

December 14, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace  
Jean Haghiri and Donna Serzen

**\*Responsive Proclamation** (Psalm 100:1-3) Pastor John  
Pastor: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!  
**People: Worship the Lord with gladness.**  
Pastor: Come before him, singing with joy.  
**People: Acknowledge that the Lord is God!**

**\*Apostles Creed** Kim Domer  
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 Kim Domer

**\*Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

**\*Prayer of Assurance** Kim Domer  
Heavenly Father, lift us up in body and in spirit so that we may stand strong in our faith and firm in our resolve to serve you. Help us to elevate our level of commitment and step up our efforts to honor you through our heightened reverence for your Holy Word. In your Wondrous Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

**Prayer of Confession** Pastor John  
God of Compassion, Grace, and Mercy, we lament our inability to remain faithful and obedient to your Holy Word, and so we take time to acknowledge our transgressions, as we ask once again that you shower us with your love and compassion. In Your Benevolent Name, we pray. Amen!

**Prayer of Preparation** Pastor John  
**Scripture 1** Titus 2:6-7 Pastor John  
**Scripture 2** Philippians 1:27-28 Kim Domer  
**Scripture 3** Ephesians 6:10-13 Kim Domer  
**Scripture 4** 1 Corinthians 15-58 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** "Angels From the Realms of Glory" No. 220

**\*Anthem** "Christmas Alleluia" Chancel Choir

**Message** "Step Up, Stand Tall" 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** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

**Benediction** Pastor John

**Postlude** Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Sunday Service at Danbury

Oak Chapel will hold a Sunday afternoon worship service this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Danbury Assisted Living. Join us as we share our faith with the residents.

### Advent Bible Study

Oak Chapel will hold a one-night Bible Study, titled "Leadership Light," a discussion about leadership from a Biblical perspective, on Thursday, December 18, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

### Colors of Christmas

Oak Chapel will continue its festival of colors during Advent. We ask that you consider wearing the following colors during the remainder of the Advent season...

[Dec. 21: The Theme is Love, the color is Blue](#)

[Dec. 24: Christmas Eve, the color is White](#)

[Dec. 28: The color is Gold](#)

### Road to Damascus

Oak Chapel is sponsoring a group outing to see *The Road to Damascus* on Friday, February 13, in Sugarcreek. Ticket prices include both dinner and the show. If you are interested in attending, please contact Stuart Mykrantz, as soon as possible.

### 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. They will then be delivered to those who are incarcerated this month.



**Praises and Prayers**

Precious Lord Jesus, your arrival in this world changed everything. All these years later we have hope because of you. We ask that you hear our praises and prayers as we lift them up before you, asking that you bless and comfort the afflicted during this Christmas season. In your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

**Praises**

- \*For Cyndi Boyer, who is recovering at home
- \*For the wonderful life of Patti Pfander
- \*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 Leo Klise, who is dealing with memory issues
- \*For Michele Mosely, who had knee surgery
- \*For Sandy Wingard, whose husband passed last week
- \*For Dick and Carol Gasser, who are having health issues
- \*For Susan Boyer, who is dealing with chronic pain
- \*For the Don Warner Family following his passing
- \*For Mike Zuercher, who is dealing with health issues
- \*For Connie Reed’s friend, Gloria, who is awaiting test results
- \*For Connie Reed’s niece, Samantha, with health concerns
- \*For those who are dealing with family struggles
- \*For the shooting victims in our nation and around the world

*The Light Within Us*

Holiday Hymn Sing  
 Sunday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m.  
 Invite a Friend!

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

Sunday 12/14	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Service at Danbury	2:30 p.m.
Monday 12/15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 12/16	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12/17	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 12/18	Advent Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 12/20	Burning River Brass	1:30 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 12/21	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Holiday Hymn Sing	2:00 p.m.
Monday 12/22	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 12/23	Girl Scouts	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12/24	Christmas Eve Worship	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 12/25	Happy birthday Jesus	

**Alternative Gift Market**

First Presbyterian Church (621 College Ave.) will host its annual Alternative Gift Market TODAY, 11:30 to 2:00. Browse displays, purchase \$5 “Shares” to give as gifts, purchase gifts, and lunch is available. Proceeds benefit Homeward Bound.

**New Members**

We will have reception of new members in January. If you are interested—and have not let us know, please talk with Pastor John in the coming weeks.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

December 21 .....	Look Who’s Talking
December 24 .....	From the Crib to the Cross
December 28 .....	Let the Countdown Begin

**Last Week’s Attendance:** .....47 in person ..... 25 online  
**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$2396

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 through Love, Compassion,  
 Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message  
*“Step Up, Stand Tall”*