

January 26, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 100:3) Pastor John

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God!

People: He made us; we belong to him!

Pastor: We are his people,

People: The sheep of his own pasture.

*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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

Gracious and Loving God, you have been with us from the very beginning, and we are so grateful for your ongoing presence in our lives. Help us to fortify our faith by deepening our relationship with you through a renewed commitment to helping your Kingdom here on Earth grow and prosper according to your will. In your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Mighty and Majestic Messiah, we bow in your splendor, acknowledging our sinfulness and our inability to overcome the forces of temptation and evil, but we rejoice in the opportunity for redemption made possible through your death on the cross and resurrection from the tomb. Your sacrifice served as an atonement for your sin, and your blood served to cleanse and purify our souls, so that we, too, could enjoy eternal life in your Father's Kingdom. For this wonderful and undeserved gift, we give you thanks and praise, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Leviticus 19:33-34 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Romans 15:5-7 Tom Rife

Scripture 3 Hebrews 13:1-3 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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557

Chancel Choir "Open My Eyes"

Message "Happy Together" Pastor John

Welcoming New Members

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 "Help Us Accept Each Other" No. 560

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.

Claim Your T-Shirt

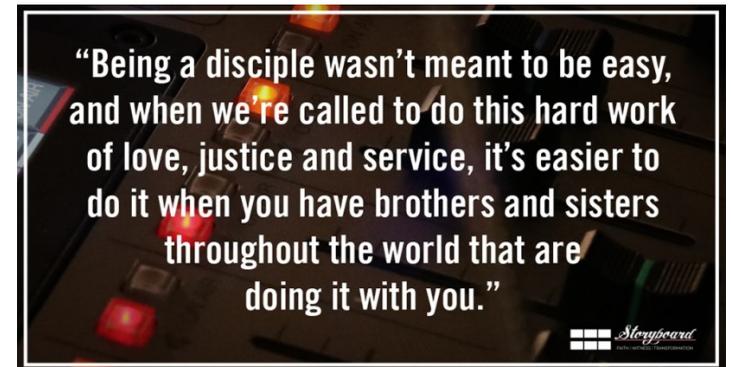
If you have not already picked up your Oak Chapel T-Shirt, please see Elizabeth Feldman. These shirts have been provided for our congregation at no charge. We have sizes small and XXL available.

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.

Senior Social

Our first Senior Social, scheduled for this past week, was canceled due to freezing temperatures! The feedback from the community was positive and we look forward to warmer temperatures on February 18!





Praises and Prayers

Gracious God, we are honored and blessed by your love for us and your presence in our lives. As we bow before you again today, we joyfully lift up your Sacred Name and present 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 the Ohio State football team’s foundation in faith
- *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 Cathy Shallenberger’s family who live near the wildfires
- *For Gene Varns as he deals with vision issues
- *For Bill Braucher as he prepares for an upcoming 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 Lori, whose brother and father passed
- *For Phyllis Weaver’s friend LeAnn, whose father passed
- *For Veronica Nagy, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Katie Cantrell as she prepares to deliver to her first child
- *For Patrick Finn as he works in California
- *For Pete Armstrong whose house was damaged by fire
- *For the homeless during this severe cold spell
- *For a peaceful transition in leadership in our nation
- *For Debbie, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- *For Kathy McConnell as she prepares for surgery
- *For Cecil Westberry who had neck surgery last week

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.
	Trustees Team	6:30 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.

Looking Ahead

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

Travel Mercies ...

*For the Varns as they depart for the Caribbean; for the Troutmans as they journey to Florida, for Tom Rife as he heads to Michigan, and for the Moores heading to North Carolina

Last Week’s Attendance:.....37 in person..... 35 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$1,784

Upcoming Worship Services

- February 02 Staying Grounded
- February 09 Sick and Tired
- February 16 Love Is
- February 23Where’s the Beef?

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

Today’s Message

“Happy Together”