

January 19, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 62:1-2) Pastor John

Pastor: Only in God do we find rest;

People: Our salvation comes from him.

Pastor: Only God is our rock and our salvation.

People: We won't be shaken anymore.

*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 "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (V 1-4) No. 57

*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

Faithful and Loving God, forgive us for our tendency to doubt you and your promise of salvation. You make it very clear through the Scriptures that if we confess with our mouth that "Jesus is Lord" and affirm in our heart that we have faith in you, who raised your Son from the dead, we will be saved. Help us to embrace this message and share it with others so that all people will come to you. This we pray with hopeful expectation and confidence in your Magnificent Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, you put it all on the line for us, but we often fail to honor your sacrifice. Still, you shower us with grace and mercy, which gives us hope that through repentance, we can reconcile and reunite with you. As we confess our sins, we also rejoice in the promise of atonement through your crucifixion and resurrection, which bring us hope and consolation, from this world to the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 John 5:20-25 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Romans 5:9-10 Tom Rife

Scripture 3 Romans 10:9-13 Tom Rife

Scripture 4 Acts 16:29-34 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word Pastor John

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

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "Blessed Assurance" No. 369

Chancel Choir "How Beautiful"

Message "How Can I Be Sure?" 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 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 454

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Bible Study

Our Monday Morning Bible Study continues this week. We meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds on the lower level of the Education Wing. We are currently studying the Book of Exodus. Please feel free to join us.

Fellowship Dinner

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner resumes today. Please join us for fellowship and a delicious meal after our service this morning.

Claim Your T-Shirt

If you have not already picked up your Oak Chapel T-Shirt, please see Elizabeth Feldman. These shirts have been provided for our congregation at no charge.

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.

The Wesleyan Covenant

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven!



Praises and Prayers

Lord God Almighty, we are so grateful for the light of your life and the wisdom of your word. As we come before you this morning, we bow with great reverence, lifting up your Sacred 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 the power of prayer in our 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 the dedication of a new school in Liberia

Prayers

- *For the fire victims and first responders in California
- *For the Shallenberger's Family who live near the wildfires
- *For Bob Sprang, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Gene Varns as he deals with vision issues
- *For Bill Braucher as he prepares for several procedures
- *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 Lori, whose brother and father passed recently
- *For LeAnn, whose father passed recently
- *For the family of Cathy, who passed recently
- *For Veronica Nagy, following open-heart surgery
- *For travel mercies for Sheri Finn as she heads to Syracuse
- *For Patrick Finn as he travels and works in California
- *For Harmony and Stellah, who are having dental surgery
- *For Cecil Westberry, who had neck surgery last week

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 1/19	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/26	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 1/27	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1/28	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1/29	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 a.m.

Last Week's Attendance: 37 in person..... 30 online

Last Week's Offering: \$1768

Thought for the Day

*Sometimes, good things fall apart
so that better things can come together*

Upcoming Worship Services

January 26	Happy Together
February 02	Staying Ground
February 09	Sick and Tired
February 16	Love Is
February 23	Where's the Beef?

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

Today's Message

"How Can I Be Sure?"