

October 29, 2023, 11 AM
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Of the Father's Love Begotten* ~ W. Held

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.*

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Lord, you are our dwelling place.

In you we find our rest.

Gather us in under the shelter of your wing.

Settle our souls and calm our minds,

that we may worship you this day

in joy and peace. Amen.

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 ~ *More Love to Thee, O Christ* ~ No. 828

More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea:

more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek;
give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Prayers of the People

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 ~ *A Choral Benediction* ~ Besig & Price

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 ~

Leviticus 19:1-18

¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ³You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. ⁴Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the Lord your God. ⁵When you offer a sacrifice of well-being to the Lord, offer it in such a way that it is acceptable on your behalf. ⁶It shall be eaten on the same day you offer it, or on the next day; and anything left over until the third day shall be consumed in fire. ⁷If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be acceptable. ⁸All who eat it shall be subject to punishment, because they have profaned what is holy to the Lord; and any such person shall be cut off from the people. ⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Silent Prayer

*Hymn ~ My Faith Looks Up to Thee ~ No. 829

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ Praeludium ~ H. Schroeder

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Today's Greeters are Lois and Ron McAllister.

Today's Ushers are Martha Nenno and Joan McGonnell.

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:

Oct. 29 ~ Nathan Petryszak



31 ~ Marilyn Hurley

Nov. 3 ~ Gary Larson

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 10/29/23

Sunday – Oct. 29	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Tuesday - Oct. 31	6pm Hand Out Halloween Candy 6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Nov. 2	10am Bible Study 5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Choir
Friday - Nov. 3	10am Coffee and Conversation at N. Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – Nov. 5	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon First Sunday Potluck Lunch 3pm Keynote Chorus Concert

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

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



Thankfest

Saturday, November 11th at 5pm

Join us for a *traditional turkey dinner*.

MEF will provide the turkey and gravy. Please bring a traditional “fixin” (mash potatoes, cranberry sauce, yams, squash) to pass.

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.