

November 3, 2024, 11 am
All Saints Sunday
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Be Thou My Vision* ~ 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

A wandering people
wondered what their new life would be like,
and Moses said:

You shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Generations later,
leaders argued over which rules were most important,
and Jesus reminded them:

You shall love the Lord with all your soul.

And in this world that so often feels broken,
we recognize God's call:

You shall love the Lord with all your might.

With heart, soul, and might, let us worship God.

Prayer

Merciful God, you always hear us when we cry out. You stay close when we are in distress. It is you in whom we seek refuge, and you deliver us from evil. Let praise flow from our mouths to your ears, for we can taste and see that you are indeed good.

All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, O God, our redeemer and our strength.

Amen.

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *For All the Saints* ~ No. 326

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lighting of the Memorial Candles

After the singing of the hymn, you may come forward and light a memorial candle in remembrance of loved ones and friends who have died and gone home to God. You may share their names if you wish. (Please light just one candle.)

Prayers of the People

Presentation of 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 ~ Rain Down~ Jaime Cortez

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 ~

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this, I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason, they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Music for meditation

The Lord's table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy

to give you thanks and praise,

O God of mercy and might.

In your wisdom, you made all things

and sustain them by your power.

You have called forth people in every age

to be your servants and speak your word.

When we rebelled against your call

and turned from your ways,

in your love you called us back to you.

You delivered us from captivity,

and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with the choirs of heaven

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,

in whom you have revealed yourself,

our light and our salvation.

Baptized in Jordan's waters,

Jesus took his place with sinners

and your voice proclaimed him your beloved.
Your Spirit anointed him
to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to restore sight to the blind,
to free the oppressed.
He lived among us in power and grace,
touching broken lives with your healing peace.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
O God, as you once claimed us in the Spirit's waters
and number us among your own beloved,
give us power to do your work, to show your love,
and to live holy and joyful lives.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
We pray the prayer he taught.

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.

The Communion of the People

*Closing Hymn ~ *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* ~ No. 730

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,

and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

As the acolyte takes the light out so do we carry the light of God's love into the world.

Postlude ~ *Voluntary on "Dix"* ~ David Kidwell

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Today's Ushers are Martha Nenno and Joan McGonnell.



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.

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 ~ Gary Larson
9 ~ Louie McClure

Happy Anniversary to:
6 ~ Barry & Marilyn Hurley
8 ~ John & Susan Hausman

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 11/3/24

Sunday – Nov. 3	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship <i>Communion</i>
Monday - Nov. 4	4pm Session
Tuesday - Nov. 5	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Nov. 7	1pm Deacons Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Nov. 8	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons 7:30pm Fish Club
Saturday - Nov. 9	5pm Thankfest
Sunday – Nov. 10	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship 2pm Keynote Chorus Concert

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



Keynote Chorus

Thank You Concert



November 10th at 2pm

Free-will offering to support
First Presbyterian Church



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!