

September 28, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 34:18-19) Pastor John**

Pastor: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

People: He delivers them from all their troubles.

Pastor: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;

People: He saves those who are crushed in spirit.

***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 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" No. 128**

***Prayer of Assurance Bruce Bloch**

God of Power and Might, you are our refuge and our strength. Though danger may surround us, you are always with us to protect and guide us. Fortify our faith and bring clarity to our vision so that we can move boldly forward, serving as a guiding light for others. In Your Holy and Precious Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Gracious and Loving Savior, we are deeply sorry for our many transgressions, which dishonor your Name and threaten our relationship with you. Fortunately, we know that we can fall back on your abundant grace and infinite mercy, which restores our soul and renews our spirit. Forgive us for our sins and make us whole once again. In Your Compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Isaiah 41:10-13 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Psalm 46:8-11 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 3 Hebrews 13:5-6 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 4 John 14:27 Pastor John

Response

Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

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

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 396**

Message "Fear Not" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings**

***Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" No. 569**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Congregational Meeting Today

There will be a Congregational meeting for all members of Oak Chapel today in the sanctuary immediately following worship. This meeting is very important as we will be discussing the plan for the upcoming septic project at the church. Please make every effort to attend.

Celebrating Fellowship

Thanks to everyone who turned out for last Sunday's annual Worship Service at the Lake. Special thanks to our grill masters and all of you who prepared a dish or dessert to share. Thanks also to Elizabeth Feldman for organizing the event and to Jen Moser for skillfully providing the impeccable audio and music. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome others and to share in fellowship.

Glass Candy Making

It's that time of year — time to gather on Monday evenings to make Oak Chapel's delicious Glass Candy. Our sessions will begin on October 6 and continue into November. Enjoy the fun and fellowship each week at 6:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Feldman.

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.

Administrative Council

All Team Captains, or a representative, should be present at the Ad Council meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. Bring your calendars through December. Team Captains are asked to submit their budget requests for 2026. Bring them to the meeting or e-mail to finance@oakchapelumc.com. Dream big, as we work together to advance God's Kingdom here on earth!



Praises and Prayers

Mighty and Merciful God, we give you thanks and praise for your many blessings. We pray that you will hear our prayers as we lift up those who are struggling with pain, anxiety, loneliness, separation, or depression. May you bless them with hope, happiness, and peace from this day forward. Amen!

Praises

- *For Mark Lorenc, who had successful open-heart surgery
- *For Rhonda Greer, who has returned to work after a fall
- *For a wonderful outdoor service at the lake last Sunday
- *For the support of family and friends
- *For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For the beautiful fall-like weather
- *For the young men on the Scot basketball team
- *For the visitation by family and friends
- *For relief from the current drought

Prayers

- *For the family of Steve Noletti, following his passing
- *For the Galbraith Family, following the passing of Jill
- *For Phyllis Weaver’s niece, who passed earlier this month
- *For Doug Henshaw’s classmate, who is facing surgery
- *For Alison Flanagan’s friend, who has heart issues
- *For Dave Preston as he recovers from surgery
- *For Pastor Dan Henninger, who is recovering from surgery
- *For the young man injured in a Waynedale football game
- *For Shannon Turner, who had a liver transplant
- *For the safety and security of all who worship

Upcoming Worship Services

- October 5 World Communion Sunday
- October 12 Carry On, My Child of God
- October 19 Force of Habit
- October 26 Anything is Possible
- November 2 All Saints Day

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 10/5	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	World Communion	10:30 a.m.
Monday 10/6	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Glass Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/7	Retirees Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/8	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 10/9	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Monday Morning Bible Study will conclude its study of the Book of Numbers tomorrow. We will then begin a four-week study of Deuteronomy. Just your Bible is needed. All are welcome to attend.

Acorn Society

Wednesday, October 8, at 11:30 a.m. at The Farmers Table, 320 S Court St, Medina, 44256, Please mark the attendance sheet if you would like to go, or talk with Phyllis or Elizabeth.

Art and Soul

Tuesday, not Monday, due to candy making. Cheryl Rastetter will be leading our craft night. All are welcome. It’s a great time of fellowship and learning something new.

Last Week’s Attendance: 61 in person

Last Week’s Offering: \$920

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Today’s Message
“Fear Not”