

March 8, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Girl Scout Sunday Observance

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 34:4-5)** Pastor John

Pastor: I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

People: He delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Those who look to him are radiant;

People: Their faces are never covered with shame.

***Apostles Creed** Jean Haghiri

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 Jean Haghiri

***Hymn** "Ye Servants of God" No. 181

***Prayer of Assurance** Jean Haghiri

Glory to You, O God, who lives and reigns over all of creation. You guide us with your light, provide for us from your bounty, and protect us with your mighty shield. May you continue to shepherd us, and may we respond by living lives of love and loyalty from this day forward. In Your Gracious and Loving Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Holy and Precious Savior, you came into this world to atone for our sins and provide a pathway to salvation in Your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. Hear us now as we bow in humble contrition, acknowledging our transgressions and seeking your grace and mercy so that our once stained souls will be cleansed and purified. In Your Majestic Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Psalm 34:17-20 Pastor John

Scripture 2 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 Jean Haghiri

Scripture 3 Romans 5:3-5 Pastor John

Scripture 4 James 1:2-4 Jean Haghiri

Scripture 5 John 19:32-36 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** "There is a Balm in Gilead" No. 375

***Anthem** "Clap Your Hands" Chancel Choir

Message "Unbroken" 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** "We Are God's People" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Girl Scout Sunday

Today is Girl Scout Sunday, a day in which we honor our girls and celebrate the longtime association of their troop with Oak Chapel. Please welcome them today and be sure to support them by purchasing some of their delicious Girl Scout Cookies, which will be on sale in the Narthex following our service this morning.

Fellowship Dinner

Next Sunday (March 15) will be our final Fellowship Dinner until the Fall. Please consider preparing a dish or two to share, and plan on joining us for a time of food and fellowship after our worship service.

Lenten Worship Series

Our Lenten Afternoon Worship Services continue TODAY at 4:00 p.m. at Smithville UMC with Rev. David Rittgers, preaching. The service is followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Holy Week

We will host a Maundy Thursday service on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. It will include a light meal and a short service. April 3 is our annual Cantata at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Hee Soo Jung will be visiting our church this Thursday (March 12) and then meeting with us at New Pittsburg United Methodist Church, beginning at 1:30 p.m. He will be entertaining such questions as, "Do we have faith?" "Do we have fire?" "Do we have fruit?" We would like to have at least 15-20 members participate. The session will last no more than an hour. Please plan to join us at that time.

Campus Support

If you would like to support Madeline Thompson in her role as the representative for InterVarsity at The College of Wooster, her phone is 740-971-8161, and her e-mail is madeline.thompson@intervarsity.com.



Praises and Prayers

Creator of the Universe, we praise your Holy and Mighty Name as we give thanks for your many blessings. We ask that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers before you at this time.

Praises

- *For Bruce Bloch’s leadership in Christian Education
- *For Madeline Thompson’s InterVarsity leadership
- *For Oak Chapel’s ministry at Danbury Assisted Living
- *For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For the gift of patience in times of adversity
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For those in our congregation who reach out and help others
- *For the blessings of answered prayer
- *For the commitment of our prayer warriors
- *For health and healing
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For visitation by family and friends
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For the Patton Family following the passing of Doug’s Father
- *For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran
- *For Joyce Varns as she recovers from a foot injury
- *For Sheri and Patrick Finn as they travel
- *For Bob and Rosie Troutman as they return home
- *For Kim and Pam Domer on their Nomads Trip
- *For Ted Zech as he travels to Louisville
- *For those who lack shelter during the winter
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles
- *For Connie Garg who is struggling with vertigo again

Last Week’s Attendance:46 in person....26 online
Last Week\$4602

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/8	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Worship at Danbury	2:30 p.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	Smithville UMC	
Monday 3/9	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 3/10	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/11	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/12	Bishop’s visit	1:30 p.m.
	New Pittsburg UMC	
	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/15	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:35 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	New Pittsburg UMC	
Monday 3/16	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/17	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 3/18	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Acorn Society—a group of women who like to eat together! Gather at Moxie’s, 700 Medina St. Lodi 44254, on March 11, at 11:30 am. All women and girls are welcome. Please mark the attendance sheet if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Worship Services

March 15 Are You Kidding Me?
 March 22..... Running on Empty
 March 29..... A Better Way

**Oak Chapel
 United Methodist Church**



Today’s Message
“Unbroken”

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