

December 7, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace Rosie and Bob Troutman

*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 139:1-6) Pg. 864
with refrain

*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 "People Look East" No. 202

*Prayer of Assurance Kim Domer

Lord God, our faith journey consists of an endless search for hope, peace, joy, and love. During this season of Advent, we are especially attentive to the virtues that will bring us closer to you and to one another. Bless us as we wander and guide us out of the wilderness by helping us to focus on your inextinguishable light from this day forward. In Your Everlasting Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord in Heaven, we deeply regret our repeated transgressions, and ask you to rescue us from the consequences of our iniquities. In this season of light and purity, we pray that you will guide us away from evil and toward a life of reverence and holiness. In Your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Proverbs 8:17-21
Scripture 2 Zephaniah 2:3
Scripture 3 Jeremiah 29:13
Scripture 4 1 John 2:15-17
Scripture 5 Colossians 3:1-4

Response

Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!
People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy!

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 206

*Anthem "A Call to Worship for All Seasons" Choir

Message "Searching High and Low" 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 "Blessed Be the God of Israel" 209

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Glass Candy for Sale

Christmas is coming quickly, but there is still time to purchase glass candy. If you would like this delicious holiday item for yourself or as a gift for others, please contact Elizabeth Feldman.

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. 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

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.

Alternative Gift Market

First Presbyterian Church (621 College Ave.) will host its annual Alternative Gift Market on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Browse displays representing humanitarian relief agencies around the world, and purchase \$5 "Shares" to give as gifts. Also, enjoy a delicious lunch (soups and desserts) at the market. Proceeds benefit Homeward Bound Shelter and Daycare. You may also purchase Fair-Trade gifts, including items from World Crafts in Kidron, olive oil & soap, coffee, chocolate, and more. Give the gift of hope to those in need throughout the world during this holiday season.



Praises and Prayers

God of Love, Grace, and Mercy, as we move through the season of Advent, we become especially aware of your many wonderful blessings. Hear our praises and prayers for those we lift up before you, asking that you bless and comfort them during the Christmas holiday. In your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For the wonderful memorial service for Roger Troutman
- *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 Connie Reed’s friend, Gloria, who is awaiting test results
- *For Connie Reed’s niece, Samantha, who has health issues
- *For Dick and Carol Gasser, who are having health issues
- *For the family of Judy Bates, who passed last week
- *For the Oliver Family, following the passing of Tina
- *For the family of Carl Schmid, who passed recently
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles
- *For the shooting victims in our nation and around the world

Advent Events

- Dec. 7 Renewal Concert Blachleyville Church of Christ
- Dec. 13 Bell Choir Concert Lincoln Way Vineyards
- Dec. 20 Burning River Brass Wooster United Methodist

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 12/7	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 12/8	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12/9	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12/10	Acorn Society	11:30 p.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 12/14	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.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.
Sunday 12/21	Holiday Hymn Sing	2:00 p.m.

Acorn Society will meet at Troutman Winery at 11:30 a.m. on December 10. A small gift exchange (\$5) will no doubt bring some laughs. Wear your best tea party finery, if you wish, for added fun. There will be a \$10 fee per person. Let us know today, if you plan to attend and if you are bringing a guest.

Upcoming Worship Services

December 14	Angels Among Us
December 21	Go, Tell It on the Mountain
December 24	A Matter of Inches

Last Week’s Attendance:42 in person15 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$6277

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 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message
“Searching High and Low”