

February 23, 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 9:9-10) Pastor John

Pastor: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,

People: A stronghold in times of trouble.

Pastor: Those who know your name trust in you,

People: For you, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

*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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 400

*Prayer of Assurance Cindy Mykrantz

All Knowing and Loving God, our lives are filled with peace and conflict, joy and sadness, victory and defeat, but through it all, in both good times and bad, you are always with us. We ask you once again to lift us out of darkness and into the light, so that we can be freed from all acrimony and bitterness, and live lives of reverence and obedience. In Your Sanctified Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Gracious God, have mercy on us. Our best efforts to be faithful and obedient often fall short. However, your abundant grace and undying compassion bring us hope, joy, and peace. Forgive us for our sins and help us to draw ever closer to you as you lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil from this day forward. In Your Majestic Name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Ephesians 4:29-32 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Hebrews 10:32-39 Cindy Mykrantz

Scripture 3 Romans 5:1-5 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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 431

Chancel Choir "I Must Tell Jesus"

Message "When Life Hits a Sour Note" 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 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" No. 549

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

"Living the Dream: Bold Faith, Hopeful Future"

The East and West Ohio Conferences of The United Methodist Church are coming together to honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a joint worship service TODAY, February 23 at Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Pepper Pike from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The service will focus on building Dr. King's vision of a beloved community rooted in justice, love, and hope. The service will also be live-streamed on the East Ohio Conference website.

Men's Bible Study

Rich Boyer is 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.

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.

Building Better Harmony

Bruce Bloch will lead a three-week workshop to help achieve better relationships when collaborating with friends, family members, and co-workers. Reading materials will be available, but there will be no homework. Register online at oakchapelumc.com. On the home page, scroll down to *Register for March Workshop here!* Or email office@oakchapelumc.com.



Praises and Prayers

God of Grace and Mercy, 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 faith and testimony of Wooster’s basketball players

Prayers

- *For Jim Rastetter Jr., who had eye surgery last week
- *For Steve Moore, who had knee surgery last week
- *For Connie Garg, who is having a procedure
- *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 Alison Flanagan as she recovers from an illness
- *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:.....25 in person..... 37 online

Last Week’s Offering: \$595

Upcoming Worship Services

- March 2 Sick and Tired
- March 9 Help! I Need Someone
- March 16..... Count on Me
- March 23 High Potential

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/2	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 3/3	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/4	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/5	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/6	Building Better Harmony	6:30 p.m.
	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

“When Life Hits a Sour Note”