

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 118:29

April 20, 11 am
Easter Sunday
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Finale* ~ C. M. Widor

Good Morning Saints
Christ is Risen
He is Risen Indeed

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
God is Good

Call to Worship

Today is the day mystery unfolds.

We glimpse it at the dawning of light.

We yearn to hear our Lord calling us:

sister, brother, sibling.

Today we recall again God's trustworthy promise:

The tomb is empty!

The Lord is risen!

The enemy of death is destroyed!

We delight, saying: alleluia!

We wonder, singing: alleluia!

We are witnesses shouting: alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Hymn ~ *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* ~ No. 232

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offering ~ One Great Hour of Sharing also received today

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 ~ *Easter Jubilate* ~ John Purifoy

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

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly, two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Thank you for your faithfulness from generation to generation and especially for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. He walks with us along the way and fills our hearts with love. He breaks bread with us and opens our lives to experience grace. He covers us with healing and pours out love with abandon

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

Prayer after Communion

Hymn ~ *Hear the Good News of Salvation* ~ No. 441

Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed,
to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Toccata in G* ~ T. DuBois

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Dinner Out
April 30th, 5pm
Kopper Keg
11 East Main St., Cuba
Join us for food, fun and fellowship!
Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List

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| 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 | Bruce Levine |
| Dee Lorentz | Ron Register | |

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

Happy Birthday to:

20 - Aaron Jahnke
 21 - Jan Comstock
 23 - Dave Shults, Rip Smith
 24 - Tony Evans, Kim Smith

Happy Anniversary to:

21 - Brian & Carol McClellan

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 4/20/25

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| Sunday – April 20 | 9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship ~ Easter Noon Easter Egg Hunt |
| Tuesday - April 22 | 10am Brunch at RocketCup Coffee 6:30pm Scouts |
| Wednesday - April 23 | 6pm Scout Meeting - Basement |
| Thursday - April 24 | 4pm Worship Team 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30 Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study |
| Friday - April 25 | 10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons |
| Sunday – April 27 | 9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship |

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

2025 Easter Memorials

*In loving memory of Our
Parents and Grandparents
~ Dave & Kay Shults*

*In loving memory of family gone
~ Mr. & Mrs. William Bigley*

*In loving memory of Our Mom,
Helen McCully
~ Don, John, Dean, Jean and Joan*

*In loving memory of Dylan Oakley
~ Andrea Oakley and Lexie Fisk*

*In loving memory of Joanne, Byron &
Andy Waterman
~ Lanna Waterman*

*In loving memory of Our Parents and
Grandparents
~ Rip and Sandi Smith*

*In loving memory of Kathy Gruver
~ Thomas and Karen Bowersox*

*In loving memory of Our Parents
~ Doug & Betsy Cashing*

*In honor of Barbara Compher
~ Martha Nenno*

*In honor of Rick Snyder for beautiful
music
~ Phil & Patricia Smith*

*In honor of Carol Bess
~ Thomas and Karen Bowersox*

*In loving memory of Our Parents
~ Dale & Cindy Dutton*



Brunch at RocketCup Coffee Company
Tuesday, April 22, 10am
116 West State Street



Session**2026**

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

2027

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

Other Chairs

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| 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