

March 30, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 37:3-4) Pastor John

Pastor: Trust in the Lord and do good;

People: Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Pastor: Take delight in the Lord,

People: And he will give you the desires of your heart.

*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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

*Prayer of Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

God of inspiration and illumination, empower us to be patient in times of uncertainty and to persevere in times of adversity. Our strength is in you and our wisdom comes from your Holy Word. We know that life is unpredictable and often unfair, but with you as our guide, we can navigate through rough waters and triumph over evil. In your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord God, despite our disobedience, you continue to lead us out of the darkness and into the light. Your abundant grace enables us to move forward, knowing that we have been cleansed and purified by your precious blood. As we bow in humble contrition, we also give you thanks and praise for your unconditional love and your infinite mercy, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:28-31 Pastor John

New Testament Lesson James 1:2-4 Stuart Mykrantz

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8 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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 452

Chancel Choir "Shelter Me"

Message Pastor John

"Falling Up: The Grace of Determined Faith"

Our Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 526

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Lenten Service

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. United Methodists and friends will gather at New Pittsburg UMC. Pastor James Lance will bring the message.

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study continues on Wednesday at the Boyer's home (3595 Kister Road). We will continue our study of *The Man Code*. A light supper will be served at 6:30, followed by the study from 7-8 p.m. All men are welcome.

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 by Rhonda Greer, Jail Chaplain. There is a list of requested items on the container. The first delivery will be May 1. Thank you for your support.

Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School

Our third annual egg hunt at Ida Sue will be Friday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. There are flyers in the Narthex if you would like to invite preschoolers you know. The Outreach Team will be collecting wrapped candy or monetary donations.

Remembering Reverend Paul Farren

We join together to mourn the passing, but celebrate the rich and wonderful life of Rev. Paul Farren, who entered into God's Heavenly Kingdom on March 20 following a courageous battle with cancer. Rev. Farren is the longest-serving pastor in the rich history of Oak Chapel, providing spiritual guidance from 2001-2011. We pray that his family will be comforted by the knowledge that he has begun a new and everlasting life with the Lord he so faithfully served during his many years in ministry.





Praises and Prayers

Almighty and Everlasting God, as we journey through this Lenten season, we remember your great sacrifice on the cross and your glorious resurrection from the tomb. In celebration of our relationship with you, we come before you with confidence, lifting up 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 the gifts God has given our medical professionals
- *For Jennifer Adair, who is now home from West View
- *For Emily Smith’s safe return from her mission trip
- *For Brian Winkler, who is recovering nicely from his injuries
- *For Pope Francis and his improving health
- *For Steve Moore as he continues to recover from surgery
- *For the meal prepared following the service for Terry Alkire

Prayers

- *For Kathy McConnell, whose recent surgery was successful
- *For young Oscar as he recovers from an attack by two dogs
- *For Sheila Burckhart, who is dealing with COPD
- *For Bill Braucher as he prepares for surgery in Cleveland
- *For Tom Dilgard, who is dealing with health issues
- *For four-year old Michael, who is preparing for chem
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- *For the Zech Family and all who traveled last week
- *For those dealing with conflict and caring for loved ones

Acorn Society will meet at the Farmstead in Berlin at 11:30 on April 9. Car pool from Fischer Auditorium at 11:00.

Photo Directories are Here

If you have not received yours, please see Rosie or Bob Troutman to pick up your copy.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/30	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	at New Pittsburg UMC	
Tuesday 4/1	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/2	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 4/3	Membership Care Team	10:00 a.m.
Friday 4/4	UWF at Westview	2:00 p.m.
Saturday 4/5	Girl Scouts	2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/6	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	at Church of the Cross UMC	
Monday 4/7	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 4/8	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/9	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 4/10	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Friday 4/11	Ida Sue Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	4:00 p.m.
Sunday 4/13	Palm Sunday	

Last Week’s Attendance:.....46 in person..... 29 online

Last Week’s Offering:.....\$932

Upcoming Worship Services

- March 30 Lenten Service at New Pittsburg UMC
- April 6 The Kingdom of God
- April 13Justice Through Jesus
- April 20A Little Jesus Goes a Long Way
- April 27United Women in Faith

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Today’s Message
“Falling Up: The Grace of Determined Faith”