Loaf Dinner, be sure to pick yours up after the service this morning. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal with green beans and scalloped potatoes! Checks can be made to OC UWF

### Acorn Deadline

If you have an item for our Acorn Newsletter, please email to [office@oakchapelumc.com](mailto:office@oakchapelumc.com) or reach out to Elizabeth Feldman. The deadline for February is this week! - January 15.

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast gathering resume this month. We will meet on Saturday, January 18, at 7:30 a.m. at a site to be determined.

**Fellowship Dinner**—Our monthly Fellowship Dinners resume next week. Please consider preparing a dish or two to share and your table service, and join us for fellowship and a wonderful meal after our service on January 19.

### Senior Social

United Women in Faith invites you to a Senior Social on January 21, from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at Oak Chapel. The Community is invited. There will be snacks, puzzles and games. We intend to offer this once a month for casual fellowship. The program may vary according to wishes of those attending.

### Bedding Available

We still have a few new blankets and pillows available. If you know of an individual or family in need, we will be happy to provide these items at no charge.



**Praises and Prayers**

Precious and Powerful Lord, we celebrate your divinity and marvel at your miraculous works. As we come before you this morning, we bow in humble adoration, lifting up your Blessed Name and presenting the following praises and prayers...

**Praises**

- \*For God’s presence in our church and our world
- \*For the compassion of our caregivers
- \*For our warm and welcoming church
- \*For the visitation ministry of our church
- \*For Jennifer Adair as she continues to recover
- \*For Caroline Lilburn as she recovers at home
- \*For Shelly, whose surgery went well

**Prayers**

- \*For Bob Sprang, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For Gene Varns as he deals with vision issues
- \*For Bill Braucher as he prepares for a procedure
- \*For Brad Kitchen as he prepares for surgery in February
- \*For Lori Hauser as she recovers from a fall
- \*For Dick and Carol Gasser, who have health issues
- \*For Phyllis Weaver’s friend Rose, whose husband passed
- \*For Rastetter’s niece, whose house was destroyed by fire
- \*For Veronica Nagy, who had open-heart surgery
- \*For Judy Crites, who is dealing with some health issues
- \*For Dana Best, who suffered a slight stroke
- \*For Sister Pat, who was injured in a fall

**Thought for the Day**

*Sincerity and truth are the basis of every virtue.*

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

Sunday 1/12	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Ham Loaf Take-Out	11:45 a.m.
Monday 1/13	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 1/14	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 1/18	Men’s Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 1/19	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:45 a.m.
Monday 1/20	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees Team	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 1/21	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 1/22	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 a.m.

**Last Week’s Attendance:** ..... 36 in person..... 57 online

**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$4081

**Morning Bible Study**

Our Study resumes this week. We will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds on the lower level of the Education Wing. We will continue our study of the Book of Exodus. Please feel free to join us.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

January 19.....	Sick and Tired
January 26.....	Staying Grounded
February 2.....	Happy Together

**Oak Chapel  
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**Today’s Message**

***“Take a Chance”***