

July 20, 2025, 10 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

The psalmist declares,
I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.

**I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.**

I will thank you, God, forever,
because of what you have done.

**In the presence of the faithful,
let us proclaim God's name, for it is good.**

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ, that through the witness of our lives the gospel may be proclaimed to all people.

Call to Confession

Faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God. Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

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

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ. Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the holy spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

Our God Is an Awesome God ~ No. 616

Our God is an awesome God
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome God!

Hymn ~ Be Thou My Vision ~ No. 450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

Offering

Minute for Mission ~ Camp Duffield ~ Betsy Cashing

*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

Special Music ~ David Battistoni, Soprano Saxophone

Playing a verse from four favorite hymns:

There's Something About That Name

The Old Rugged Cross

In the Garden

Be Still, My Soul

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

Psalms 15

¹O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Luke 7:11-17

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* ~ No. 300

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (*Refrain*)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (*Refrain*)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (*Refrain*)

*Benediction

Postlude

(Music permission by One License: 734848-A)



Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Robert L. Brown and Chester C. Cashing by Doug and Betsy Cashing.

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



Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Judy Sanchez	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	Mark Newcomb	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	Aileen Abbott

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

Happy Birthday to:
26 ~ Luke Petryszak

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 7/20/25

Sunday - July 20 10am Worship

Tuesday - July 22 10am Brunch at RocketCup Coffee

Friday - July 25 10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons

Sunday - July 20 10am Worship
Noisy Cans

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

Mark Your Calendar
Thursday, July 31st
Concert in Park at Lincoln Park
Bring your own dinner at 5
Not Norman concert 6-8

Blessing Box Coming to FPC

I wanted to give everyone an update on the Blessing Box. It was paid for by a private donation, and the 619 girls troop of Scouting America offered to create it. We are aiming for completion by the end of summer. We will be having a blessing of the box, possibly after church. All will be invited ahead of time to take part in a picture with the Scouts for the newspaper. I also invite the congregation to bring a non-perishable item that day to put in the box. I will be trying to stock the box as needed by donations and possible fundraising throughout the year, but the idea is to leave as you can or take as you need. Scouts and I will be checking it weekly before meetings for expiration dates, spoilage, and just making sure it is ok in general. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or see me after church; I'll be here.

Thank you,
Kristen Gibbs 716-970-0022

Church Information Meetings

Would you like to join our church or learn more about it? We will hold two information classes at 9:00 on August 3 and August 10. This will be followed by a reception of new members on August 10.

Joining the church means declaring publicly that you find this community of faith important in your life, and through it, you can grow in your faith and trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. There are no additional requirements; however, numerous opportunities exist for service to the church and the world through our church.

Even if you prefer to attend and participate without joining, please be sure that you are very welcome to worship and serve with us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce. 716-378-6773