

September 14, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude

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 befriend faithfulness.

Pastor: Delight yourself in the Lord,

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

***Apostles Creed**

Bruce Bloch

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

Bruce Bloch

***Hymn**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

No. 160

***Prayer of Assurance**

Bruce Bloch

Gracious God, awaken the Spirit within in us, and lift us to a more robust and impactful life of service and devotion.

Bolster our passion and fortify our faith so that we may stand strong in the face of fierce winds and stormy seas. Direct our journey so that we will never become lost. In Your Reassuring Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession

Pastor John

Prayer of Confession

Pastor John

Lord God Almighty, temptation continues to beguile us, and so we ask you to shield us from that which threatens to bring us down and disrupt our lives. May your abundant grace and infinite mercy flow freely upon us, healing our soul and purifying our heart. In Your Comforting Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation

Pastor John

Scripture Matthew 6:5-6
Scripture Matthew 21:18-22
Scripture Matthew 5:1-12
Scripture Matthew 7:7-8

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Response

One: Let us rejoice in God’s Holy Word

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn**

“Take Time to Be Holy”

No. 395

Message

“Searching for Answers”

Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

Pastor John

The Lord’s Prayer

No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts

Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings**

***Hymn**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

No. 545

Benediction

Pastor John

Postlude

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Outdoor Worship Service

Worship at Grossniklaus Lake, 185 Cherry Ln, on September 21 and 10:30 a.m. Come and enjoy the service, and fellowship over a delicious meal. Bring a dish to share, table service, and a lawn chair if you can.

Bible Study Resumes

Oak Chapel’s Monday Morning Bible Study is back in session. All are welcome as we delve into the Book of Numbers. After that, we will enter into a four-week study of Deuteronomy. Both books provide valuable insight into Old Testament laws, customs, and spiritual guidance. No additional materials are needed. Just your Bible. All are welcome to attend.

Our Daily Bread

The latest edition of *Our Daily Bread* is now available in the Narthex. Pick up your complimentary copy and begin a regimen of daily devotions this fall.

Helping Hands Fund

As you may know, Oak Chapel has a Helping Hands Fund, which the Pastor can use to assist those in need in our church and in our community. If you would like to support this effort, you may make your check payable to Oak Chapel and designate the offering to the Helping Hands Fund on the memo line.

Team Budgets

As we plan for the year ahead, Team Captains are asked to submit their budget requests to Stuart Mykrantz as soon as possible. You can e-mail your request to finance@oakchapelumc.com. Dream big, as we work together to advance God’s Kingdom here on earth!

Waynedale Volleyball

If you would like to see Pastor John’s Waynedale volleyball team in action this season, there are schedules available in the Narthex.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty God, we are so very grateful for your presence in our lives and the peace you bring in dark and difficult times. We pray with great faith and confidence that you will hear our prayers as we lift up those who are experiencing pain, anxiety, loneliness, separation, or depression. May you bring them hope, happiness, and peace from this day forward. Amen!

Praises

- *For the joy and fellowship of the Wayne County Fair
- *Birthday Blessings for Beth Patton and Cindy Henshaw
- *For visits from family and friends
- *For Oak Chapel's Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For the beautiful fall-like weather

Prayers

- *For Joey Dube who suffered severe injuries in an accident
- *For the Scott Family following the loss of their father
- *For Mark Lorenc, who had open-heart surgery on Friday
- *For Dave Preston, who had surgery last week
- *For the family of Mack Hanna who died last week
- *For family of man who was killed in an auto accident
- *For the family who is supporting a Hospice patient
- *For Carrie, who is dealing with loss and other issues
- *For Jill and Tyler as they travel
- *For Aiden, who began a new job with troubled youth
- *For the safety and security of all who worship
- *For Pastor Dan Henninger, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Mason's continuing recovery
- *For Shannon Turner, who had a liver transplant
- *For Rhonda Greer, who is recovering from a fall
 - *For Johnny Jansen, following neurosurgery
- *For the Triway group that gathered in prayer this month

Last Week's Attendance: 44 in person..... 9 online
Last Week's Offering: \$1465

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 9/14	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
	ACORN Deadline	
Tuesday 9/16	UWF Executive Team	12:00 p.m.
	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9/17	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 9/18	Closet Clean-Up	1:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/21	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship at the Lake	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Picnic	11:30 a.m.
Monday 9/22	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 9/23	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9/24	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 9/25	CV District UWF Team	10:00 a.m.
	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Membership Care

Our Membership Care Team is searching for a new Captain. Responsibilities include reaching out to our members who are hospitalized, homebound, or living in a care facility. Our mission is to provide support and encouragement through periodic visits. This team might also coordinate meals for those whose loved ones are hospitalized or have passed. If interested, please contact Pastor John.

Calling All Captains

It's time to appoint Captains for the coming two-year cycle. You have all done a wonderful job, so we would love to keep everyone in place. But, if you would like a break, or if you have not been serving and would be interested in a position of leadership, please let Pastor John know.

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 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today's Message
"Searching for Answers"