

August 22, 2021, 10 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

As a reminder, we ask those who are not fully vaccinated to please continue wearing a facemask covering your mouth and nose.

Noisy Cans (A collection of change & small bills to support the food pantry)

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

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Call to Worship

Welcome to this holy time where we sense God's Spirit swirling amongst us.

We long for this feeling.

We come opening our hearts for healing, support and guidance.

We belong here. Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer

We sense your call to this time of spiritual support where we can be forgiven, loved, and strengthened. Open our hearts to the glory of your Word and help us to live your noble calling throughout the days of our lives. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *God of the sparrow (verses 1-4)* ~ No. 22

God of sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

Prayers of the People

Prayers of Intercession

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 84

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the

spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

*Hymn ~ *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* ~ No. 23

God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

Blessing

Postlude

Coffee Hour

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Prayer List

John Depew	Chris Gruver	Chase Ewoldt
Lewis Christman	Matt Isenberg	Avrie Sinesiou
Michael Ahrens & Family	Amanda Waterman	Mary Daugherty
Colt Matz	Abigail Craner	Gretchen Randon
Ted Norton	Craig Polson	Renee Ensell
Frank Jester	Kim Klein	

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.
Thank you for your help! ***

Happy Birthday to:

24 ~ Chris Gruver

26 ~ Adam Jester

28 ~ DB Busan

Happy Anniversary to:

21 ~ Mark & Portia Harris

24 ~ Bob & DB Busan,

Punkie & Craig Sinesiou

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 8/22/21

Sunday – August 22 10am Worship

Tuesday – August 24 5:30pm Interfaith Community Picnic at
Bethany Lutheran

Wednesday – August 25 6pm Book Club at Perkins

Thursday – August 26 5pm Game Night

Friday – August 27 10am Coffee & Conversation
at Tim Horton's on N. Union St.

Sunday – August 29 10am Worship

If you wish to speak with Pastor Bruce, please call 716-378-6773.