

**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](http://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.

**Family Support Ministry:** Did you know that West Virginia has the highest number of children in the foster care system per capita? BUMC has joined other churches in the state to support foster, adoptive, kinship, and primary families in our community. Check out a short video at [www.bridgeportumc.org/family-support-ministry](http://www.bridgeportumc.org/family-support-ministry). What gifts do you have to help families in need? More info to come.

**Weekly Devotional**

**Reading**

Sunday: Deuteronomy 33:26-29  
Monday: Mark 16:15  
Tuesday: Psalm 56:1-4  
Wednesday: Matthew 7:24-27  
Thursday: John 15:1-8  
Friday: I Samuel 30:1-8  
Saturday: Matthew 14:22-33

**Breath Prayer this Week:**

Loving God, may we always know that we are embraced by your grace.

*In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Adult Sunday School Classes are: Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM Faith, Family & Friends SS/Parlor/9:30AM

**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 5-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1, 2025**

**6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Tom Price

\*HYMNS

*All Hail King Jesus  
He Is Exalted*

FWS 2069  
FWS 2070

\*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](http://bridgeportumc.org) for regular updates.

WORD IN MUSIC

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Luke 9:28-43a*

MESSAGE

*Mountain High, Valley Low*

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*How Great Is Our God*

W&S 3003

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

FWS 2173

\*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 2, 2025**

**9:45 AM**

**Gathering to Praise**

\*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

\*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

**Growing in the Word**

\*Scripture

*Luke 9:28-43a*

Today's Message

*Mountain High, Valley Low*

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

**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 2, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

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

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (RATISBON)*

arr. by Allan Mahnke

*Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious (BRYN CALFARIA), Op. 16*

arr. by Paul Manz

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service. Today's leader is Rick Curtis.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Let us gather on the mountain of the Lord, where the glory of God is revealed!

**ALL: We come seeking Christ, the Light of the world.**

Reader: We stand in awe before the radiance of Jesus, shining with divine splendor.

**ALL: We listen for God's voice calling us to follow the beloved Son.**

Reader: Transformed by Christ's presence, we go forth to shine his light in the world!

**ALL: We lift our hearts in praise, for Jesus is with us—on the mountain and in the valley!**

\*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 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* FWS 2103

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](http://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 Transfiguration Sunday* Tune: OLD 100th  
**Praise God, whose glory lights the skies,  
 Praise Christ, who in bright splendor shines,  
 Praise Spirit, guiding from above,  
 with radiant grace and boundless love! Amen.**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 9:28-43a*  
 Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD IN MUSIC *Lift Your Eyes* Michael Moose; based on Ps. 121:1-2

Weary pilgrim on this journey, heavy footsteps on the way;  
 doubt thunders through the plan, fear pours in like rain  
 and threatens to conceal the shining day.  
 Raise your head, a beautiful mountain,  
 soaring high above it all, beckons to your soul:

Awaken now your hope, listen now and hear Yahweh's call:  
 "Lift your eyes! Lift your eyes! On this mountain find me glorified!  
 Gather strength and love, know my grace is enough;  
 set your fear aside, lift your eyes."

His goodness glistens in its beauty, his power in its majesty.  
 Take courage from its splendor; breathe life that sets you free;  
 Seek his voice that whispers in the breeze:  
 "Lift your eyes! Lift your eyes! On this mountain..."  
 Look to the mountains, help comes from the Lord.  
 Lift your eyes.

MESSAGE *Mountain High, Valley Low* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *How Great Is Our God* W & S 3003

*The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
 Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
 He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
 and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.*

**Chorus: How great is our God,  
 sing with me, How great is our God.  
 And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

*And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
 Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
 The Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son;  
 The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. [Chorus]*

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
 My heart will sing, "How great is our God!" [Chorus]**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON

**ALL: Glorious God, on the mountaintop, you revealed the radiance of your Son, yet we confess that we often fail to see your light in our daily lives. We cling to comfort when you call us to transformation. We hesitate to listen when you speak. We turn away from the suffering around us, forgetting that Christ leads us from glory into service. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to your presence, open our ears to your voice, and open our hearts to be changed by your love. (Silent prayer)**

Pastor: The God who shone in dazzling light on the mountain is the same God who meets us in mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, transformed, and sent to share God's love.

**ALL: Glory to God! Amen.**

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface FWS 2257-a  
 It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, ...  
 And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven – with all those who have beheld your glory through the ages – we lift our voices in unending praise:

Sanctus FWS 2257-b  
 Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. ...  
 And so, in remembrance of these mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation FWS 2257-c  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...  
 Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Great Amen FWS 2257-d

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have revealed your glory and given yourself to us. As we leave this table, may we go into the world, transformed by your grace and strengthened by your Spirit, to shine your light and serve in love, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* FWS 2102

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Psalms 18: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"*  
 by Benedetto Marcello

\*Indicates standing as able.

**Those participating in the Service** - Brett Miller - organ, piano; Chancel Choir; Rick Curtis - liturgist



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (March 2– March 9)**

**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
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library
7:00 PM	Proverbs 31 Circle Meeting	Johnson Ave. Campus

**TUESDAY**

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
10:30 AM	Esther Ruth Circle Meeting	Bride's Room

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

**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 9**

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
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**Ash Wednesday**

*Join us  
 for our Ash Wednesday Service, March 5 at 7:00 PM*

