

November 19, 2023, 11 AM
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Processional* ~ T. DuBois

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

To you I lift up my eyes, O God,
enthroned in the heavens.

**Our eyes look to you, O Lord;
have mercy on us.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have had too much contempt.

**Our eyes look to you, O Lord;
have mercy on us.**

Opening Prayer

Lord God, throughout our history you have raised up faithful leaders to deliver us from oppression, like the prophet Deborah. Heed the cries of those who are suffering in the world today and deliver them by your mighty hand, that they may know and trust the promise of your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *Standing on the Promises* ~ No. 838

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (*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 ~ *The Church's One Foundation* ~ Jeanne Sittler

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 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! ²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us. ³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. ⁴Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Silent Prayer

*Hymn ~ *Fight the Good Fight* ~ No. 846

Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

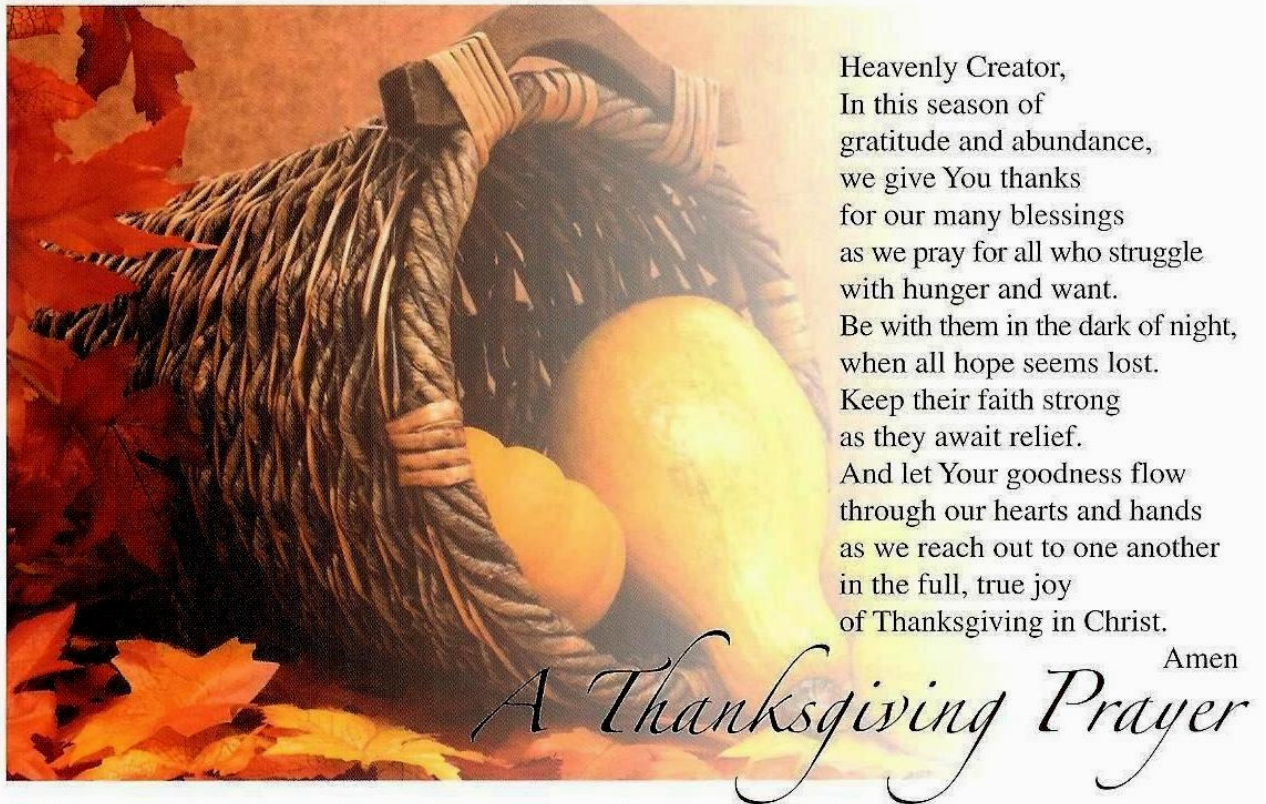
Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Andante Marcato* ~ L. Boellman

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Today's Greeters are Wendy Brand and Molly Petryszak.
Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Dave Shults.



Heavenly Creator,
In this season of
gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks
for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.
Keep their faith strong
as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow
through our hearts and hands
as we reach out to one another
in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

A Thanksgiving Prayer

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:
19 ~ John Weinhold
23 ~ Betsy Cashing
25 ~ Ken Way

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 11/19/23

Please Note: Pastor Bruce is away this week.

Sunday – Nov 19	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Tuesday - Nov. 21	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Nov. 23	Happy Thanksgiving
Saturday - Nov. 25	11am Choraliers
Sunday – Nov. 26	9:30am Bible Study Noisy Cans
	11am Worship ~ Della Moore, Guest Preacher

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



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.