

November 30, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope Stuart & Cindy Mykrantz

*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 27:1) Pastor John

Pastor: The Lord is our light and our salvation;

People: Whom shall we fear?

Pastor: The Lord is the stronghold of our life;

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

*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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

*Prayer of Assurance Phyllis Weaver

When we encounter darkness in our lives, we know that we can find light in our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray, Dear Savior, that in times of trouble, you will lift us from despair and guide us to a place of illumination, enlightenment, and inspiration. We are so thankful that you walk beside us, and we pray that we will have the wisdom to follow you all the days of our life. In Everlasting Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

God of Infinite Grace and Abundant Mercy, we lift up and praise your Holy and Precious Name, giving you thanks for the gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through Him, with Him, and in Him, we have hope, and so we bow in humble contrition, confessing our sins and asking for your forgiveness. In Your Compassionate Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Proverbs 13:9 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Isaiah 60:1 Pastor John

Scripture 3 John 8:12 Phyllis Weaver

Scripture 4 Matthew 5:14-16 Phyllis Weaver

Scripture 5 I John 1:5-7 Pastor John

Scripture 6 Ephesians 5:8 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 "Lord Be Glorified" Insert

*Anthem "Gloria" Chancel Choir

Message "Light of the World" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John
The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings

*Hymn "As a Fire is Meant for Burning" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Glass Candy for Sale

Our glass-candy-making sessions have come to an end; now it's time to promote the sale of this delicious holiday item. See Elizabeth Feldman to place your order.

Colors of Christmas

Oak Chapel will continue its festival of colors during Advent. We ask that you consider wearing the following colors during the four weeks leading up to Christmas, beginning today...

- Nov. 30: The Theme is Hope, the color is Green

- Dec. 7: The Theme is Peace, the color is Purple

- 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 in December.

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

Gracious God, as we embark upon the Season of Advent, we seek to draw ever closer to you. We also ask that you hear our praises and prayers as we lift up those in need. In your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For Gene Varns’s successful coaching debut
- *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 Cyndi Boyer, who suffered three broken vertebrae
- *For the Pfander Family following the passing of Patti
- *For Phyllis Weaver’s niece, who is awaiting test results
- *For Sandy Hower, who is also awaiting test results
- *For Jennifer Adair, who is at West View Manor
- *For Dan Rogers, who is in Hospice Care
- *For Tom Wingard, who is suffering from cancer
- *For the family of Dee Stevens, who passed last week
- *For Sharon Oberley, who is dealing with health issues
- *For John, who is awaiting text results
- *For Pastor Bohley’s grandson, who has health issues
- *For those Christians who were abducted in Nigeria
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles
- *For the shooting victims in our nation and globally

Advent Events

- Dec. 2 A Christmas Carol Wooster United Methodist
- Dec. 7 Renewal Concert Blachleyville Church of Christ
- Dec. 13 Bell Choir Concert Lincoln Way Vineyards
- Dec. 20 Burning River Brass Wooster United Methodist
- Dec. 21 Christmas Hymn Sing Oak Chapel United Methodist

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 11/30	First Sunday of Advent	
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 12/1	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12/2	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	UWF Executive Team	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12/3	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 12/7	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 12/8	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 12/9	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:30 p.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 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.

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. Next week we will need a headcount, so we know how much food to prepare.

Upcoming Worship Services

December 7 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
 December 14 Away in a Manger
 December 21 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Last Week’s Attendance:52 in person14 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$2643

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 Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message
“Light of the World”