

October 26, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation (Based on Psalm 112) Pastor John**

**Pastor:** Those who honor the Lord are truly happy!

**People:** They shine in the dark for others to see!

**Pastor:** They are merciful, compassionate and righteous!

**People:** They conduct their affairs with integrity and justice!

**\*Apostles Creed Donna Serzen**

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 Donna Serzen

**\*Hymn "And Can It Be that I Should Gain" No. 363**

**\*Prayer of Assurance Donna Serzen**

Lord God, we are often guilty of judging others based on outward appearance, skin color, ethnic background, level of education and a variety of other factors, but you call on us to see the nobility within. Help us soften our hearts and reshape our mindset, so that instead of judging, we will be judicious and thoughtful in the way that we treat others. In Your Tender and Gentle name, we pray, Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, we are ashamed of our action and our inaction, which dishonors you and your commandments. Forgive us for our sins, cleanse our soul, and instill in us a desire to avoid temptation and overcome evil, so that we may lead holy and obedient lives. In Your Worthy and Wonderful Name, we pray, Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

**Scripture 1** Romans 7:21-25 Pastor John

**Scripture 2** Ephesians 3:14-19 Donna Serzen

**Scripture 3** 1 Peter 1:3-5 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 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" No. 175**

**\*Anthem "Anyone Who Calls on the Name" Chancel Choir**

**Message "It's What's Inside that Counts" 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 "When We All Get to Heaven" No. 701**

**Benediction Pastor John**

**Postlude Jen Moser**

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Glass Candy Making

The sweet smell of glass candy is in the air, and you are invited to join in the fun. We gather on Monday evenings at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall to create an array of flavors, and we need many hands to cut this delicious treat. **And we need sales associates.** This candy makes a great gift. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Feldman or to make a special flavor order. See insert.

### All Saints Day

We will celebrate All Saints Day Next Sunday. It is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith. Would you like to celebrate and honor a loved one on this Sunday? Let Elizabeth Feldman know by Tuesday.

### Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

On Wednesday, November 5 at 6 p.m. we will pack our OCC boxes. Please bring an appetizer to share and we'll dine before we begin packing. PLEASE READ YOUR ACORN for details of suggested and prohibited items, or go to the Samaritan's Purse website for details. Thank you for helping to send God's love to children that may not otherwise know HIM.

### Congregational Meeting

We will have another congregational meeting following our worship service on November 9 to discuss financing for our new septic system. Please plan to join us for this brief informational session.

### Storage Barn

If you happen to have an old storage barn in reasonably good condition and would be willing to part with it, Oak Chapel would be happy to take it off your hands. We are looking for a new unit to replace our outdoor pantry and possibly our outdoor storage bin. If you have such an item, please contact Pastor John.



**Praises and Prayers**

Lord God, we rejoice in our faith and revel in our relationship with you. Hear our prayers as we offer thanks and praise and as we lift up those in need. May you bless them, comfort them, and guide them all the days of their life. Amen!

**Praises**

- \*For the wedding of Alex Merwin and Erica Boyer
- \*For Caroline Lilburn’s friend Melissa, who visited last week
- \*For the healing of Quinn Hildebrandt’s broken foot
- \*For the healing of Tom Quinn’s wound
- \*For Mark Lemon, whose health is improving
- \*For the presence of God’s Holy Word
- \*For Oak Chapel’s comforting Prayer Shawl Ministry
- \*For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- \*For the visitation by family and friends
- \*For safe passage for those who travel

**Prayers**

- \*For the Troutmans following the passing of Bob’s brother
- \*For Doug Henshaw’s friend whose son was killed
- \*For Sheri Finn’s friend, Tom, who has cancer
- \*For Sheri Finn’s friend, Becky, who is in kidney failure
- \*For Joey Lemon, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- \*For Megan Burgess, who was furloughed by the government
- \*For victims of fraud and for those who perpetrate scams

**Trip to the Mission Barn**

Our trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania is this Wednesday, 8 a.m.—6 p.m. Contact Beth Patton if you want to go.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

- November 2 .....All Saints Day
- November 9 ..... Anything is Possible
- November 16 ..... Carry on, My Wayward Child

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

Sunday 10/26	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 10/27	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Glass Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/28	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/29	Mission Barn Trip	8:00 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 11/1	Girl Scout Event	
	Charge Conference	4:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 11/2	Standard Time begins	2:00 a.m.
Sunday 11/2	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 11/3	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
	Glass Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/4	Election Day—Please Vote!	
	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11/5	Operation Christ Child	6:00 p.m.
	Packing Boxes	
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 11/6	Membership Care Team	10:00 a.m.
Friday 11/7	UWF at Wayne Co. Care Ctr.	1:00 p.m.

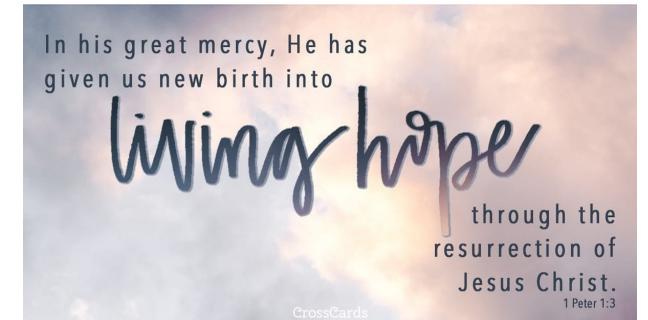
**Monday Morning Bible Study**

We are currently studying the Book of Deuteronomy, the last of the five books known as the Pentateuch. All are welcome to attend. If you can’t be with us in person, Zoom is an option.

**Last Week’s Attendance:** ..... 41 in person .....24 online

**Last Week’s Offering:**..... \$3633

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**Today’s Message**  
**“It’s What’s Inside that Counts”**