

September 14, 2025, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Prelude on "Rockbridge"* ~ Edward Broughton

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Jesus calls to the crowds with warnings.

Jesus calls to the converts to follow him.

Jesus calls to the resisters with parables of rejection.

Jesus calls to you: "Proclaim the kingdom of God." And the people answer:

**Thanks be to God for life and health and all goodness.**

Call to Confession

Clothed with the mantle of baptism and protected by God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we desire what is not your will. We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits. We are truly sorry and repent of what we have done and what we have not done. Show us the path of your prophetic way. Open our eyes to new ventures. Help us love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and renew us, in the name of life abundant, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, and peace given to you through God's grace. By the power vested in me as a minister of the church of Jesus Christ, I proclaim that you are forgiven. Live in the word of the Lord and be made new.

*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

Holy and gracious God, you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold, to paths we do not know. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.

## Children's Time

\*Hymn ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ~ No. 275

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

Reception of New Members ~ John and Susan Hausman

Prayers of the People

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 ~ *Go Now in Peace* ~ Don Besig

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

*Matthew 22-34:40*

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

*Deuteronomy 5:6-21*

<sup>6</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>7</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>8</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>9</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>10</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>11</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought

you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day. <sup>16</sup>Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>17</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>18</sup>Neither shall you commit adultery. <sup>19</sup>Neither shall you steal. <sup>20</sup>Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>21</sup>Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife. Neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

Message

<sup>6</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>7</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

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 ~ *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* ~ No. 43

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings, your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield. (*Refrain*)

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. (*Refrain*)

For to his angels he's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. (*Refrain*)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Sing, Men and Angels, Sing* ~ Tom Birchwood

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Today's flowers are given in memory of loved ones: parents, daughter and brother, by John and Susan Hausman.

**Dinner Out at Genesee Pizzeria  
46 Genesee St., Cuba  
Wednesday, Sept. 24th at 5pm**

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



Prayer List

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
Alexus Fisk	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:  
15 - Bryan Petryszak  
19 - Carol Bess  
20 - April Hanners

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 9/14/25

Sunday - Sept. 14	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship <i>Communion</i>
Monday - Sept. 15	6:30pm Friends of Good Music
Tuesday - Sept. 16	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Sept. 17	5pm Burt Meeting
Thursday - Sept. 18	5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Sept. 19	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons 7pm Bird Club
Sunday - Sept. 20	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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

**Book Club**  
**Monday, September 22nd, 4:45pm**  
**Beef 'n' Barrel**



**All are welcome to attend.**  
**Organizational meeting for**  
**the new year.**

**For seating purposes, please let**  
**Chris Norton or Pastor Bruce know**  
**if you are new to the group**  
**and plan to attend.**



**There is a sign up sheet in**  
**Fellowship Hall if you would**  
**like to bring in a snack for**  
**Coffee Hour.**



**Any help is greatly**  
**appreciated!**

