

May 4th, 2025, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Prelude to "Parsifal"* ~ Richard Wagner

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia!

Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to our God forever and ever!

Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Children's Time

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.

In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. Thanks be to God!

Hymn ~ *Lead Me, Guide Me* ~ No. 740

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (*Refrain*)

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 ~ *Praise! Praise!* ~ G. F. Handel

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.

Reading ~

1 Samuel 9:3-18

³Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, had strayed. So Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the boys with you; go and look for the donkeys." ⁴He passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then he passed through

the land of Benjamin, but they did not find them. ⁵When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to the boy who was with him, "Let us turn back, or my father will stop worrying about the donkeys and worry about us." ⁶But he said to him, "There is a man of God in this town; he is a man held in honor. Whatever he says always comes true. Let us go there now; perhaps he will tell us about the journey on which we have set out." ⁷Then Saul replied to the boy, "But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What have we?" ⁸The boy answered Saul again, "Here, I have with me a quarter shekel of silver; I will give it to the man of God, to tell us our way." ⁹(Formerly in Israel, anyone who went to inquire of God would say, "Come, let us go to the seer"; for the one who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.) ¹⁰Saul said to the boy, "Good; come, let us go." So they went to the town where the man of God was.

¹¹As they went up the hill to the town, they met some girls coming out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?" ¹²They answered, "Yes, there he is just ahead of you. Hurry; he has come just now to the town, because the people have a sacrifice today at the shrine. ¹³As soon as you enter the town, you will find him, before he goes up to the shrine to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those eat who are invited. Now go up, for you will meet him immediately." ¹⁴So they went up to the town. As they were entering the town, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the shrine. ¹⁵Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: ¹⁶"Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be ruler over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen the suffering of my people, because their outcry has come to me." ¹⁷When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you. He it is who shall rule over my people."

¹⁸Then Saul approached Samuel inside the gate, and said, "Tell me, please, where is the house of the seer?"

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

Message ~ God's Timing: Nothing Just Happens ~ Della Moore

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ~ No. 829

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Ancient of Days* ~ Robert Hughes

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Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Jane Brown and
Grace Cashing by Doug and Betsy Cashing.

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	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:
7 ~ Gary Gruver

Happy Anniversary to:
3 ~ Mark & Joan McGonnell

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 5/4/25

Please Note: Pastor Bruce is out of town from May 7th until May 9th.

Sunday – May 4	11am Worship ~ Della Moore, Guest Speaker
Monday - May 5	4pm Session
Tuesday - May 6	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - May 8	4pm Deacons 6:30 Scouts 7pm Choir
Friday - May 9	No Coffee & Conversation 6:30pm Travelogue 7:30pm Fish Club
Saturday - May 10	8am Men's Breakfast at Perkins
Sunday – May 11	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

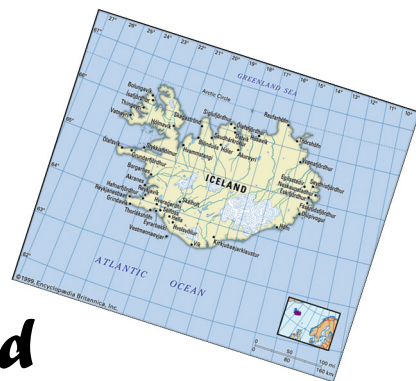
If you wish to speak with Pastor Bruce, please call 716-378-6773.



Friday, May 9th at 6:30pm

Travelogue

Visit *Scotland* and *Iceland*



If you are able to bring a dessert, please talk to Lanna.