

August 31, 2025, 10 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *The Call to Commitment* ~ Lani Smith

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

O give thanks to God!

Remember the wonderful things God has done!

Glory in God's holy name!

Sing of God's acts and promises!

We will seek God's presence,

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

Let us worship God.

Call to Confession

Through 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!

Morning Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and magnify your holy name. **Amen.**

*Hymn ~ *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* ~ No. 69

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (*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

Special Music ~ *Toccata* ~ Aram Khachaturian

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 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalms 118:24-29

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *I Danced in the Morning* ~ No. 157

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. (*Refrain*)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. (*Refrain*)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (*Refrain*)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)

*Benediction

Postlude ~ *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ~ David Paxton

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Prayer List

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| Joe Hovey | 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:
2 - Megan Kelly

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 8/31/25

Sunday - Aug. 31 10am Worship ~ Andrea Oakley

Thursday - Sept. 4 5pm Finance Meeting
7pm Choir

Sunday - Sept. 7 9:30am Welcome Back Breakfast
11am Worship

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.



Welcome Back Breakfast
Sunday, September 7th at 9:30am
Sign-up sheet for dish to pass is in Fellowship Hall.
Worship Service returns to 11am!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, Sept. 13th, 8am

RocketCup Coffee

See you there!



Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 6pm

**Bring a game to play and a snack if
you wish.**

Come join the fun!

Wednesday, September 10th at Noon

All women are invited to join us for the first
Presbyterian Women's (PW) meeting of the fall.

We share a brown bag lunch at noon, followed by
a brief meeting. Then Pastor Bruce leads us in
a Bible Study.

Usually we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the
month. September is an exception.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**Next Sunday, September 7th
Sunday Worship Returns to 11am**

