

November 23, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 86:5-6) Pastor John**

Pastor: You, Lord, are forgiving and good,

People: Abounding in love to all who call to you.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

People: Listen to our cry for mercy.

***Apostles Creed Phyllis Weaver**

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 Phyllis Weaver

***Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89**

***Prayer of Assurance Phyllis Weaver**

Holy and Mighty God, you are the creator of the universe and the light of the world. We ask that you strengthen our resolve to lead faithful and obedient lives so that we might draw ever closer to you. May you illuminate our path and inspire our soul to reach a more complete and fulfilling relationship with you. In Your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Merciful Savior, you suffered an agonizing death on the cross, but your precious blood atoned for our sins. We seek your forgiveness for our iniquities as we give you thanks and praise for your selfless sacrifice and your glorious resurrection, which provided a pathway to eternal glory in Your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. This we pray with great reverence for Your Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Psalm 1:1-3 Pastor John

Scripture 2 1 Peter 3:8-9 Phyllis Weaver

Scripture 3 2 Corinthians 9:9-11 Pastor John

Scripture 4 Romans 12:4-6 Phyllis Weaver

Scripture 5 Hebrews 13:2, 20-21 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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140**

***Anthem "Glory and Honor" Chancel Choir**

Message "Blessings in Disguise" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer Pastor John No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings**

***Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" No. 671**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Glass Candy for Sale

Our glass-candy-making sessions have come to an end; now it's time to promote the sale of this delicious holiday item.

Tis the Season

We will decorate the church for Christmas following our worship service this morning. Please plan to join the fun and fellowship. Many hands make light work!

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

Today is the last day to order a poinsettia. Order forms are in the Narthex or you may write on your attendance sheet. Cost is \$13 and are available in red, white and marble (white with pink) Plants will be delivered mid-December.

Thanksgiving Meals

Pastor John's daughter and son-in-law will be preparing modest Thanksgiving meals (turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and a vegetable) for people who are alone or in need. If you would like to reserve a meal, or know of someone who would benefit from such a meal, please give their name and contact information to Pastor John. Meals will be distributed from 5-6 p.m. on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving.

Colors of Christmas

Oak Chapel will continue its festival of colors during Advent. We ask that you consider wearing the following colors during the four weeks leading up to Christmas, beginning November 30

Nov. 30 The Theme is Hope, the color is Green

Dec. 7 The Theme is Peace, the color is Purple

Dec. 14 The Theme is Joy, the color is Red

Dec. 21 The Theme is Love, the color is Blue

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve, the color is White

Dec. 28 The color is Gold



Praises and Prayers

Heavenly Father, as we approach Thanksgiving, we become especially aware of your many wonderful blessings. Hear our praises and prayers as we lift up the less fortunate, asking that you bless them, comfort them, and bring them peace. In your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For Rosie Troutman, whose tests were favorable
- *For Jon Heavilin, who is home after being hospitalized
- *For Megan Burgess, whose job was restored
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For Oak Chapel’s vibrant Glass Candy Ministry
- *For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For visitation by family and friends
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For Cyndi Boyer, who suffered three broken vertebrae
- *For Jennifer Adair, who is at West View Manor
- *For Dan Rogers, who is in Hospice Care
- *For the family on Lynn St. Clair, who passed last week
- *For Dee Stevens, who is recovering from a fall
- *For Sharon Oberley, who suffered an aneurysm
- *For Rosie Troutman’s sister, Julia, in declining health
- *For Pastor Bohley’s grandson, who has health issues
- *For Mike Zuercher, who is recovering from a fall
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles
- *For the shooting victims in our nation and globally

Providing Puzzles

Oak Chapel is collecting crossword and word-search puzzles for inmates at the Wayne County Jail. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please purchase non-staple-bound books, and bring them to the Narthex where they will be delivered to those who are incarcerated later this month.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 11/23	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Decorate for Advent	11:30 a.m.
Monday 11/24	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 11/25	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11/26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 11/27	THANKSGIVING	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 11/30	First Sunday of Advent	
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 12/1	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12/2	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	UWF Executive Team	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12/3	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Advent Events

Here are some events coming up during Advent, all of which are free and open to the public...

December 2 A Christmas Carol 6:30 p.m. ...Wooster UMC
 December 13 .. Hand Bell Concert Lincoln Way Vineyards
 December 20 .. Burning River Brass 1:30 p.m..Wooster UMC
 December 21 .. Christmas Hymn Sing 2:00 p.m.. Oak Chapel
 December 24... Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. Oak Chapel
 Posters with more information are on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Worship Services

November 30.....Angels We Have Heard on High
 December 7.....It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
 December 14 Away in a Manger

Last Week’s Attendance:52 in person14 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$2643

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 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message
“Blessings in Disguise”