

WATCH BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ONLINE
The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Share this with persons you know who are out of town or unable to attend our Worship Service in person. **Visit the Church Website at** www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY AT JOHNSON AVENUE WORSHIP AT 6:30 PM
Revive Recovery continues to meet each Wednesday evening at our Johnson Avenue campus.

CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH FIFTH GRADE
Young Explorers: Bible Study
We invite children ages 3 through fifth grade to join us at 9:30 AM in the Primary Chapel. Each week, your children will explore a key Bible verse and learn through play, interactive lessons, and practical application. We will dismiss at 10:30 AM in the Primary Chapel.

JOIN US FOR OUR BIBLE STUDY on the Gospel of John. Led by Pastor Matthew, the study meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the back of the Sanctuary.

CONSIDER TEAMING UP WITH A FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS TO PROVIDE A MEAL AT THE CLARKSBURG MISSION We are responsible for providing a meal at the mission the 3rd Sunday of every month. If you are willing to help, please sign up in the Narthex.

UMCOR United Committee on Relief 100 percent of what you give goes to enable emergency grants and supplies immediately after a disaster. If you would like to donate, please make your check to BUMC and in the memo write UMCOR.

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS
Spring cleaning? We will begin to accept donations for the Annual Whale of a Sale on May 1 until May 31. Please bring your donations to the gym from 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday. We are unable to accept paint, tires, automobile parts, large exercise equipment, used swimwear and underwear. Thanks in advance for your donations. This sale benefits many local missions and we couldn't do it without you! Please note the date change for the Rummage Sale. Church members preview- Thursday, July 24 from 5-7 PM
Open to the public-
July 25 - 26 from 8 AM - 2 PM
Half price day- July 28; 8 AM - 2 PM
Bag Day- July 29; 8 AM - 11 AM

Weekly Devotional

Reading

Sunday: Ezekiel 36:33-38
Monday: Romans 8:18-30
Tuesday: I Corinthians 13:1-8
Wednesday: James 5:13-16
Thursday: Job 42:12-17
Friday: I Peter 1:1-9
Saturday: Matthew 25:31-40

Breath Prayer this Week:

Almighty God, we are thankful that we have constant access to you through the power of prayer.
Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School Classes are:
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM
Faith, Family & Friends SS/Parlor/9:30AM
Youth SS/Education Building/9:30 AM
Young Explorers SS/ages 3-5th grade/Primary Chapel/9:30 AM
Nursery Care/Infant-2year old/Nursery/9:30 AM

LECTIONARY CLASS

Every Thursday from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Please join us in the Library as we study the Scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary.

AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER

FOR ASSISTANCE

8:30 Service Childcare - infants-5 years, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
10:45 Service Childcare - infants-2 years, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
10:45 Service Childcare for 2, 3 & 4 yr. olds, Educ. Bldg. - 1st room on right
10:45 Children's Church - ages 5-2nd grade, Children's Church Room
Large Print Hymnals at main entrance to the Sanctuary
Prayer Cards to indicate special concerns are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.



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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

March 8, 2025

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Don Gardner

*HYMN

Close to Thee

UMH 407

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.

~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org for regular updates.

WORD IN MUSIC

Create in Me a Clean Heart

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

MESSAGE

On the Road to the Cross:

Strengthened by Testing

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

FWS 2105

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

FWS 2158

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE

Child Care is available for infants – 5 years old in the Nursery in the back hallway by the Chapel

*Indicates standing as able.

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ JOHNSON AVENUE

March 9, 2025

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

Growing in the Word

*Scripture

Luke 4:1-13

Today's Message

On the Road to the Cross:

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Glorifying God Through Communion and Response

Holy Communion

(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving anew His grace.)

Going Forth to Share and Serve

Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities

*Closing Song

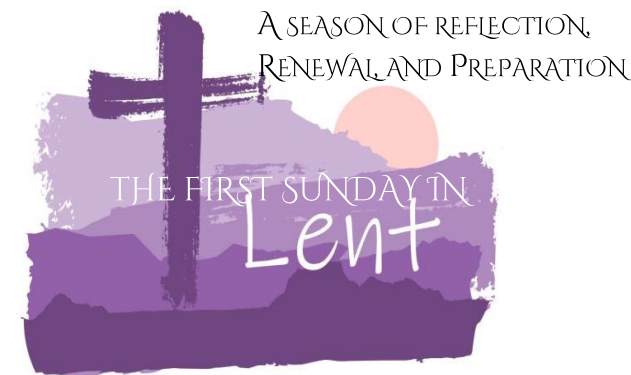
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

251 WORTHINGTON DRIVE, BRIDGEPORT, WV

March 9, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE VISION OF "MATTHEW 25"

We are a community of faith focused on being in ministry with and for the least, the last, the lonely, and the left out. Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it unto me." (Matthew 25:40) This is our primary work. Please join us as we strengthen ourselves for the task in worship, prayer, and study and then go forth to serve in Matthew 25 Ministries.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDES *Out of the Depths I Cry to You (AUS TIEFER NOT)*

arr. by Ronald A. Nelson

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (OLIVET)

Lowell Mason; arr. Larry Sue - Youth Handbells

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless (O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG)

arr. by Austin Lovelace

Take My Life, and Let It Be (MESSIAH)

Louise J Herold; arr. Larry Sue - Youth Handbells

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.

