

September 5 2021, 10 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

The CDC, Cattaraugus County Health Department and Session are currently recommending everyone to wear a facemask while inside.

God is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
God is Good

Call to Worship

We gather to worship God,
whose steadfast love endures for ever.

We gather surrounded by the Holy Spirit who encourages us to walk faithfully with Jesus.

Praise be to God whose goodness and mercy fill our days.

**Praise be to God whose ways lead to peace, justice, and healing.
for God is with us**

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, give us the honesty to admit our need. Make us bold to reach out for help when we are down and desperate and instill in us boldness to believe that your love is sufficient for our need and your grace reaches out to us in our desperation.

*Opening Hymn ~ *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* ~ No. 35

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Prayers of the People

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

Psalms 125

¹Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

⁴Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

⁵But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

*Hymn ~ *For the Fruit of All Creation* ~ No. 36

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Blessing

Postlude

Coffee Hour

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Prayer List

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

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.*

*Thank you for your help! ***

Happy Birthday to:

7 ~ Sydney Evans

8 ~ Philip Geer

9 ~ Bruce Levine

Happy Anniversary to:

7 ~ Ken & Betsy Way

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 9/5/21

Sunday – Sept. 5	10am Worship
Monday – Sept. 6	Labor Day ~ Office Closed
Wednesday – Sept. 8	5:30pm CE Meeting 6pm Scout Leaders Meeting in Basement 7pm MEF Meeting
Thursday – Sept. 9	6:30pm Vespers 7:15pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Bible Study
Friday – Sept. 10	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Horton's on N. Union St. 7:30pm Fish Club
Sunday –Sept. 12	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship

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