

December 28, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 100:1-3) Pastor John

Pastor: We wait in hope for the Lord;

People: He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: In him our hearts rejoice,

People: For we trust in his holy name.

\*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 "The First Noel" No. 245

\*Prayer of Assurance Kim Domer

Almighty and Eternal God, although we enter the new year with some trepidation, we know that you are always with us to guide, counsel, and protect. We vow to be in an attitude of prayer at all times in the year ahead so that we will heed your instruction and follow your directives, knowing that your presence will keep our pathway illuminated and our journey safe. In Your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord God, we confess our sins and pledge to be more obedient in the year ahead as we give thanks for your abundant grace that continues to cleanse and purify us. Help us to walk in your brilliant light and to cast aside all that causes us to stumble. In Your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Jeremiah 6:16 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Romans 12:2 Kim Domer

Scripture 3 Matthew 7:13-14 Pastor John

Response

Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!

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

\*Gloria Patri

\*Anthem "Carols of Worship" Chancel Choir

Message "Coming to a Crossroad" 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 "Love Came Down at Christmas" No. 242

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### 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.

### Remote Ministries

Oak Chapel will be hosting monthly services at Danbury Assisted Living and the Wayne County Jail in the coming year. If you would like to participate in either of these ministries, please let Keri Merickel or Pastor John know.

### Bible Study Resumes

Oak Chapel's Monday morning Bible Study will resume on January 12 with an examination of the Book of Joshua. We meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. each week. Please consider joining us.

### With Sincere Gratitude

Our thanks to all who organized and participated in our annual Hymn Sing last week! It was absolutely fabulous! Thanks also for the great reception and the Model Train Display in Fellowship Hall! We are so grateful to everyone involved in this terrific outreach event!



**Praises and Prayers**

Father in Heaven, as we head into a new year, we seek your guidance and pledge to love our neighbor and to lift up others. We take this opportunity to share our praises and prayers at this time.

**Praises**

- \*For Gene Varns’ noble faith and perseverance
- \*For the worship service at Danbury Assisted Living
- \*For Caroline Lilburn’s birthday celebration
- \*For the Krichbaum Family’s hospitality
- \*For Dan Henshaw’s 38<sup>th</sup> birthday
- \*For our dear friends from East Greenville Church
- \*For the Troutman’s Christmas celebration with family
- \*For Greg Cantrell’s Comfort Cross Ministry
- \*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 the family of Lori Hauser following her passing
- \*For the Galbraith Family following the passing of Mike
- \*For the family of Tom Wingard following his passing
- \*For Rosie Troutman following her surgery
- \*For Arnie Preston’s granddaughter, who has a heart issue
- \*For Pam Domer’s friend Cheryl Myers, who has health issues
- \*For Katy Domer’s friend, Jolie Zook, who has health issues
- \*For Cindy Mykrantz’s friend, Nancy, during treatments
- \*For Dan Hettinger as he continues to recover from surgery
- \*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 still hospitalized
- \*For traveling mercies for the Cantrell son and daughters

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

Sunday 12/28	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 12/30	Girl Scout Event	4:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12/31	New Year’s Eve	
Thursday 1/1	Happy New Year	

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 1/4/2026	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 1/5	Art and Soul	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 1/6	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 1/7	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

**New Members**

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

**Thoughts for the Day**

*Many books inform,  
but only the Bible can transform*

*Some people change when they see the light,  
others when they feel the heat.*

**Upcoming Worship Services**

January 4.....	Worth the Effort
January 11.....	It’s Just a Matter of Time
January 18.....	Escape the Exile

**Last Week’s Attendance:** .....47 in person..... 25 online

**Last Week’s Offering:** .....\$2396

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Today’s Message  
**“Coming to a Crossroad”**