

September 10, 2023, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

*Please sign the friendship pads and include your contact info, email, phone, and text.  
We want to make sure we can communicate with you better.*

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord a new song,  
sing praise among the faithful.**

Let the people of God be glad;

**let us rejoice, dance, and sing.**

For the Lord rejoices in the people;

**God gives glory to the humble of heart.**

Prayer

Holy God, you prepare a table for us  
the great feast of our salvation.

Nourish us always at your table,  
that we may feed others

with the promise of your saving love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Time

Hymn ~ *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* ~ No. 744

Arise, your light is come!

The Spirit's call obey;

show forth the glory of your God,

which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!

Fling wide the prison door;

proclaim the captives' liberty,

good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.

Prayers of the People

Anthem

Presentation of Offering

*The offering plates are at both entrances to the sanctuary on the fellowship hall side.  
You may place your offering there before or after church, or if you prefer, you can go to our website  
[Oleanfirstpresbyterian.com](http://Oleanfirstpresbyterian.com) and click on the donate button.*

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

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination ~ No. 455

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.

Readings

*Psalm 119: 1-20*

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
- <sup>2</sup>Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,
- <sup>3</sup>who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.
- <sup>4</sup>You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
- <sup>5</sup>O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
- <sup>6</sup>Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- <sup>7</sup>I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- <sup>8</sup>I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.
- <sup>9</sup>How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
- <sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.
- <sup>11</sup>I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
- <sup>12</sup>Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

<sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.  
<sup>14</sup>I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.  
<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.  
<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.  
<sup>17</sup>Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word.  
<sup>18</sup>Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.  
<sup>19</sup>I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me.  
<sup>20</sup>My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times.

*Matthew 18:15-20*

<sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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 people 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 ~ *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* ~ No.753

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Choral Benediction

Postlude

(Music permission by One License: 734848-A)

Last Day to Order

Anyone interested in purchasing a fall Chrysanthemum from the Rotary Club may sign up on the sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall. Each plant is \$16 (you chose the color) and it will be delivered. Thanks!

~ Tony Evans



## Prayer List

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|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Margaret Quigley   | Emily Kennedy           | Matt Isenberg  |
| Judy Sanchez       | Martin Hatch            | Craig Polson   |
| Joe Gullo          | Colt Matz               | Chase Ewoldt   |
| Dale Isenberg      | Diane Trippany          | Avrie Sinesiou |
| Joseph Kwiatkowski | Alyssa Daly and Family  | Renee Ensell   |
| Ken Stebbins       | Punkie & Craig Sinesiou | Kim Whitney    |
| Judi Blair         |                         |                |

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

Happy Birthday to:  
15 ~ Bryan Petryszak

### CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 9/10/23

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Sunday – Sept. 10    | 9:30am Welcome Back Breakfast<br>11am Worship   |
| Monday - Sept. 11    | 9am ROME meeting in Fellowship Hall<br>5pm Session  |
| Tuesday - Sept. 12   | 6:30pm Scouts   |
| Wednesday - Sept. 13 | 5:30pm CE Meeting<br>7pm Interfaith Meeting   |
| Thursday - Sept. 14  | 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner<br>6:30pm Vespers<br>6:45pm Scouts<br>7pm Bible Study<br>7pm Choir |
| Friday - Sept. 15    | 10am Coffee and Conversation<br>at N. Union Tim Hortons<br>7pm Bird Club                        |
| Sunday – Sept. 17    | 9:30am Bible Study<br>11am Worship  |

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