

November 21, 2021, 11 am
Thanksgiving Sunday
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *He Leadeth Me* ~ William Bradbury

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

***All unvaccinated people must wear a facemask** covering mouth and nose.
The CDC, Cattaraugus County Health Department and Session are currently recommending
everyone to wear a facemask while inside.*

We are looking for people to light the Advent candles. Please let Pastor Bruce know if you are interested.

Choral Introit

God is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
God is Good

Call to Worship ~ Based on Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God that made us, and we belong to the Lord
we are God's people, and the sheep of the Lord's pasture.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving,
and the courts with praise.

Opening Prayer

As we gather, in thanksgiving, O God, we celebrate your goodness and generosity. Gazing back over our lives we can see you working for our good. And we trust in you as we look forward to the future as well. Let us face what is to come free us from worry and fretting and fill us with a spirit of hope and trust. Amen.

Children's Time

Hymn ~ *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ~ No. 367

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

Prayers of the People

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.

Presentation of the Offering

Doxology ~ No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of thanksgiving

Choral Anthem ~ *May Thy Holy Spirit* ~ Paul Tschesnokoff

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 6:24-34

²⁴“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Psalm 103 ~ New Revised Standard Version

Thanksgiving for God’s Goodness
Of David.

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

⁶The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

¹⁴For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;
¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
¹⁷But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who
fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.
²¹Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.
²²Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

*Hymn ~ *Now Thank We All Our God* ~ No. 643

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

Blessing

Choral Benediction ~ *Postlude on "Coronation"* ~ Oliver Holden

Postlude

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Christmas Poinsettias

As we approach the Advent/Christmas season, the flower committee is planning to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary this year. If you would like to make a \$15.00 donation for a plant (or Garden Fund contribution) 'in memory of.... by....' or 'in honor of....by....', please either complete on order form found in Fellowship Hall or send your donation and preferred wording to the church office at PO Box 1608, Olean, NY, 14760. Checks may be made out to: FPC Flower Fund of FPC Garden Fund. Orders are due by Sunday, December 5th. Any questions may be directed to:

Martha Nenno (585-209-4079) or Betsy Cashing (716-378-1634)

PW Mitten Tree

PW will be collecting mittens (and hats and scarves and socks) on their Mitten Tree as of November 7th. All donations are appreciated - whether homemade or not!

The donations will be delivered to the Olean Food Pantry after Sunday, December 12th.



Prayer List

Linda Kelly	Lewis Christman	Craig Polson
Dale Isenberg	Michael Ahrens & Family	Chase Ewoldt
Emily Kennedy	Frank Jester	Avrie Sinesiou
Martin Hatch	Chris Gruver	Gretchen Randon
Barb & Chuck Compher	Matt Isenberg	Renee Ensell
John Depew	Ted Norton	Family of Daniel Little

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

Prayers of sympathy to the family and friends of Rev. Rick Schill, who died on Sunday, November 14th. He worked here at First Presbyterian Church for a few years in late 80's or early 90's.

Happy Birthday to:
23 ~ Betsy Cashing
25 ~ Ken Way

Happy Anniversary to:
26 ~ Phil & Pat Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 11/21/21

Please Note: Pastor Bruce is out of town this week and the church office is only open on Monday.

Sunday – Nov. 21	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship
Tuesday – Nov. 23	6:30pm Scouts in Basement
Thursday – Nov. 25	Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday – Nov. 28 <i>Noisy Cans</i>	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship Noon Deck the Halls

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