

March 2, 2025, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church  
Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God,  
singing joyful songs of praise!  
For the glory of the Lord shines upon us,  
and calls us forth with thanksgiving.  
Let us turn to the mountaintop,  
and let us give God the glory.  
Come, let us worship God!

Opening prayer

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light;  
by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your  
gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled  
faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.

Children's Time

\*Hymn ~ *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* ~ No. 66

*Refrain:*

Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (*Refrain*)

Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
it chills the body but not the soul.  
There is but one train upon this track.  
It runs to heaven and then right back. (*Refrain*)

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

Anthem

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

*Exodus 34:29-35*

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Luke 9:28-43(a)*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Mo

ses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

<sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing...

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

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 ~ *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* ~ No. 498

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!"  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care.  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

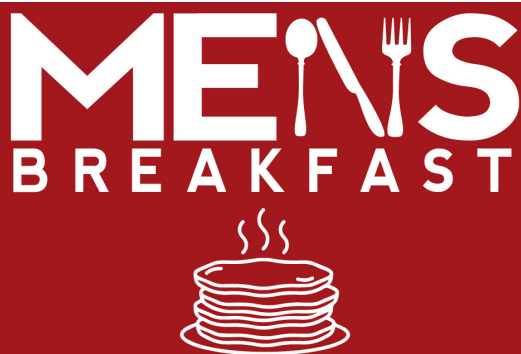
Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

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Join us March 5th at 5:30pm  
in the Chapel for our Ash  
Wednesday Service.



*We will try to revive the Men's  
Breakfast that Covid ended. We will  
meet at Perkins on the Second  
Saturday of the month at 8 am.  
Hope to see you there on March 8th!*



Next Sunday, March 9th, is our  
2nd Sunday Luncheon. If you  
are able to, please bring a dish  
to pass. If not, plan to attend  
anyway!

## 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	Russ Wikoff

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

Happy Birthday to:

4 ~ Chris Burton, Jane Pitcher, Linda Kelly

7 ~ Terry Deats

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 3/2/25

Sunday – March 2	9:30am Bible Study <i>Communion</i> 11am Worship
Monday - March 3	4pm Session
Tuesday - March 4	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - March 5	5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday - March 6	5:30pm BYO Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30 Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - March 7	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons
Saturday - March 8	8am Men's Breakfast at Perkins Change clocks ahead before bed
Sunday – March 9	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Pot Luck Lunch

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

## **Session**

### **2026**

Craig Polson	Finance/Stewardship
Doug Cashing	Treasurer
Chris Norton	Clerk of Session
Punkie Sinesiou	Worship

### **2027**

Louie McClure	Property
Wendy Brand	Nominating
Marlene Lang	Christian Education/Mission
Betsy Price	MEF

### **Other Chairs**

Kay Shults	MEF
Lanna Waterman	Communications

## **Deacons**

### **2026**

Betsy Cashing - Treasurer  
Lynn McClure - Moderator  
Chris Burton - Secretary  
Cynthia Dutton

### **2027**

Sandi Smith  
Lanna Waterman - V. Mod.  
Joan McGonnell  
Teddy McClellan