

February 18, 11 AM
First Sunday of Lent
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Adagio in G Minor* ~ Tomaso Albinoni

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

The praise we come to share
is praise of thanksgiving.

**In our worship,
we hold God's love close to our hearts.**

We desire to surround ourselves with community.

**As our songs echo, our prayers rise,
claiming God as our strength.**

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you have made covenant with us and with every living creature. We give thanks for the sign of the rainbow, for it reminds you and us of your promise: that the flood of destruction will not be the last word. We thank you, too, for the waters of baptism, the sign that we are raised as children of the covenant; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we thank you for the sign of the dove, the promise of your Holy Spirit. hovering over the dawn of creation, descending upon your beloved Son, your Spirit also hovers over and descends upon us. With the whole creation, we give you all glory and honor. In your triune name we pray. **Amen.**

Children's Time

Opening Hymn ~ *To God Be the Glory* ~ No. 634

To God be the glory;
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us;
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. (*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 ~ *Let All Together Praise Our God* ~ Richard Gieseke

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 25

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

¹²Who are they that fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

¹³They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.

¹⁴The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

¹⁸Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

¹⁹Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.

²⁰O guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

²¹May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

²²Redeem Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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."

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Closing Hymn ~ *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ~ No. 32

I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

Benediction

Please join us for Coffee Hour!

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* ~ J. S. Bach

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Today's Greeters are Terry Deats and Sandi Smith.

Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Dave Shults.

**Looking for Greeters. Please signup 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:
22 ~ Kay Shults, Marie Petrick

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 2/18/24

Sunday – Feb. 18	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Tuesday - Feb. 20	10pm Brunch at La Dolce Vita 6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Feb. 21	Noon PW Meeting 5pm Burt Meeting
Thursday - Feb. 22	5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Choir
Friday - Feb. 23	10am Coffee and Conversation at N. Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – Feb. 25 <i>Noisy Cans</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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



Dinner Out
Tuesday, February 27, 5:30pm
Napoli's Pizza

Plan to join us for fellowship,
fun and food!

We are going to try to boost our Easter attendance by following a program recommended by our Presbytery Consultant. The first step is for you to think of someone to invite to church for Easter. We, the church, will try to send each of them a card before Easter to reinforce your invitation. I know many of us are not comfortable with this, but I hope you will try it. May God bless you during this Lenten-Easter Season. ~ Pastor Bruce

Session

2025

Steve Yehl	Property
Louie McClure	Property
Wendy Brand	Nominating
Marlene Lang	Christian Education/Mission

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Craig Polson	Finance/Stewardship/Worship
Doug Cashing	Treasurer
Chris Norton	Clerk of Session
Punkie Sinesiou	Worship

Other Chairs

Kay Shults	MEF
Lanna Waterman	Communications