

November 24, 2024, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* ~ Nancy Folkerts

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.*

*We need candle lighters for the advent wreath. Please talk to Pastor Bruce.*

Noisy Cans ~ *Collection of change and bills to support the Olean Food Pantry*

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 136

God's Work in Creation and in History  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
who alone does great wonders,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
who by understanding made the heavens,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
who spread out the earth on the waters,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
who made the great lights,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
the sun to rule over the day,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## Opening Prayer

Holy God, creator of all that is and is to come, you made the world and called it good. We thank you and praise you, for we have wreaked havoc on your good creation, yet you promise to make all things whole and live among us in joy and peace. Keep us watchful for Christ's coming, enliven our hope, and support us through the birth pangs of your new creation, that we may welcome you with songs of praise. **Amen.**

## Children's Time

\*Hymn ~*We Gather Together* ~ No. 336

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

## 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 ~ *Dear Father* ~ Neil Diamond

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 93*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

<sup>2</sup>your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

<sup>3</sup>The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

<sup>4</sup>More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

<sup>5</sup>Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

*Philippians 1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy <sup>5</sup>for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of God

**The Word of Life**

Message

## Music for Meditation

\*Hymn ~ *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ~ No. 367

Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from each field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away;  
give the angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come;  
raise the glorious harvest home!

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Voluntary on #6* ~ James Boyce

Today's Greeters are Chris Burton and Sandi Smith.  
Today's Ushers are Chris Burton and Louie McClure.

Mark your calendars  
December 1st following Worship

Plan to stay to Deck the Halls! There are trees to be decorated, wreaths and bows to be hung, decorations to be displayed, and holiday cheer to be shared! We will have a pizza lunch for those volunteering to stay.



## *PW Christmas Gathering at Brother's Bistro*

*Wednesday, December 11th at Noon*

All women of the congregation are invited to attend this  
Christmas lunch gathering for food, fellowship and fun.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

**Christmas Memorials**

**Order forms in Fellowship Hall**

**Orders due by  
Sunday, December 8th**



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	Pastor Bruce Levine

*\*\*Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.  
Thank you for your help! \*\**

Happy Birthday to:

28 ~ Reilly Smith

29 ~ Craig Smith, Dale Isenberg

Happy Anniversary to:

26 ~ Phil & Pat Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 11/24/24

*Please note:* Pastor Bruce is out of town this week. The Church office will be closed Weds - Fri.

Sunday – Nov. 24

*Noisy Cans*

9:30am Bible Study

11am Worship

Tuesday - Nov. 26

6:30pm Scouts

Wednesday - Nov. 27

5pm Finance Meeting

Thursday - Nov. 28

Have a blessed Thanksgiving

Friday - Nov. 29

No Coffee & Conversation

Sunday – Dec. 1

*Communion*

9:30am Bible Study

11am Worship

Noon Deck the Halls

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



**We are in need of another usher. If you are interested, please contact Punkie Sinesiou at 585-307-2327.**