

January 4, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 72:18-19) Pastor John

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord God,
People: Who alone does marvelous deeds.
Pastor: Praise be to his glorious name forever;
People: May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

*Apostles Creed Tom Rife

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 Tom Rife

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

Our faith reveals the truth, and the truth affirms the power and might of the Great God we serve. Because of Him, we are assured of the great promise of eternal life. Let us give Him thanks and praise as we also share our testimony and spread the Good News of the Gospel so that all may hear and believe. This we pray with great joy and confidence in His All-Powerful Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Holy and Just Savior, we bow before you in humble contrition, acknowledging our iniquities and vowing to bring change to our lives in the new year. Forgive us for our transgressions and shield us from temptation, so that we might walk in the glory of your everlasting light. In Your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Isaiah 60:1-5 Pastor John
Scripture 2 Ephesians 3:2-6 Tom Rife
Scripture 3 Acts 22:6-16 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 "We Three Kings" No. 254

*Anthem "Christ Has Come" Chancel Choir

Message "A Eureka Moment" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology
*Prayer Over Our Offerings

*Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" No. 173

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

Remote Ministries

Oak Chapel will 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.





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 Cindy Boyer’s encouraging healing
- *For Jennifer Adair, who is home after six weeks of rehab
- *For Tina Braucher, who is home after a brief hospitalization
- *For the Franks Family Christmas gathering
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *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 family of Mike Galbraith following his passing
- *For Dan Hettinger as he continues to recover from surgery
- *For Dick and Carol Gasser, who are having health issues
- *For Mike Zuercher, who is still hospitalized
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles
- *For the shooting victims in our nation and around the world

*Father, we come before you today
in need of your gentle touch and
healing hand. In you all things
are possible. Hold our hearts
within yours, and renew us,
mind, body, and soul.*

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/11	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Service at Danbury	2:30 p.m.
Monday 1/12	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 1/13	UW in Faith Executive Mtg.	12:30 p.m.
	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1/14	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 1/15	ACORN deadline	

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 soon.

Upcoming Worship Services

January 11.....	Clean Slate
January 18.....	Worth the Effort
January 25.....	Good News

Last Week’s Attendance:46 in person 25 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$2727

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Today’s Message
“A Eureka Moment”