

January 26, 2025, 11 am  
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.*

Noisy Cans

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**God calls us to be builders as well.**

God calls us to build our lives:

**to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

God calls us to build our faith:

**to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

God calls us to build our community:

**to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises  
of Scripture:

**to preach the good news of God's love and liberation  
for all people.**

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

\*Hymn ~ *Live into Hope* ~ No. 772

Live into hope of captives freed,

of sight regained, the end of greed.

The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

## 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

### 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 19*

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
<sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.  
<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

### *Luke 4:14-21*

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

## Message

## Music for Meditation

Hymn ~ *In Christ There Is No East or West* ~ No. 318

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

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Join us for our annual meeting following worship!

**Thank you to everyone who helped with the Martin Luther King Service last Sunday.....from working in the kitchen, to handing out programs, to taking out garbage, to bringing a dish to pass or just attending! It was a great day! Thank you for being so willing to help!**

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	Battistoni family

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

Happy Birthday to:

27 ~ Ed Bigley

28 ~ Glenda Jester

29 ~ Alex Braymiller

31 ~ Renee Ensell

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/26/25

Sunday – Jan. 26

*Noisy Cans*

9:30am Bible Study

11am Worship

Noon Annual Meeting

Tuesday - Jan. 28

6:30pm Scouts

7pm Interfaith Gathering at African American Cultural Center

Thursday - Jan. 30

5:30pm BYO Dinner

6:30pm Vespers

6:30 Scouts

7pm Choir

7pm Bible Study

Friday - Jan. 31

10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons

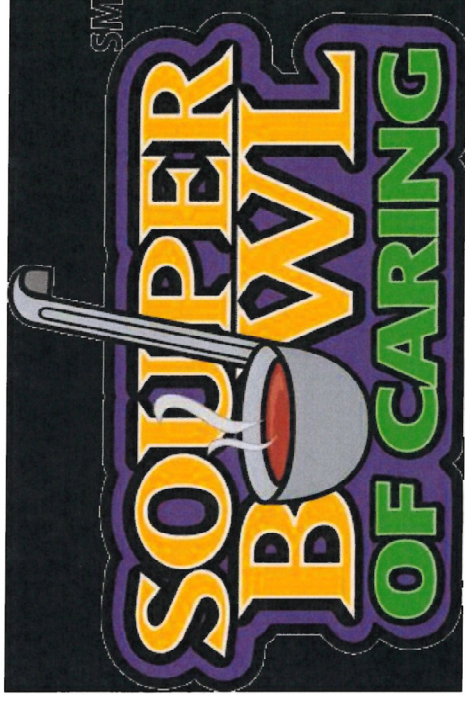
Sunday – Feb. 2

9:30am Bible Study

11am Worship

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

# YOU CAN HELP OLEAN'S FOOD PANTRIES!



## Suggested items:

- cereal
- oatmeal
- crackers
- pb & j
- pasta and sauce
- canned beans
- canned tuna & chicken

- shelf-stable meals
- canned fruit
- jello & pudding mixes
- mac & cheese
- rice & pasta mixes
- hot chocolate mix

**Bring in non-perishable food to donate**

**Feb. 8 & 9**

Sponsored by Olean High School's Souper Bowl of Caring Student Volunteers  
For monetary donations: cash or checks payable to OHS SAC