

February 22, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 40:1-2)** Pastor John

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: He inclined to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He drew me up from the pit of destruction,

People: And set my feet upon a rock.

***Apostles Creed** Pam 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 Pam Domer

***Hymn** "How firm a Foundation" No. 529

***Prayer of Assurance** Pam Domer

Great God in Heaven, we are humbled by your unceasing compassion and your unconditional love. May we stand strong in our faith so that when the winds blow, the seas rage, and the earth shakes, we will find safe harbor in You. May we also serve as sources of strength for others so that when they encounter times of adversity, we will be there for them. In Your All-Powerful Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Compassionate and Loving God, here we stand, guilty as charged. Fortunately, we are not condemned, but rather saved by your abundant grace. And so we pray unceasingly that you will forgive our sins and cleanse our souls. May we also respond with a commitment to avoid temptation and live a life of righteousness and holiness. In Your Always Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Psalm 71 Pastor John

Scripture 2 11 Timothy 2:19-26 Pam Domer

Scripture 3 Matthew 7:24-26 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** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" No. 361

***Anthem** "I Am His and He is Mine" Chancel Choir

Message "Standing on the Rock" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings** Pastor John

***Hymn** "My Hope Is Built" No. 368

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

Last Week's Attendance: 49 in person....24 online

Last Week..... \$2241

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Speaker from InterVarsity

Please welcome Madeline Thompson, the representative from InterVarsity at The College of Wooster. InterVarsity is a campus community that helps students, faculty, and staff follow Jesus with their whole lives, for the rest of their lives. She will talk about her efforts on campus and how we might support and partner with her this morning.

A Celebration-of-Life Service

A service for Sharon Taylor Baker will be held this coming Saturday (February 28) at 10:30 a.m. at Oak Chapel. A luncheon will follow the service. Please consider joining us as we honor Sharon and provide support for her loved ones.

Lenten Worship Series

Our Lenten Afternoon Worship Services begin TODAY at Church of the Cross at 4:00 p.m. followed by light refreshments and fellowship. Rev. Brian Sheetz preaching. March 1, also at 4:00 p.m. will be at Moreland UMC. Pastor John preaching.
 March 8Smithville UMC
 March 15New Pittsburg UMC
 March 22 Oak Chapel UMC
 March 29 Wooster UMC

Bible Study Continues

Monday morning Bible Study continues tomorrow with an examination of the Book of Judges. We meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. each week. All are welcome!

Mission Barn Trip

We will go to the Mission Barn in New Castle PA this Wednesday (February 25). We will leave the church at 8 a.m. and return at about 6 p.m. Let Pam Domer know if you are able to go. Bring a snack for mid-day and we will have an early dinner before returning to Wooster. We would love to have a team of 12-15.



Praises and Prayers

God of hope and encouragement, we take time on this day to pause and reflect on our covenant with you. Help us to be loyal, faithful, and obedient, and hear our voices as we express our gratitude through the following praises and our concern through the following prayers. In your All-Powerful Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For Connie Garg, whose bout with vertigo has passed
- *For Kim Domer’s mother, who will be 95
- *For Oak Chapel’s trip to see “The Road to Damascus”
- *For Gene and Joyce Varns who enjoyed a wonderful cruise
- *For Oak Chapel’s monthly ministry at Danbury Assisted Living
- *For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For Tom Rife who was hospitalized last week
- *For Doug Patton’s father, who has entered Hospice Care
- *For Sharon Baker’s family preparing for her memorial service
- *For Cindy Duby, who is dealing with severe headaches
- *For Joyce Varns, who is dealing with a foot injury
- *For Tanya Houser’s friends, Sharon and Karen Regular
- *For Mark Ritchey, who is dealing with double vision
- *For Patti Ritchey, who fell on the ice and injured her shoulder
- *For the Ritchey’s following the passing of their sister-in-law
- *For Cindy Mykrantz’s cousin Karen, whose husband passed
- *For Cheryl, who is dealing with a spinal issue
- *For Judy McElroy, who is recovering from a fall
- *For residents of the County Home who are in quarantine
- *For the Wade Family on the passing of their daughter-in-law
- *For Michael, who passed after suffering a stroke
- *For the Guthrie Family in their search for their mother
- *For those who lack shelter during the cold winter
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 2/22	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	Church of the Cross UMC	
Monday 2/23	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 2/24	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/25	Mission Barn Trip	8:00 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 2/26	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/1	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	Moreland UMC	
Monday 3/2	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/3	Retiree’s Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/4	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Book of Affirmation

The Book of Life is referenced in several passages of Scripture, most notably in the Book of Revelation. Those whose names are listed in this Book are assured of an eternal home in God’s Heavenly Kingdom. At Oak Chapel, we have created a Book of Affirmation, in which we can place our signature to boldly proclaim our faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Please consider entering your name as a sign of your unconditional and everlasting faith. This book and is located in the Narthex.

Upcoming Worship Services

March 1	Good Thing Going
March 8.....	Fork in the Road
March 15	Let’s Make a Deal

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



Today’s Message
*“Standing
on the Rock”*

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*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*