

August 17, 2025, 10 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;

God rescues the weak and the needy.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God,

now and forever.

Call to Confession

The God who demands justice from us is the God who pours out mercy upon us.

Trusting in that gracious love, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy: We confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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!

Morning Prayer

Faithful God, you have blessed us with the inheritance of grace that we might live as people of justice, righteousness, and peace. Stir in us your power and fill us with the love of Christ, strong and true, that we may be always eager to serve your promised reign of peace. Amen.

*Hymn ~ *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ~ No. 196

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. (*Refrain*)

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. (*Refrain*)

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (*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.

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

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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message ~ Rev. Dorothy Pearman

Music for Meditation

*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.

Benediction

Postlude

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**Dinner Out at Twist & Shake
Tuesday, August 19th at 5pm**

**Join us for food, fun and
fellowship!
Sign up in Fellowship Hall.**

**If it is raining, we will meet at
Friendly's instead.**



**Wednesday, Aug. 20th, 6pm
Bring a game to play and a snack if
you wish.
Come join the fun!**

**MEF will be meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 20th
at 4pm**



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
	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:

19 ~ Will Burton

Happy Anniversary to:

21 ~ Mark & Portia Harris

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 8/17/25

Sunday - Aug. 17 10am Worship ~ Rev. Dorothy Pearman preaching

Tuesday - Aug. 19 5pm Diner Out at Twist & Shake (Friendly's if rain)

Wednesday - Aug. 20 4pm MEF meeting
6pm Game Night

Sunday - Aug. 24 10am Worship ~ Marlene Lang & Matt Isenburg

Please note: Pastor Bruce is out of the office Friday, Aug. 22nd, until Saturday, Sept. 6th.

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