

March 2, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 17:1-2) Pastor John

Pastor: Hear me, Lord, my plea is just;

People: Listen to my cry. Hear my prayer.

Pastor: Let my vindication come from you;

People: May your eyes see what is right.

*Apostles' Creed Stuart 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 Stuart Mykrantz

*Hymn "This in My Father's World" No. 144

*Prayer of Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

Great and Glorious God, in our relationship with you, we know that we shall never walk alone. Whether it's inspiration, assurance, clarity, or comfort, we can always turn to you with great confidence that you will lead us away from the darkness and into the light. Teach us to be hopeful, expectant, attentive, and obedient so that we will have the wisdom to follow you with loyalty and dedication, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord of Mercy and Compassion, we know that our vulnerability to temptation has dragged us down and separated us from you. We pray on this day, and every day, that your abundant grace will flow freely upon us, cleansing our souls and transforming our hearts, so that we may always be holy and obedient to your Sacred Word. This we pray with humility and conviction as we seek to Honor Your Glorious Name. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 I Chronicles 16:8-12 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Isaiah 41:9-13 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 3 Philippians 4:10-13 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 4 Hebrews 4:14-16 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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" No. 474

Chancel Choir "Holy Father, God Above"

Message "Help, I Need Somebody" 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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Soft Skills Workshop

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.

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.

Ash Wednesday Service

Oak Chapel will hold its annual Ash Wednesday this coming Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. Please join us as we usher in the sacred and solemn season of Lent.

Chef Salad Take-Out Meal—March 9

Order yours today for just \$10. Mark your attendance slip. You may pay at pick-up.

Donations for Wayne County Inmates

The Outreach Committee has placed a container in the Narthex to collect items to be donated to Wayne County Jail inmates in response to the recent visit and request of Rhonda Greer, Jail Chaplain. There is a list of requested items on the container. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Climate 101: What God's Creation is Telling Us

Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Jessica Moerman will speak about complex environmental issues from a Biblically-based Christian worldview.



Praises and Prayers

Precious Lord Jesus, your sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the tomb lifted the burden of sin from our shoulders and provided a pathway to the Father’s Heavenly Kingdom. Once again today, we bow before you and joyfully lift up your Sacred Name as we 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 legacy of those who came before us
- *For Steve Moore, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Linda, whose cancer is in remission

Prayers

- *For Dave Rogers, who is experiencing vision challenges
- *For Brian Winkler, who is recovering from internal injuries
- *For Megan Burgess and others facing government job cuts
- *For Gene Varns as he deals with vision issues
- *For Bill Braucher as he recovers from a stroke
- *For Jennifer Adair who continues to deal with health issues
- *For the family of Dave Wigham, who passed last week
- *For Macey, who is dealing with abdominal issues
- *For Mark Glasgo, who is dealing with several health issues
- *For Kathy McConnell as she prepares for surgery
- *For four-year old Michael, who is preparing for chemo
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- *For safe passage for Ted Zech and his friend as they travel
- *For the Zech Family as they deal with a water-main break
- *For the families of those who died in recent plane crashes
- *For Dale who is hospitalized with pneumonia and flu

Last Week’s Attendance:..... 41 in person..... 33 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$3745

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/2	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 3/3	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/4	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/5	Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/6	Soft Skills Workshop	6:30 p.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/9	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Take-Out Chef Salad	11:30 a.m.
	Lenten Hymn Sing	4:00 p.m.
Monday 3/10	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 3/11	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/12	Acorn Society—Muddy’s	11:30 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/13	Bishop Jung in our District	5:00 p.m.
	Soft Skills Workshop	6:30 p.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 3/15	ACORN deadline	

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. It’s never too late to sit in on one of our sessions.

Upcoming Worship Services

March 9	In a Pickle
March 16	Count on Me
March 23	High Potential

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

Today’s Message

“Help, I Need Somebody”