

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.
~ Psalm 118:29**

March 31, 2024, 11 am
Easter Sunday
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *"Finale" from Organ Symphony #5* ~ C. M. Widor

Good Morning Saints

Christ is Risen
He is Risen Indeed

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
God is Good

Call to Worship

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Let all creation be amazed!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

Opening prayer

O risen Christ, before sending her as the first witness to your resurrection glory, you revealed to the grieving Mary the breadth, the length, the height, and the depth of your steadfast love with the simple message "Do not be afraid." Resurrect in us a bold love that overcomes fear and sends us to recount what you have done through words of comfort, catalyzing witness, and love of neighbor, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn ~ *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* ~ No. 232

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offering

*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 the Trumpet Sound* ~ Natalie Sleeth

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

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Music for Meditation

The Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O God of mercy and might.
In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.
You have called forth men and women in every age
to be your servants and speak your word.
When we rebelled against your call
and turned from your ways,
in your love you called us back to you.
You delivered us from captivity,
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

Thank you for your faithfulness from generation to generation and especially for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. He walks with us along the way and fills our hearts with love. He breaks bread with us and opens our lives to experience grace. He covers us with healing and pours out love with abandon

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
We pray the prayer he taught.

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.

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Glorious and wonderful God thank you for this feast! You prepared this table for us out of love, fed us with the bread of life and quenched our thirst with the cup of gladness. As you nourish us with you presence and renew our hope may we do so for others. All thanks and praise to you O Lord our God author and giver of life through Jesus our risen Lord.

*Hymn ~ *In Christ There Is No East or West* ~ No. 318

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Sortie* ~ Cesar Franck

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Today's Greeter is Terry Deats.

Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Dave Shults.



Sunday, April 14th, is our 2nd Sunday Luncheon. If you are able to, please bring a dish to pass. If not, plan to attend anyway!

Dinner Out
Monday, April 15th, 5:30pm
Hometown Bar & Grill in Allegany

Plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship!
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	Barbara Compher	Carol Bess
Thomas Burian		Kay Allin

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.
Thank you for your help! ***

Happy Anniversary to:
5 ~ Rick & Brenda Snyder

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 3/31/24

Sunday – March 31 9:30am Easter Coffee Hour
 11am Worship ~ Easter

Monday - April 1 4pm Session Meeting

Tuesday - April 2 6:30pm Scouts

Thursday - April 4 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner
 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
 6:45pm Scouts
 7pm Bible Study
 7pm Choir

Friday - April 5 10am Coffee and Conversation
 at N. Union Tim Hortons

Saturday - April 6 10am Chess Tournament

Sunday – April 7 9:30am Bible Study
 11am Worship

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

2024 Easter Memorials

*In loving memory of Our
Parents and Grandparents
~ Dave & Kay Shalts*

*In loving memory of Our Parents,
John & Carol Weinhold and James &
Elaine Trippany
~ John Weinhold and Diane Trippany*

*In loving memory of Our Mom,
Helen McCully
~ Don, John, Dean, Jean and Joan*

*In loving memory of Dylan Oakley
~ Andrea Oakley and Lexie Fisk*

*In loving memory of Peg and Don
Bergreen
~ Betsy & Doug Price*

*In honor of my wonderful Church
Family
~ Lanna Waterman*

*In honor of Our Parents, Ruth & Ray
Smith and Ann & Stanley Neff
~ Rip and Sandi Smith*

*In loving memory of Ted Norton
~ Nan and Chris Norton*

*In loving memory of Our Parents
~ Doug & Betsy Cashing*

*In loving memory of Bea Powers and
Richard and Lucile Galey
~ Martha Nenno*

*In loving memory of Special Friends,
Frances Wurtz, Ruth Baum and Gene
Wascher
~ Joan & Mark McGonnell*

*In loving memory of Amanda Harris
Oncken
~ Bruce & Marlene Levine*

*In honor of Our Family
~ Bruce & Marlene Levine*



Session**2025**

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

2026

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

Other Chairs

Kay Shults	MEF
Lanna Waterman	Communications

Deacons**2025**

Martha Nenno - Treasurer
Sandi Smith
Lanna Waterman - Secretary
Barry Hurley - Moderator

2026

Betsy Cashing - Vice Moderator
Lynn McClure
Chris Burton
Cynthia Dutton