

November 9, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 62:1-2) Pastor John

Pastor: Only in God do we find rest;

People: Our salvation comes from Him.

Pastor: Only God is our rock and our salvation!

People: He is our stronghold, and we won't be shaken!

*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 "Only Trust Him" No. 337

*Prayer of Assurance Phyllis Weaver

God of Great Wisdom and Power, we seek to do what is right and just in your eyes. Grant us clarity and give us the courage to speak out against those who do evil. Fortify our resolve and bolster our efforts to rescue those who are denigrated and disparaged. In Your Mighty and Majestic Name we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Faithful and Compassionate Lord, we deeply regret our sinful words and actions, and the path of destruction they leave behind. Forgive us for our iniquities and strengthen our resolve to stand strong in the face of temptation and defiant in the face of evil. Heal the scars of our sinful ways and help us to draw ever closer to you. In your Loving and Compassionate Name, we pray, Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 1 Samuel 17:48-49 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Isaiah 26:1-4 Phyllis Weaver

Scripture 3 Jude 1:24-25 Pastor John

Scripture 4 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 Phyllis Weaver

Scripture 5 Ephesians 6:10-13 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 "Near to the Heart of God" No. 472

*Anthem "Great and Glorious" Chancel Choir

Message "Favor the Underdog" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer No. 845

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings

*Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" No. 514

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Congregational Meeting

We will have another congregational meeting following worship TODAY to discuss financing for our new septic system.

Glass Candy Making

Our final glass-candy-making session will take place tomorrow evening at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. If you haven't had a chance to join us yet, this will be your final opportunity until next fall. Now is the time to put your order in for a special flavor or mix you would like for holiday stocking stuffers. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Feldman.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Oak Chapel's Monday Morning Bible Study is currently studying the Book of Deuteronomy, the last of the five books known as the Pentateuch. Pastor John will lead our sessions. No additional materials are needed. Just your Bible. All are welcome to attend. If you can't be with us in person, Zoom is an option.

Fellowship Dinner

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner will take place next Sunday following our worship service. Please bring a dish or two to share and your table service and enjoy the time we share catching up with one another.

Tis the Season

We will decorate the church for Christmas on November 23. Please join us. Many hands make light work.

Ministry to Danbury

Oak Chapel is preparing to launch a new outreach ministry at Danbury Assisted Living. If you would like to participate in our efforts to reach out to our elders in this community, please contact Keri Merickel or Pastor John.



Praises and Prayers

Precious Lord Jesus, we pray that you will have mercy on those who are dealing with pain, illness, anxiety, depression, and loneliness. May you lift them up, bring them hope, and show them the way to peace and contentment. In your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For the wonderful life of Roger Troutman
- *For Greg Cantrell’s uncle, whose health has improved
- *For Jennifer Adair’s daughter, Julie’s wedding
- *For the Evangelism Team’s new ministry at Danbury
- *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 visitation by family and friends
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For Katie Domer’s friend, Jolene, who has cancer
- *For Rosie Troutman, who had tests last week
- *For Rosie Troutman’s sister, Julie, who has pneumonia
- *For Wendy Rife who is having tests
- *For Phyllis Weaver’s aunt, who is transitioning to God’s Kingdom
- *For Lucas Mark’s friend, who suffered a broken wrist
- *For those whose SNAP benefits have been suspended
- *For the hurricane victims in Jamaica
- *For those who dealing with family struggles
- *For the shooting victims in Akron and elsewhere

Thought for the Day

Make God your first priority...
not your last resort.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 11/9	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	11:15 a.m.
Monday 11/10	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Glass Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/11	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11/12	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 11/15	ACORN deadline	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 11/16	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:35 a.m.
Monday 11/17	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 11/18	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 11/19	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Acorn Society

Please mark your attendance sheet if you plan to attend. We will meet on November 12 at the Lyn-Way Restaurant, 1320 Cleveland Ave, Ashland, 44805, about 25 minutes from Oak Chapel. All women of Oak Chapel are invited and bringing friends is a great way to add to the fun.

Upcoming Worship Services

November 16..... Carry on, My Wayward Child
 November 23 Flip the Switch
 November 30 Starting All Over Again

Last Week’s Attendance:54 in person17 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$4604

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 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message
“Favoring the Underdog”