

April 28, 2024, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Wings of the Morning* ~ Walter Clarke

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.*

Noisy Can

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

We come to worship with joy,
trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

**We lean into God for understanding,
anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**

May God hear our praise!

May we be counted among the great congregation.

**May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to God.**

Opening Prayer

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* ~ No. 526

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. (*Refrain*)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (*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.

Minute of Information ~ Louie McClure, Property Update

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 ~ *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* ~ John Wilson

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

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15:1-8

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Music for meditation

Hymn ~ *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ~ No. 611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Allegro* ~ Felix Mendelssohn

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Join us for coffee hour!

Today's Greeter is Chris Burton.

Today's Ushers are Chris Burton and Louie McClure.

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	Warren Hauser	Kay Allin

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

Happy Birthday to:
 April 28 ~ Michelle Braymiller
 29 ~ Mark McGonnell
 May 1 ~ Cheryl Jennings
 3 ~ Lucas Burton

Happy Anniversary to:
 May 3 ~ Mark & Joan McGonnell

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 4/28/24

Sunday – April 28	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
<i>Noisy Cans</i>	
Tuesday - April 30	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - May 1	6pm Game Night
Thursday - May 2	5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Choir
Friday - May 3	10am Coffee and Conversation at N. Union Tim Hortons
Saturday - May 4	10am Chess Tournament 5pm Dinner Out at Grand Slam
Sunday – May 5	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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

Dinner Out at Grand Slam

Saturday, May 4th, 5pm

Join us for food, fun and fellowship.
Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Don't want the fun the end? Continue
on to the Southern Tier Symphony at
7pm at Bona's Quick Center!



During the month of May, First Presbyterian Church will be collecting diapers for Operation Warm Hearts of Olean, a nonprofit providing new clothing, books, and hygiene and personal supplies to children birth to 18. Please bring in packages of diapers (especially needed are sizes Newborn through 5). Our goal is to collect 50 packages of diapers—enough to supply a month's worth of diapers for each child!