

August 29, 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.*

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

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Call to Worship

We gather to worship in the presence of God,

**we are together in spirit if not in person.**

We gather to worship as children of God,

**we are gathered surrounded by love.**

We gather to worship the living God,

**for God is with us**

Opening Prayer

**Creative God, who fashioned the earth and all its inhabitants, who flung the stars into the heavens and set the planets in their courses, we give you praise.**

**Give us the wisdom and strength to partner with you in creation. Help us to rest secure in your love and trust you every day and every way.**

\*Opening Hymn ~ *I sing the mighty power of God* ~ No. 32

I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

## 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 15*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

### *Mark 7:1-23*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban’ (that is, an offering to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>17</sup>When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, <sup>19</sup>since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “It is what comes out of a person that defiles. <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

## The Word of God **The Word of Life**

### Message

\*Hymn ~ *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* ~ 24

God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space,  
we, your children in your likeness,  
share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities,  
stately buildings row on row.  
Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,  
stare on canyoned streets below,  
where the lonely drift unnoticed  
in the city’s ebb and flow,  
lost to purpose and to meaning,  
scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
 since the childhood of our race;  
 known the ecstasy of winging  
 though untraveled realms of space;  
 probed the secrets of the atom,  
 yielding unimagined power,  
 facing us with life's destruction  
 or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,  
 may it challenge us anew,  
 children of creative purpose,  
 serving others, honoring you.  
 May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
 each endeavor well begun.  
 Great Creator, give us guidance  
 till our goals and yours are one.

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:

Aug. 29 ~ Gretchen Randon

30 ~ Alec Bigley

Sept. 2 ~Megan Kelly

Happy Anniversary to:

Aug. 29 ~ Doug & Betsy Cashing

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 8/29/21

Sunday – August 29	10am Worship
Monday – August 30	7:30pm Session
Wednesday – Sept. 1	6pm The DOers Project Meeting
Thursday – Sept. 2	5pm Game Night
Friday – Sept. 3	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Horton's on N. Union St.
Sunday –Sept. 5	10am Worship

### **Note from Bruce about Info for Newsletter**

We are planning on putting out a September newsletter. We want to include news from your lives and from church life. So many people have done so much to see us through this trying time and get us ready for a new life in the fall.

We want to mention all of the things that have been done and will be done. We also would like to update folks on all the things you would like to share with your church family.

For example, did you retire, have grandchildren, or travel. Or perhaps something else like major renovations or other major events in your life or the life of your family.

So, can you help so no one is forgotten and nothing is overlooked. Don't be shy! Blow your own horn. But also mention other things you have noticed or know of.

**In addition, if you have items for the calendar please let me know so they can be included.**

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