

October 8, 2023, 11 AM
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Lento* ~ L. Boellmann

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 better communicate with you.*

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
**the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple.**

Let the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to the Lord,
for God is our rock and redeemer.

Opening Prayer

God our deliverer, as you revealed your law to Moses at Mount Sinai, teach us to worship you alone and to keep your commandments, that we live by our faith and be faithful as your people. Through Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Minute for Mission ~ Operation Christmas Child

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *Come Sing to God* ~ No. 805

Come sing to God, O living saints;
sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.

In my success I felt secure;
how good you've been to me.
I said that this is my own work,
ascribing all to me.
But when you turned aside your face,
my life was filled with fears.
I begged for help; to you I cried
with loud and bitter tears.

What good is gained by my disgrace,
what profit in defeat?
My grave cannot confess your name,
nor praise for you repeat.
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry;
be merciful to me.
Accept my longing heart's request
and from death set me free.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

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

Presentation of the 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. 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 ~

Exodus 20:1-20

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Matthew 21:33-46

³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹So they seized him, threw

him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Music for Meditation

Silent Prayer

*Hymn ~ *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* ~ No. 815

Give to the winds thy fears;
hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms
God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,
how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath
thy love and guardian care.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ Allegro ~ L. Boellmann

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Today's Greeters ~ Cindy and Dale Dutton

Today's Ushers ~ Barry and Marilyn Hurley

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:

8 ~ Peg Darrow

12 ~ Miles Oncken

14 ~ Punkie Sinesiou

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 10/8/23

Sunday – Oct. 8	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Usher Training
Monday - Oct. 9	9am ROME in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - Oct. 10	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Oct. 11	4pm MEF Meeting
Thursday - Oct. 12	5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Choir
Friday - Oct. 13	10am Coffee and Conversation at N. Union Tim Hortons 7:30pm Fish Club
Sunday – Oct. 15	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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



Shoebox Gift Suggestions

Girl Boy

A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Large toy
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument

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- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb or brush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Fun adhesive bandages
- Eating utensils
- Nail clipper and file



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing and undergarments
- Flip-flops or shoes
- Cold weather items
- Sunglasses
- Bags, backpacks, or purses
- Hair accessories
- Hats
- Wristwatch or jewelry
- Flashlight



CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Fishing kit
- Jump rope
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colorful rope/twine
- Books or picture books



TOYS

- Ball
- Frisbee®
- Building blocks
- Finger puppets
- Slinky®
- Yo-yo
- Magnets
- Kaleidoscope
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades