

February 16, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

God's Grace Revealed Gene Varns

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 54:1-2) Pastor John**

Pastor: Save me, O God, by your name;

People: Vindicate me by your might.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O God;

People: Listen to the words of my mouth.

***Apostles' Creed Cindy Mykrantz**

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 Cindy Mykrantz**

***Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 64**

***Prayer of Assurance Cindy Mykrantz**

Almighty and Everlasting God, we seek to be holy and reverent in our relationship with you. May our covenant with you grow ever stronger as we deepen our faith and spread our influence so that others might hear the Good News. Guide us with your wisdom and bless us with your grace so that we can become even more loyal and dedicated disciples. In Your Sanctified Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, you are holy, precious, righteous, and pure.

By your grace and mercy, our weaknesses, our imperfections, and our transgressions are neutralized.

May we experience the transforming power of your presence in our lives and the healing nature of your forgiveness, so that we might be lifted out of the darkness, and into the light, once and for all. In Your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Exodus 31:12-15 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Hebrews 12:14-15 Cindy Mykrantz

Scripture 3 1 Peter 1:13-16 Cindy Mykrantz

Scripture 4 II Corinthians 7:1 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 "Take Time to Be Holy" No. 395**

Chancel Choir "O Most High"

Message "Holy, Holy, Holy" 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 "Standing on the Promises" No. 374**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fellowship Dinner

Please join us after today's worship service for our February Fellowship Dinner. Enjoy a wonderful spread of homemade dishes while catching up with your fellow disciples.

Men's Bible Study

Rich Boyer will be hosting a Bible Study for men based on Mark Henry's book, *The Man Code*, on Thursday evenings, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at his home (3595 Kister Road). A light dinner will be served followed by the study. If you would like to attend, please contact Cyndi Boyer at 330-641-6789.

Senior Social

United Women in Faith invites you to a Senior Social this Tuesday, February 18, 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.

Climate 101: What God's Creation is Telling Us

Rev. Dr. Jessica Moerman, a pastor, educator, and climate and environmental scientist, will speak about complex environmental issues from a Biblically-based Christian worldview on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Wooster. Admission is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.



Praises and Prayers

Loving and Compassionate God, we are so grateful for your wisdom and guidance. 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 in our world
- *For the compassion of our caregivers
- *For the power of prayer in our church
- *For the new members who have joined our church
- *For the birth of the Cantrell's first grandchild
- *For Debbie, who is now cancer free

Prayers

- *For Connie Garg, who is having a procedure this month
- *For Gene Varns as he deals with vision issues
- *For Bill Braucher as he recovers from a stroke
- *For Brad Kitchen as he prepares for surgery this month
- *For Mark Glasgo, who is dealing with several health issues
- *For Kathy McConnell as she prepares for surgery
- *For 4-year old Michael, who had a brain tumor removed
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- *For safe passage for all who are traveling

Last Week's Attendance:.....32 in person..... 27 online

Last Week's Offering: \$4950

Upcoming Worship Services

- February 23Hitting a Sour Note
- March 4 Sick and Tired
- March 11Help! I Need Someone
- March 18..... Count on Me

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 2/16	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:45 a.m.
Monday 2/17	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 2/18	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/19	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 2/20	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/23	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 2/24	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 2/25	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 2/27	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Directories in Progress

Our new church directories are at the printer and should be delivered by mid-March. We will be sure to distribute them as soon as they arrive.

Exodus Bible Study

Our Monday morning Bible Study group is continuing its exploration of Exodus, a fascinating and immensely important foundational book in the Bible. Please join us each week from 9:30-10:30 a.m. as we consider the power of God's redemption and review some of Scripture's most epic events, including the parting of the Red Sea, the building of the Tabernacle, the Ten Plagues, the Passover, and, of course, the giving of the Ten Commandments. It's never too late to sit in on one of our sessions. We meet in the Gathering Grounds in the lower level of our educational wing.

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

Today's Message

"Holy, Holy, Holy"