

November 12, 2023, 11 AM
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Album Leaf* ~ R. Wagner

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

Give ear, O people, to my teachings.

Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

We open our lips in parables;

we utter dark sayings from of old.

These are things we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;

we will tell to the coming generation

the glorious deeds of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Your love is all we seek, O God.

Silence in us any voice but yours this day.

Help us sort through the clutter

and distractions in our lives,

that we may be present, here, right now,

and worship you in joy and peace. Amen.

Recognition of Veterans

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* ~ No. 835

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. (*Refrain*)

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (*Refrain*)

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. (*Refrain*)

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 ~ *Walk Along Beside Me* ~ Besig and 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 ~

Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

²Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

³Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Matthew 25:1-13

¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Silent Prayer

*Hymn ~ *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* ~ No. 837

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Song of Rejoicing* ~ Rimsky-Korsakov

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Today's Greeters are Terry Deats and Nathaniel McClellan.

Today's Ushers are Barry and Marilyn Hurley.

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.**



The Salvation Army needs volunteers for its Red Kettle Campaign! Funds raised through this campaign are used to meet needs in our local community. Shifts are available at Big Lots, Hobby Lobby, Ried's Food Barn, and Walmart between November 24th-December 23rd. Please call Captain Moretz at 716-372-6740 or go to bit.ly/OleanSA to sign up.

Mark your calendars

December 3rd following Worship

Plan to stay to Deck the Halls! There are trees to be decorated, wreaths and bows to be hung, decorations to be displayed, and holiday cheer to be shared! We will have a pizza lunch for those volunteering to stay.



As we begin preparing for the Advent season, Pastor Bruce is looking for help with the following:

- Do you have a favorite scripture reading that he can share with everyone as he sends out a daily scripture each day during Advent? Please email it to sbl_63118@msn.com
- Are you willing to be a candle lighter for the Advent wreath? This will include a short reading. The dates needed are 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24 morning and 12/24 evening. Please let Pastor Bruce know.