

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.

CHILI COOK OFF IN JANUARY
Sign up for the 10th annual BUMC chili cook off to be held on Jan 26th following the 10:45 AM service. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are looking for 12 chefs to compete for this year's title.

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. **JANUARY IS STILL AVAILABLE.** If you are willing to help, please sign up in the Narthex.

CHANCEL CHOIR will resume rehearsal this Wednesday, January 15.



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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-13
Monday: Psalm 46:1-7
Tuesday: 1 Peter 2:4-10
Wednesday: I Corinthians 12:4-11
Thursday: Psalm 57:1-4
Friday: John 1:1-13
Saturday: Joshua 1:1-9

Breath Prayer this Week:

Dear Lord, we may not know what lies ahead for us, but we are assured of your promise that you will be with us every step of the journey. Amen.

MUSIC PROGRAM RESUMES SUNDAY EVENING!

All are welcome!
(please refer to Calendar for rehearsal times)
Adult Chancel Choir contact Dr. Dan Hughes
Seraphim Singers (Mid Hi - Senior Hi) contact Dr. Dan or Katherine Hughes
Jubilate Singers (2nd grade - 5th grade) contact Katherine Hughes
Cherub Choir (ages 3 years - 1st grade) contact Jenny Lawson
Elementary Handbells (2nd grade - 5th) contact Jennifer Murray
Youth Handbells (Mid Hi - Senior Hi) contact Jennifer Murray
Adult Handbells contact Brenda Howard (date TBA)

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

The Upper Room is a wonderful daily guide for prayer and Bible reading. Consider cultivating your spiritual walk by using this great tool. You will find them in the literature racks at each entrance. Donation is \$1.

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

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

January 11, 2025

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC Renee Warner
*HYMN *Baptized in Water* FWS 2248
*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 Renee Warner
*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 3:21-38*
MESSAGE *Identity* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Spirit Song* UMH 347
REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT
*CLOSING HYMN *We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus* FWS 2251
*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

January 12, 2025

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise
*Scripture Choruses and Songs Jim Harris
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
Growing in the Word
The Word in Music
*Scripture *Luke 3:21-38*
Today's Message *Identity* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
Glorifying God Through Communion and Response
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
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

January 12, 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

PRELUDE *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (WATER LIFE)* arr. by David Christiansen
Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan (Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam) Johann Pachelbel
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Tim Morgan.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

INTROIT *Down to the River to Pray* W&S 3164
1. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down, Come on, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.
2. brothers
3. children

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based Gen. 1:1-2; Luke 3:21-22)
Reader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters; then God said: "Let there be light."
ALL: And God saw that it was good.
Reader: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized. The heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove; then God said:
ALL: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."
Reader: We come to worship our Creator, the Beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*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 *Baptized in Water* FWS 2248

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 **We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus** (verse 3) FWS 2251

**Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen.**

*SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 3:21-38**
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC **Comfort Ye, My People/Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted**
G.F. Handel

MESSAGE **Identity** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Spirit Song** UMH 347

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?
Accepting the Father's love, I renounce all that makes me less than a child of God.

Do you renounce all powers in the world that defy God's Way of Life for all?
In the name of Christ Jesus, I renounce them.

Will you resist the forces of sin that hold the world in captivity?
With the power of the Holy Spirit, I will resist them.

Trusting the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from evil to seek good?
By the grace of God, I do.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world?
I believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

Will you follow the Spirit of the living Lord and live in accord with God's Way?
By God's grace, I will walk in the Way of the Spirit.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**
Hymns **Blessed Assurance** UMH 369
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus UMH 462
It Is Well with My Soul UMH 377

THANKSGIVING

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.
**We give thanks for all that God has already given us.
As members of the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Reader: God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves. As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism at the hand of John, so you claimed our lives in baptism and called us your beloved children, that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord.
ALL: Accept all we have and are, O God, in the service of Jesus Christ, and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN **This Is a Day of New Beginnings** (verses 1-4) UMH 383

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE **Wade in the Water** arr. by Mark Hayes

*Indicates standing as able.

Those participating in the Service - Brett Miller - organ, piano;
Dr. Dan Hughes - soloist; Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey - liturgist

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh, Senior Pastor
- Rev. George Bramble, Rev. Jim Lang, Pastoral Care † Dr. Dan Hughes, Director of Chancel Choir † Joe Starkey, Director of Youth Ministries † Brett Miller, Organist
- Jim Harris, Tom Price, Accompanists † Russ Francis, Treasurer † Kim Kapp, Jennifer Walker, Administrative Staff † Polly Steele, Director of Preschool
- Becky Thornton, Director of Joyful Noise Afterschool Program
- Dan & Katherine Hughes, Seraphim Directors † Katherine Hughes, Jubilate Director
- Jennifer Lawson, Cherub Choir Director
- Dorothy Prunty, Denny Owens, Cathy Hamilton, Michael Moran, Facilities

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (January 12 – January 19)

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 Handbells Children's Church
- 5:30-6:00 PM Seraphim Rehearsal Fellowship Hall
- 6:00-7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group Education Building
- 7:00-7:30 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal 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 UM Men's Meeting Johnson Ave. Campus
- 7:00 PM Finance Meeting Fowler Heritage Room

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

SUNDAY, January 19

- 8:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School Johnson Ave. Campus
- 9:45 AM Worship @ Johnson Ave. Maplewood
- 9:45 AM Maplewood Worship Service Maplewood
- 10:45 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
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