

December 29, 2024, 11 AM
First Sunday After Christmas
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

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

Every year we celebrate Christmas.

Every month we break bread.

Every week we gather for worship.

Every day we count our blessings.

Every minute God is near.

Yes, every minute God is near.

These are the rituals of our faith.

Let us worship Holy God.

Opening Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the good news of Jesus, the gift of salvation, and we will try to live according to your word. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn ~ *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* ~ No. 146

Gentle Mary laid her child

lowly in a manger;

there he lay, the undefiled,

to the world a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place,

can he be the Savior?

Ask the saved of all the race

who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth;
wise men sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth,
glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night;
all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled,
but no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth,
beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth;
hail the King of glory!

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

If you prefer, you can go to our website Oleanfirstpresbyterian.com and click on the donate button.

*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

The 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 ~

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

Joshua 1:9

⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Isaiah 43:18-19

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message ~ Alexis Fisk

Music for Meditation

Closing Hymn ~ *The First Nowell* ~ No. 147 (verses 1 – 4)

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. (*Refrain*)

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. (*Refrain*)

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

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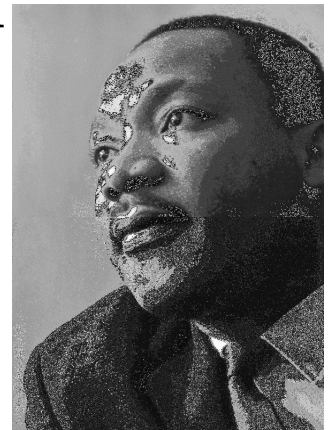
Today's Ushers are Barry & Marilyn Hurley.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Service Sunday, January 19th, 2:30pm First Presbyterian Church

Please join us in the multi-cultural, interfaith
expression of peace, hope and unity.

A fellowship dinner will be held immediately
following the event.

All are welcome.



Can You Help?

For our annual Martin Luther King celebration, we will need volunteers to provide casseroles, salads, etc. and to work in the kitchen to receive the food and assist with serving. Signup sheets will be posted in January.



Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Judy Sanchez	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	Colt Matz	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	Judi Mitchell	

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

Please Note: Pastor Bruce will be out of the office from Wednesday, December 25th, until Saturday, January 18th. The Church Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th, through Friday, January 3rd.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 12/29/23

Sunday – Dec. 29 11am Worship ~ Alexis Fisk, Guest Preacher

Tuesday - Dec. 31 6:30pm Scouts

Thursday - Jan. 2 6:30pm Scouts
 7pm Choir

Friday - Jan. 3 No Coffee and Conversation

Sunday – Jan. 5 11am Worship ~ Della Moore
 Noon De-Deck the Halls

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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

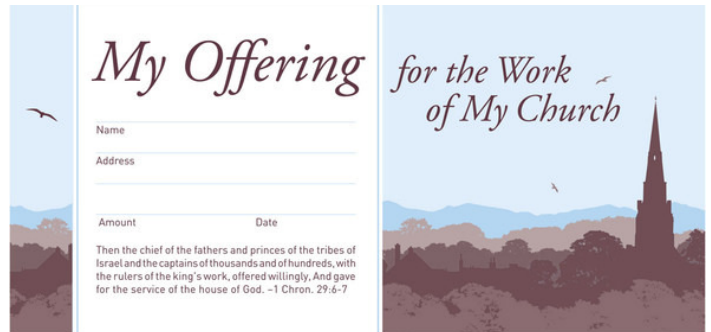
The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship service on Sunday, January 26th.

Submissions and reports for the Annual Report are due to the office by Monday, January 13th.

The Annual Report will be available in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, January 19th.



Please let Andrea know if you would like a box set of offering envelopes for 2025. Call 716-372-7844 or email oleanfpc@wny.twcbc.com.



2025 Per Capita is \$40.