

October 22, 2023, 11 AM
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Requiescat in Pace* ~ Gordon Young

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 better with you.*

Noisy Cans

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

You have found favor in my sight,
says the Lord;

I know you by name.

Show us your glory.

My presence will go with you
and I will give you rest.

Where you are is our rest

Opening Prayer

We come before you today, O God, to worship you in your holy splendor.

Our hearts are open before you, mindful of your goodness and mercy.

Show us your mercy, we pray. Reveal your presence to us that we may be strengthened and sustained, now and for the journey to come; in Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* ~ No. 824

There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. (*Refrain*)

There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. (*Refrain*)

Prayers of the People

The 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.

Anthem ~ *Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves* ~ G. Verdi

Presentation of the Offering

If you prefer, you can go to our website 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

The 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 ~

Psalms 99

¹The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

⁴Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Silent Prayer

*Hymn ~ Swing Low, Sweet Chariot ~ No. 825

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home. O, (*Refrain*)

If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home,
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home. O, (*Refrain*)

The brightest day that ever I saw,
coming for to carry me home,
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home. O, (*Refrain*)

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home,
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home. O, (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ~ Lani Smith

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Today's Greeters and Ushers are Chris Burton and Louie McClure



Today's flowers are in loving memory of Byron and Joanne Waterman on what would have been their 80th wedding anniversary given by Lanna Waterman.



**Please bring in candy by Sunday,
October 29th, for us to hand out
on Halloween.**

**We'll be handing out candy 6pm
until 8pm if you want to join us!**

Keynote Chorus
Thank You Concert
Sunday, November 5th at 3pm
Free-will offering to support
First Presbyterian Church

Prayer List

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:

23 ~ Judi Blair, Ken Stebbins

28 ~ Jeff Bigley

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 10/22/23

Sunday – Oct. 22	9:30am Bible Study Noisy Cans 11am Worship
Monday - Oct. 23	9am ROME in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - Oct. 24	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Oct. 25	5pm Book Club at Perkins
Thursday - Oct. 26	4pm Worship Team Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Choir
Friday - Oct. 27	10am Coffee and Conversation at N. Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – Oct. 29	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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



Thankfest

Saturday, November 11th at 5pm

Join us for a traditional turkey dinner. MEF will provide the turkey and gravy. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place settings.

The fun will continue after dinner with an auction of gifts! Those who wish to participate should bring a wrapped, like-new item from their home that someone would be happy to receive or an item purchased for about \$10. The rest will be explained that night.

Samaritan's Purse ~ Operation Christmas Child



We have boxes available in Fellowship Hall for Operation Christmas Child. Each box contains a list of suggested items and tracking information if you wish to track your box. Points to be aware of:

~ Each box requires a \$10 donation to cover the shipping and project costs

~ Boxes are to be delivered to First Baptist Church in Olean during the week of November 13th through the 20th.