

January 8, 2023, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

God says: "I am the Lord,
I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand."

**God gives us as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations.**

God says: "I am the Lord,
that is my name;
my glory I give to no other."

**The former things have come to pass;
now God declares a new thing.**

Let us worship God.

Opening prayer

**Holy One, in the waters of the Jordan
you claimed Jesus as your beloved Son.
Send your Holy Spirit to anoint us,
that we may be filled with your grace
and live as your beloved children;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time

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.

Hymn ~ *Just as I Am, without One Plea* ~ No. 442 (verses 2 & 3)

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.**

Scripture Readings ~

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting

on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for meditation

The Lord’s table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O God of mercy and might.
In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.
You have called forth men and women in every age
to be your servants and speak your word.
When we rebelled against your call
and turned from your ways,
in your love you called us back to you.
You delivered us from captivity,
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.
You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
in whom you have revealed yourself,
our light and our salvation.

Baptized in Jordan's waters,
Jesus took his place with sinners
and your voice proclaimed him your beloved.
Your Spirit anointed him
to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to restore sight to the blind,
to free the oppressed.
He lived among us in power and grace,
touching broken lives with your healing peace.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
O God, as you once claimed us in the Spirit's waters
and number us among your own beloved,
give us power to do your work, to show your love,
and to live holy and joyful lives.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
We pray the prayer he taught.

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.

The Communion of the People

Hymn ~ *Be Thou My Vision* ~ No. 450 (verses 1, 3, 4)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

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Would you be interested in a Sunday morning Bible Study - 9:30am - 10:30am? If so, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or let Pastor Bruce know!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship service on Sunday, January 29th.

Submissions and reports for the Annual Report are due to the office by Friday, January 13th.

The Annual Report will be available in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, January 22nd.



Dinner Out at Randy's Fireside

Monday, January 23rd at 6pm

**Please plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship!
There's a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.**

Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Barbara & Chuck Compber	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
David Cross	Colt Matz	Chase Ewoldt
Stacey MacRae	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Gretchen Randon
Dale Isenberg	Punkie Sinesiou	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:

9 ~ Sarah Larson, Doug Price

11 ~ Nicholas McConnaughey

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/8/23

Sunday – Jan. 8	11am Worship Noon Wreck the Halls
Monday - Jan. 9	5pm Session Meeting
Tuesday - Jan. 10	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Jan. 11	5:30pm CE Meeting 7pm MEF Meeting
Thursday - Jan. 12	5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45 Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Jan. 13	10am Coffee and Conversation at North Union Tim Hortons 7:30pm Fish Club
Sunday – Jan. 15	11am Worship Noon Deacons Meeting

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