

October 13, 2024, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Shall We Gather at the River* ~ Dale Wood

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.

Thank you for continuing to participate in the Compelling Preaching research project.

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

We gather before God together,
imperfect but present.

**Let us worship God together earnestly,
with our whole selves.**

We gather before God together,
desiring deeper faith.

**Let us learn from God together
as we seek harmony between our words
and our actions.**

Opening Prayer

God, sometimes we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Sometimes all we can do is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven, and scream out loud, Why? Sometimes we do not want to persist in our integrity; we allow our suffering to lead us into despair. Yet wisdom comes from listening to your Word. Enable us to see the life you have given us through the laughter, joy, trial, and tribulation of your son Jesus Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ~ No. 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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 ~ *Come to the Water* ~ Jack Shrader

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 90

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

⁸You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of

God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn ~ *To God Be the Glory* ~ No. 634

To God be the glory;
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us;
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Toccata in E Minor* ~ Johann Pachelbel

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Join us for coffee hour!

Today's Ushers are Martha Nenno and Louie McClure.

Today's Greeter is Martha Nenno.



Plan to stay for our 2nd Sunday
pot luck luncheon following
worship today.

All are welcome!

Please bring in candy as well as gifts suitable for younger children, older children and/or adults for our Halloween basket raffle prizes. We also need 3 large baskets for the raffles. Please bring donations by Sunday, October 27th.



It's baking season!! Baking some goodies - cookies, bread, something else yummy? Why not bake a little extra and donate to our Sunday Coffee hour? Wrap them up for the freezer and label with the date, please. Or did you find a good deal while shopping for goodies? We'll happily accept those too!! MEF thanks you for your generosity!

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:

14 ~ Punkie Sinesiou, Susan Hausman

17 ~ Michaela Bigley

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 10/13/24

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| Sunday – Oct. 13 | 9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Pot Luck Lunch |
| Monday - Oct. 14 | Andrea Off |
| Tuesday - Oct. 15 | Andrea Off 10am Brunch at La Dolce Vita 6:30pm Scouts |
| Wednesday - Oct 16 | Noon PW Meeting 5pm Burt Meeting |
| Thursday - Oct. 17 | 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study |
| Friday - Oct. 18 | 10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons 5pm Bird Club |
| Sunday – Oct. 20 | 9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship |

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