

September 15, 2024, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

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

We have been gathered in this place for this time,
**that we might hear the good news
we can't help but share.**

On this day and each one to come,
**may the words of our mouths,
the meditations of our hearts,
and the actions of our lives
proclaim our faith.**

Opening Prayer

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality, in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *Let All Things Now Living* ~ No. 37

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;

pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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

Anthem

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 19

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.
⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for meditation

*Hymn ~ *I Danced in the Morning* ~ No. 157

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. (*Refrain*)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. (*Refrain*)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (*Refrain*)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

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Today's Greeter is Karen Bowersox.

Today's Liturgist is Marlene Lang.

Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Dave Shults.

Join us for coffee hour!

Anyone interested in purchasing a fall Chrysanthemum from the Rotary Club may sign up on the sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall. Each plant is \$17 (you chose the color). Thanks!

~ Tony Evans



Dinner Out at Moonwinks

September 24th at 5pm

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



This is a QR Code that will take you to the Compelling Preaching survey that Pastor Bruce has been talking about. You may use this or the link provided in the emails and texts.

Prayer List

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| 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 | Sylvia Lynch | 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:
15 ~ Bryan Petryszak
19 ~ Carol Bess

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 9/15/24

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| Sunday – Sept 15 | 9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship |
| Tuesday - Sept 17 | 10am Brunch at La Dolce Vita 6:30pm Scouts |
| Wednesday - Sept 18 | Noon PW Meeting 5pm Burt Meeting |
| Thursday - Sept 19 | 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study |
| Friday - Sept 20 | 10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons 7pm Bird Club |
| Sunday – Sept 22 | 9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship |

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