

October 20, 2024, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Welcome, Happy Morning* ~ John Scriveynor

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

God's greatness is beyond our understanding,  
yet we proclaim . . .

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

God stretched the heavens across the sky;

**let us marvel at the stars that fill it.**

God raised mountains above the depths;

**let us gather in wonder before them.**

Opening Prayer

Listening God, hear your church today as we bring our joys and our concerns,  
our thanksgivings and our demands. Fill us with the assurance that you truly hear our words  
and thoughts, our songs and our tears. In the name of the one who always shows us the  
way, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Celebration for Andrea Oakley's 15 Years of Service

Children's Time

\*Hymn ~ *Be Still, My Soul* ~ No. 819

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## 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 ~ *Echo Anthem* ~ Gordon Young

### 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 91*

<sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
<sup>2</sup>will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;  
<sup>4</sup>he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.  
<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,  
<sup>6</sup>or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.  
<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.  
<sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.  
<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,  
<sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.  
<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.  
<sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.  
<sup>15</sup>When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.  
<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

#### *Mark 10:32-45*

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

<sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

## Music for Meditation

Hymn ~ *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* ~ 835

*Refrain:*

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. (*Refrain*)

Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (*Refrain*)

When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. (*Refrain*)

## Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ~ Lani Smith

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Join us for coffee hour!

Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Dave Shults.

Today's Greeters are Sandi Smith and Karen Bowersox.

**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 1 large basket for the raffles. Please bring donations by Sunday, October 27th.**



## *Thankfest*

*Saturday, November 9th at 5pm*



Join us for a *traditional turkey dinner*. MEF will provide the turkey and gravy.  
Please sign up for a traditional "fixin" to pass.

The fun will continue after dinner with an auction of gifts! Those who wish to participate should bring a wrapped, like-new item from their home that someone would be happy to receive or an item purchased for about \$10. The rest will be explained that night.



Keynote Chorus  
Thank You Concert  
November 10th at 2pm  
Free-will offering to support  
First Presbyterian Church



## 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:

20 ~ Bob Lehman, Betsy Way, Ada Grace Oncken

23 ~ Judi Blair, Ken Stebbins

Happy Anniversary to:

20 ~ Bill & Chris Burton

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 10/20/24

Sunday – Oct. 20	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Tuesday - Oct. 22	5:30pm Scout Troop Meeting in Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Oct 23	5pm Book Club at Perkins
Thursday - Oct. 24	4pm Worship Team Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Oct. 25	No Coffee & Conversation
Sunday – Oct. 27 <i>Noisy Cans</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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