

March 27, 2022, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude ~ *Allein Gott*

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

If you would like to serve as liturgist please sign up in the fellowship hall.

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

God delivered His people to the Promised Land.

The Lord promised His people that He would provide.

God provided manna to His people in the desert,

Once in Canaan, they ate manna no more.

God is faithful and always keeps His promises.

May we be faithful, so we can receive His blessings.

Prayer

Gracious forgiving God, seeker of the lost:

draw your us back to your loving embrace,

and reconcile our hearts to you,

that we may become ambassadors

of your steadfast and forgiving love to all the world.

Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

Hymn ~ *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* ~ No. 444

"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"

you taught us, Lord, to pray,

but you alone can grant us grace

to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless

the unforgiving heart

that broods on wrongs and will not let

old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.

Minute for Mission ~ One Great Hour of Sharing ~ Doug Cashing

Prayers of the People

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

Anthem ~ *Cantate Domino* ~ N. Sleeth

Prayer for Illumination

Readings

Psalm 79:1-9 ~ New Revised Standard Version

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
- ² They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
- ³ They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.
- ⁴ We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
mocked and derided by those around us.

- ⁵ How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
- ⁶ Pour out your anger on the nations
that do not know you,
and on the kingdoms
that do not call on your name.
- ⁷ For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.
- ⁸ Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
- ⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Message ~ Fifth on a series on the Lord's Prayer.

“And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”

Music for Meditation

Hymn ~ *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* ~ No. 547 (verses 2 and 3)

“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Toccata in E Minor* ~ J. Pachelbel

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*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of
August Klein, Jr., Karen's father,
by Tom and Karen Bowersox.*

Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Amy Trass	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
David Cross	Colt Matz	Chase Ewoldt
Michael Eade	Barb & Chuck Compher	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Lewis Christman	Gretchen Randon
Dale Isenberg	Michael Ahrens & Family	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:
28 ~ Craig Sinesiou
30 ~ William Burton, Sr.

Happy Anniversary to:
28 ~ Rip & Sandi Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 3/27/22

Sunday – March 27	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship 4:30pm Confirmation Class
Tuesday – March 29	6:30pm Scouts in Basement
Wednesday – March 30	6pm Dinner Out at Napoli's
Thursday – March 31	5pm Finance Meeting No Vespers 6:45pm Scouts in Basement 7pm Choir Practice No Bible Study
Friday – April 1	No Coffee & Conversation
Sunday – April 3	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship 4:30pm Confirmation Class

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



Dining Out Returns!

Join us at Napoli's on Wednesday, March 30th, at 6pm as we share our first meal together again! Please either add your name to the sign up sheet or call the office to be added.



Order forms for the 2022 Easter Memorials are located in the Fellowship Hall or you may call Martha Nenno at 585-209-4079. **Please turn forms in by Sunday, April 3rd.**

Looking for Volunteers

Tom, our custodian, will be on vacation beginning Monday, April 4th and will return to work Monday, April 11th. We are looking for volunteers to help with the basic weekly cleaning needs (vacuuming/straightening sanctuary, trash, cleaning/stocking bathrooms, etc.) of the church for the week he is out. If you are willing to help out, please call the church office.

Current Session	
Dave Shults	President, Finance and Stewardship
Chris Norton	Clerk of Session
Punkie Sinesiou	Christian Education
Kay Shults	MEF
Doug Cashing	Treasurer and Personnel
Craig Polson	Property
Steve Yehl	Property
Wendy Brand	Nominating
Others Serving	
Lanna Waterman	Communications
Rev. Bruce Levine	Worship

Current Deacons	
Martha Nenno, Moderator	Barry Hurley
Carol Bess	Sandi Smith
Chris Burton	Lanna Waterman
Betsy Cashing	Judi Blair