

January 21, 2024, 11 AM
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* ~ Dale Wood

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.*

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is next Sunday after church; please plan to attend.

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

God is our rock and salvation.

**We wait to hear from God;
our souls wait.**

We depend on God alone;

**we release what will pass away
and rest in God's enduring mercy.**

Though God calls us down difficult paths,

**we answer, relying on God's help,
for God keeps calling us to the work.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

The present form of this world is temporary. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord,
for true power and steadfast love belong to you. **Amen.**

Children's Time

Opening Hymn ~ *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~ No. 14

For the beauty of the earth,

for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth

over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (*Refrain*)

For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (*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.

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

Anthem ~ *Cantate Domino* ~ Anna Laura Page

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 ~

Jonah 3:1-10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Closing Hymn ~ *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* ~ No. 306

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *An Exhortation to Praise* ~ Lani Smith

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Today's Greeter is Karen Bowersox.

Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Dave Shults.

**Thanks to all who helped with the MLK service.
The day was a great success due to all the helping hands!**



**Please join us next Sunday, January
28th, for our Annual Congregational
Meeting. Reports are available in
Fellowship Hall.**

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	Judi Mitchell	Carol Bess
Doris Coral		

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.*

*Thank you for your help! ***

Happy Birthday to:

21 ~ Michael Jennings, Sandi Smith

27 ~ Ed Bigley

Happy Anniversary to:

21 ~ Kevin & Linda Kelly

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/21/24

Sunday – Jan. 21

9:30am Bible Study

11am Worship

Tuesday - Jan. 23

10am Brunch at La Dolce Vita

6:30pm Scouts

Wednesday - Jan. 24

5pm Book Club at Perkins

Thursday - Jan. 25

11:30am Interfaith Caregivers in Fellowship Hall

4pm Worship Team

5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner

6:30pm Vespers

6:45pm Scouts

7pm Bible Study

7pm Choir

Friday - Jan. 26

10am Coffee and Conversation

at N. Union Tim Hortons

Sunday – Jan. 28

9:30am Bible Study

Noisy Cans

11am Worship

Noon Annual Meeting

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