Today's leader is Tim Morgan.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: We come to worship the God who walks with us through every challenge.

ALL: We come to remember Jesus and his faithfulness when faced with forty days in the wilderness.

Reader: When the Israelites wandered through the wilderness for forty years, they were not alone – God was there!

ALL: When we walk through the wilderness, we are not alone – God is with us!

Reader: We come today to worship our God,

ALL: who gives us strength for every journey and courage for every test!

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF WORSHIP

Hope of the World

UMH 178

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in an offering basket.
- ~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.
- ~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org to check for regular updates. (10:45 Children K-2nd Grade only may leave for Children's Church. Please meet with your leader in the back of the Sanctuary. Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

*DOXOLOGY **Doxology for Lent** Tune: OLD 100th

**Praise God who leads through forty days;
glory to Christ, who shows God's ways;
and to the Spirit, source of grace;
one Triune God, we now embrace. Amen.**

*SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 4:1-13**

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' 4 Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' 8 Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", 11 and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' 12 Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC **Lead Me, Lord** Samuel Sebastian Wesley; Psalm 5:8

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

MESSAGE **On the Road to the Cross:
Strengthened by Testing** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Take Time to Be Holy** UMH 395

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON

ALL: Merciful God, like Jesus in the wilderness, we, too, are tempted—to trust in our own strength, to seek comfort in earthly things, to put you to the test. Forgive us, God. We choose the easy path instead of the faithful one. We turn away from your Word and pursue our own desires. We fail to trust you. Have mercy on us, and lead us by your Spirit, so that in every trial, we may turn to you and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Silent prayer)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ, though tempted in every way as we are, did not sin. He remained faithful so that, through him, we might find grace in our time of need. I declare to you: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: Glory to God! Amen.

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Reader: Faithful God, from generation to generation, you are our guide and refuge. When your people wandered in the wilderness for forty years, you sustained them with manna from heaven and water from the rock. When Jesus spent forty days in the desert, you strengthened him to resist temptation and walk the path of obedience. And in our own wilderness journeys, you remain steadfast—providing for us, leading us by your Spirit, and surrounding us with your grace.

Your faithfulness never fails. You nourish us—not just with daily bread, but with your life-giving Word. We give thanks for your Son Jesus Christ, who walked the road of suffering so that we might know the fullness of your love. Empower us by your Spirit to bring good news of justice and hope until that day when Christ comes again in glory.

ALL: With hearts full of gratitude, we lift this prayer to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN **Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days** UMH 269

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE **The Glory of These Forty Days (ERHALT, UNS HERR)**
arr. Robert J. Powell

*Indicates standing as able.

Christian Sympathy to Katie Perperas on the death of her grandmother, Lillian Sarver Miller.

Today is Girl Scout Sunday a day when Girl Scouts celebrate their faith and thank the church and the community for their support throughout the year.

Girl Scouts Participating in the 10:45 AM Service -

Audra Murray, Raegan Fitzpatrick, Katy Gregg

Those participating in the Service - Brett Miller - organ, piano; Chancel Choir; Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey - liturgist



Please join us for our upcoming Lenten Services Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM at BUMC Main Campus

March 23 + March 30 + April 6

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (March 9– March 16)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith Family Friends SS	Parlor
9:30 AM	Young Explorers SS (Pre K3-5th)	Primary Chapel
9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30-5:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group	Education Building
5:00-5:30 PM	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Primary Chapel
5:00-5:30 PM	Jubilate Singers Rehearsal	Children's Church
5:30-6:00 PM	Elementary Handchimes	Children's Church
5:30-6:00 PM	Seraphim Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 PM	Mid High Youth Group	Education Building
7:00-7:30 PM	Youth Handbell Reh.	Balcony

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
6:00 PM	U M Men's Meeting	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer Meeting	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Back of Sanctuary

FRIDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
8:30 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
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SUNDAY, March 16

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Sunday School	
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:45 AM	Mid and Senior High Youth	Education Building
5:00-5:30 PM	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Primary Chapel
5:00-5:30 PM	Jubilate Singers Rehearsal	Children's Church
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BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh, Senior Pastor
 Rev. George Bramble, Pastoral Care † Rev. Jim Lang, Education
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 Brett Miller, Organist † Jim Harris, Tom Price, Accompanists † Russ Francis, Treasurer
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 Becky Thornton, Director of Joyful Noise Afterschool Program
 Dan & Katherine Hughes, Seraphim Directors † Katherine Hughes, Jubilate Director
 Jennifer Lawson, Cherub Choir Director
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