

November 28 2021, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church  
First Sunday of Advent  
Hope

Prelude ~ *Fantasia on "Forest Green"* ~ Lani Smith

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.*

God is Good  
**Everyday**  
And Everyday  
**God is Good**

Call To Worship

When will God's promise be fulfilled?  
**The days are surely coming.**  
When we will be saved?  
**The days are surely coming.**  
How will we know the signs to take place?  
**The days are surely coming**  
**when a branch from David shall come forth**  
**to execute justice and righteousness in the land.**  
What shall it be called?  
**The Lord is our righteousness.**

Opening Prayer

Holy One, you have promised us  
that the day of our salvation is near.  
Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer,  
so that we may stand with confidence and joy  
at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Advent Song ~ *Light One Candle* ~ Natalie Sleeth

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.  
He brings hope to every heart. He comes! He Comes!

## Draw Near to Hope ~ Sunday School

In hope, Israel dreamed of a Messiah so many years ago.

In hope, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem praying for hospitality.

In hope, the wise men followed a star believing that God would guide them along the

Like Israel, we sing, “Come, oh come, Emmanuel.”

Like Mary and Joseph, we pray for a world that acts like we belong to one another.

Like the wise men, we travel to this space trusting that God draws near to us—

guiding us along the way.

This Sunday, we light the candle of hope because we could not be Advent people without it. (*Light candle*)

May this candle remind us that God’s light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

May this light serve as an invitation to draw near to God—for in the light of this candle we can feel God’s warmth, we can see more clearly, and together, we can hope for a better day. Amen.

## Children’s Time

Hymn ~ *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ~ No. 88 (verses 1, 2, 7)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show;  
and teach us in her ways to go. (*Refrain*)

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven’s peace. (*Refrain*)

## 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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Scripture Reading ~ Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

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

Message

\*Hymn ~ *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* ~ No. 354

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword.  
God's truth is marching on.

*Refrain:*

Glory, glory hallelujah!  
Glory, glory hallelujah!  
Glory, glory hallelujah!  
God's truth is marching on.

God has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat  
and is sifting out all human hearts  
before the judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer;  
O be jubilant my feet!  
Our God is marching on. (*Refrain*)

In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom  
that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy,  
let us live to make all free,  
while God is marching on. (*Refrain*)

Postlude ~ *Angels We Have Heard on High* ~ Henry Balcombe

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## Prayer List

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

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

Happy Birthday to:

Nov. 28 ~ Reilly Smith

29 ~ Craig Smith

Dec. 3 ~ Matt Lang, Barbara Taft

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 11/28/21

Sunday – Nov. 28  
*Noisy Can Collection*

9:35am Adult Discussion  
11am Worship  
Noon Deck the Halls

Tuesday – Nov. 30

6:30pm Scouts in Basement

Thursday – Dec. 2

10am Bible Study  
5pm Finance  
6:30pm Vespers  
6:45pm Scouts in Basement  
7:15pm Bible Study

Friday – Dec. 3

10am Coffee & Conversation

Sunday – Dec. 5

9:35am Adult Discussion  
11am Worship

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

## 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.



## 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Any questions may be directed to:

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