

September 21, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation** (Psalm 51:12-13) Pastor John

Pastor: Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

**People: Grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us.**

Pastor: Then we can teach transgressors your ways,

**People: So that sinners will turn back to you.**

**\*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** "Come, Thou Almighty King" Insert

**\*Prayer of Assurance** Bruce Bloch

Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life.

Everything that we have comes from you. Guide us, protect us, and illuminate our journey so that we may remain on the pathway of righteousness and live lives of honor, integrity, and obedience to your Holy and Precious Name. Now and Forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Father God, we repent in your presence, seeking to reconcile with you. Deliver us from the guilt of our disobedience and create in us a new heart, committed to a life of righteousness, respect, and holiness, as we seek to live lives that bring honor and glory to your Sacred Name. This we pray in humble adoration. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

**Scripture 1** Jeremiah 17:7-8 Pastor John

**Scripture 2** 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 Bruce Bloch

**Scripture 3** Leviticus 26:3-5 Pastor John

**Scripture 4** Joel 2:23-24 Bruce Bloch

**Scripture 5** 1 Peter 5:10-11 Pastor John

**Scripture 6** Romans 5: 1-5 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

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

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Hymn** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Insert

Message "Ending the Drought" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

**\*The Doxology**

**\*Prayer Over Our Offerings**

**\*Hymn** "Amazing Grace" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### A Time to Heal

Once again, our nation has been touched by tragedy through the senseless killings of others. Help us to understand, Lord, that the taking of another life is not something that we are permitted to do. Life itself rests in your hands. Through your grace and mercy, we pray that our nation and our world may move away from conflict and violence and toward harmony and peace. In Your Holy, Mighty, and Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

### 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.

### Saluting our 4-H Participants

Oak Chapel proudly salutes our **Jefferson Pioneers** 4-H participants at this year's Wayne Country Fair. Congratulations! We are so very proud of you! Members' pictures and projects are posted on the Narthex windows: Dru Fabris, Taran Tate, Riley Schmitz, Kole Massie, Mylah Tarpley, Madalyne Moore, Julia Westover, Jake Troyer-Fetters, Harper Fabris, Roman Troyer-Fetters, and Bindi Ledger

### Monday Morning Bible Study

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.

### 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**

God of all Creation, we are in awe of your power and majesty. 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 Mark Lorenc, who had successful open-heart surgery
- \*For the support of family and friends
- \*For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- \*For safe passage for all who travel
- \*For the beautiful fall-like weather
- \*For the visitation by family and friends

**Prayers**

- \*For Karen Cantrell following the passing of her mother
- \*For Alison Flanagan’s friend who has heart issues
- \*For Tina Braucher, who is hospitalized with pancreatitis
- \*For Dave Preston as he recovers from surgery
- \*For the Finn Family in Syracuse as they recover from illness
- \*For the safety and security of all who worship
- \*For Pastor Dan Henninger, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For the student injured in the football game at Waynedale
- \*For Shannon Turner, who had a liver transplant
- \*For Rhonda Greer, who is recovering from a fall

**Upcoming Worship Services**

- September 28 .....Who’s on First?
- October 5 ..... World Communion Sunday
- October 12 ..... What are You Worried About?

**Last Week’s Attendance:** ..... 50 in person..... 22 online  
**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$4991

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

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	6:30 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 9/28	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/29	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9/30	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/1	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 10/4	CV District UWF	9:00 a.m.

**Glass Candy**

Our annual glass candy making sessions will begin October 6 at 6:30 p.m. New strippers and snippers welcome! On the job training available. It takes 12-15 people each Monday through November. Come join the fellowship and fun.

**Membership Care**

Our Membership Care Team is searching for a new Captain. Our mission is to provide support and encouragement through periodic visits to our church family. 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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**Today’s Message**  
***“Ending the Drought”***