

April 24, 2022, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church  
Confirmation Sunday

Prelude ~ *Now Thank We All Our God* ~ S. Karg-Elert

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Jesus is God's servant, whom He upholds.

**Jesus is His chosen, and God delights in Him.**

God has put His spirit upon Him.

**Jesus will bring forth justice to all nations.**

Jesus will not fail or be discouraged,

**Until He has established justice in the Earth.**

Prayer

**Alleluia! We praise you, O God,  
for the power of your saving love  
revealed in the resurrection of our Lord.  
As you have raised Jesus from the dead  
give to us the gift of everlasting life,  
that walk with Jesus forever;  
through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

Children's Time

Hymn ~ *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* ~ No. 234 (verses 1, 2, 4)

Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel  
into joy from sadness,  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ has burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun has risen.  
All the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from the Light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

Neither could the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal  
hold you as a mortal:  
but today, among your own,  
you appear, bestowing  
your deep peace, which evermore  
passes human knowing.

#### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

#### 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

#### We welcome the Confirmation Class

Nathan Petryszak  
Luke Petryszak  
Teddy McClellan

Statements of Faith

Choral Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Reading

Luke 24:13-49

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are

my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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

Message

Music for meditation

Hymn ~ *Thine Is the Glory* ~ No. 238

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Refrain:*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. (*Refrain*)

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Suite in D* ~ H. Purcell

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Today's flowers are given in celebration of Kim's birthday and in appreciation for all the prayers being said for her, by Rip & Sandi Smith.

### 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
Kimberley Smith		

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

Happy Birthday to:

24 ~ Tony Evans, Kimberley Smith

28 ~ Michelle Braymiller

29 ~ Mark McGonnell

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 4/24/22

Sunday – April 24 <i>Noisy Cans</i>	9:35am Adult Discussion 10am Session Meeting with Confirmation Youth 11am Worship
Tuesday – April 26	6:30pm Scouts in Basement
Wednesday - April 27	6pm Book Club at Perkins
Thursday – April 28	5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Thursday Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts in Basement 7pm Choir 7:15pm Bible Study
Friday – April 29	10am Coffee & Conversation
Sunday – May 1	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship

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

<b>Current Session</b>	
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
<b>Others Serving</b>	
Lanna Waterman	Communications
Rev. Bruce Levine	Worship

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