

June 30, 2024, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

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Call to Worship

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
and our praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Tell the next generation:

Our God will be our guide forever.

Come, let us rejoice.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your hand to heal, to comfort, and to save. All thanks and praise be to you, O God; your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

*Hymn ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ~ No. 337

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

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

*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

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 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

John 14:1-6

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Word of God

The Word of Life

Message ~ *Be Not Afraid* ~ Rev. Dr. Anthony L. Evans

Music for Meditation

Hymn ~ *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* ~ No. 337

My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside
let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
land of the noble free,
thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills
like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
author of liberty,
to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might,
great God, our King.

Postlude

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Today's Greeters are Dale and Cindy Dutton.

Today's Liturgist is Lanna Waterman.

Today's Ushers are Chris Burton and Louis McClure.

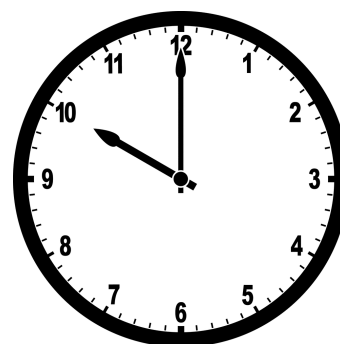


Dinner Out at Randy's Fireside

July 11th, 5pm

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join for food, fellowship and fun!

**Starting July 7th,
Summer Worship Time is 10am**



Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Judy Sanchez	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	David	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 Birthday to:

June 30 ~ Marlene Lang

July 5 ~ Nathaniel McClellan

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 6/30/24

Sunday – June 30 11am Worship ~ Tony Evans, Guest Preacher

Thursday - July 4 Happy 4th of July ~ Office Closed

Saturday - July 6 1pm Chess Tournament

Sunday – July 7 **10am Worship** ~ Alexis Fisk, Guest Preacher

Please Note: Pastor Bruce will be out of town from Saturday, June 22nd until Saturday, July 6th.

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

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