

February 2, 2025, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Rise Up With Gladness* ~ J.S. Bach

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Thank you, God, for gathering us.

Remind us again of your love.

**The good news of the gospel is this:**

**the God of all creation came to dwell among us,  
but we crucified this revelation of sacrificial love.**

God went to the depths of hell to gather us all.

In Christ's resurrection we are drawn again to the  
presence of God.

**This is good news for all who hear.**

Opening Prayer

God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts.

Increase in us the stuff that life is made of: faith, hope, and love, but especially love,  
that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our lover and our lord. Amen.

Children's Time

Hymn ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ~ No. 275

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

Prayers of the People

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

Service of Ordination and Installation

Elders to be installed: Betsy Price, Wendy Brand, Louis McClure, and Marlene Lang  
Deacons to be Ordained and Installed: Teddy McClellan  
Deacons to be installed Joan McGonnell. Sandi Smith, and Lanna Waterman

## Prayer of Ordination and Installation

### Blessing

### Laying on of Hands

You are now ruling elders and deacons in the Church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

### Anthem ~ *Jubilate, Deo* ~ Jay Althouse

### Passing of the Peace

### Prayer for Illumination

**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

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Luke 4:21-30*

<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me

this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no

prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and

there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to

a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they

heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might

hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of God

**The Word of Life**

Message

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 men and women 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

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!

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Farewell I Give Thee* ~ M. Teschner

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## 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:

5 ~ Craig Polson, Alexis Fisk

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 2/2/25

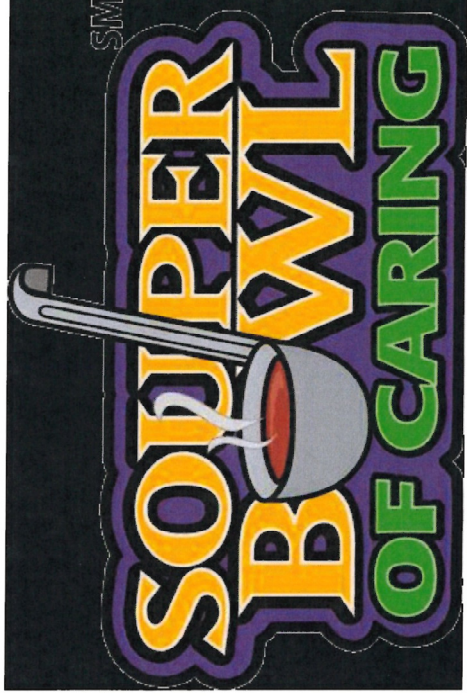
Sunday – Feb. 2	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Monday - Feb. 3	4pm Session
Tuesday - Feb. 4	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Feb. 6	5:30pm BYO Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30 Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Feb. 7	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – Feb. 9	9:30am Bible Study 11am 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