

January 12, 2025, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* ~ Robert Hughes

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

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Call to Worship

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

Opening Prayer

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission.

May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *Baptized in Water* ~ No. 482

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

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

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Anthem ~ *Behold, a Tiny Baby* ~ Mary Lynn Lightfoot

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

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message ~ Rev. Dorothy Burton Pearman

Music for Meditation

Hymn ~ *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* ~ No. 688

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *A Psalm of Thanksgiving* ~ Franklin Ritter

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Join us for coffee hour!

Today's Ushers are Barry & Marilyn Hurley.

Flower Committee

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, please notify a Flower Committee member below, or record your request on the flower chart at the back of the sanctuary and you will be contacted. If multiple requests are received for the same day, you may be contacted to establish another suitable date. Minimum two weeks notice requested.

We will place your order with Mandy's for delivery on the requested day.

The charge for a basic arrangement is \$20; payment can be mailed to the church office (FPC PO Box 1608 Olean, NY 14760) or placed in the collection plate, labeled "flowers". Or, you may call Mandy's directly to order and pre-pay for the arrangement once the date is cleared with a committee member.

At the same time, we will ask you for the message/wording you would like printed in the bulletin.

Betsy Cashing 716-378-1634

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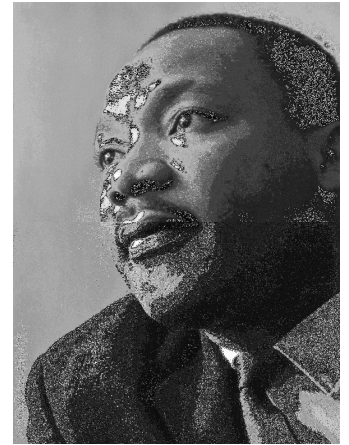
Martin Luther King, Jr., Service

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 are in Fellowship Hall.

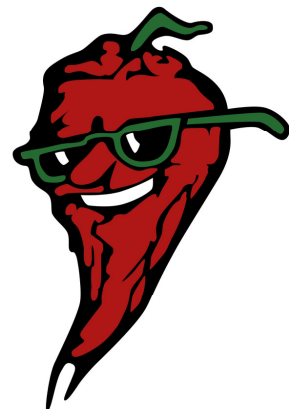


Dinner Out at Mickey's

Wednesday, January 22nd at 5pm

Plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.



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	

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

Happy Anniversary to:
15 ~ Bruce & Marlene Levine

Please Note: Pastor Bruce will be out of the office until Saturday, January 18th.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/12/25

Sunday – Jan. 12	11am Worship ~ Dorothy Pearman
Monday - Jan. 13	Annual Reports Due
Tuesday - Jan. 14	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Jan. 16	6:30 Scouts 7pm Choir
Friday - Jan. 17	No Coffee & Conversation 7pm Bird Club
Saturday - Jan. 18	11am MLK Rehearsal
Sunday – Jan. 19	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship 2:30pm MLK Service followed by Pot Luck Dinner

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