

September 29, 2024, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Berceuse* ~ Louis Vierne

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 gather in this place
seeking to live in faithful community
and asking God to guide us.

Lord, revive our souls,

that we might lift each other up.

Lord, revive our souls,

that we might order our communities
in ways that lead us toward love.

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Opening Prayer

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* ~ No. 23

God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities,
stately buildings row on row.
Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,
stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed
in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning,
scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
though untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

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 for Mission ~ Chris Norton, Peace and Global Witness

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 ~ *Blessed Are They Who Trust* ~ Josep Marten

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 124

¹If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—
²if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,
³then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
⁴then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
⁵then over us would have gone the raging waters.
⁶Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for meditation

*Hymn ~ *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* ~ No. 291

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." (*Refrain*)

You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. (*Refrain*)

You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. (*Refrain*)

You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (*Refrain*)

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Praeludium* ~ Hermann Schroeder

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Join us for coffee hour!

Today's Greeter is Chris Burton.

Today's Ushers are Martha Nenno and Joan McGonnell.



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.

Saturday, October 5, 2pm - 5pm

To benefit the African American Center for
Cultural Development

Hosted at Raymour and Flanigan

\$5 entry fee.

Text Della Moore at 215-704-6608 to register



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	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:

3 - Colleen Kelly

5 - Martha Nenno

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 9/29/24

Sunday – Sept. 29	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Tuesday - Oct. 1	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Oct 2	6pm Game Night
Thursday - Oct. 3	5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Oct. 4	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – Oct. 6 <i>Communion</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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