

September 28th, 2025, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Trumpet Tune* ~ J-J Mouret

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Noisy can

Choral introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is King of kings
and Lord of lords.

**Jesus Christ, who rules over all things,
gathers us in love.**

Jesus Christ is King of kings
and Lord of lords.

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

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!

Children's Time

Opening Prayer

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally. Amen.

*Hymn ~ *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ~ No. 667

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

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.

Minute for Mission ~ Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering, Chris Norton

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 ~ *Every Valley* ~ John Ness Beck

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 2:5-11

- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Exodus 20:7

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for he Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Do not take the name of the Lord your God in Vain

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* ~ No. 688

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ~ Lani Smith

(Music permission by One License: 734848-A)

Today after church, we will be doing a small ceremony for the opening of the Blessing Box! All are welcome to attend 12:30pm start.

We will be doing a blessing with Scouts who made it possible, our own Girls Troop #619, and hopefully getting the Olean Times Herald to do a small blurb and photo.

Your commitment to serving the community is so amazing to watch. This will be a real blessing to those in need in Olean. I'm very proud to be at our church where the blessings literally rise up to meet our prayers.

Any questions call me at 716-970-0022.

Kristen Gibbs



GUINEA PIGS WANTED

The Challenger Learning Center in Allegany was revamped this summer.

**We are learning a new mission:
Lunar Quest.**

We need 20-30 family and friends to be our Guinea pigs as we practice.

**The dates are: Monday, October 6 @ 6 PM
and Sunday, October 19 @ 4 PM**

(no Bills game that day, we checked).

It should take between 2-3 hours. If you would like to be part of the fun, tell Chris Norton or call (716)379-8686, M-F, 9-3.



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
Cataleya Casas	Ron Register	Sally Belloli

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

Happy Birthday to:

28 - Mark Bowersox, Barb Busack

2 - Deb Battistoni

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 9/28/25

Sunday - Sept. 28	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship ~ Noisy Cans 12:30pm Blessing Box Ceremony
Tuesday - Sept. 30	5:30pm Scout Committee Meeting 6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Oct. 1	PW Mitten Tree goes up
Thursday - Oct. 2	5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Oct. 3	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons
Sunday - Oct. 5 <i>Communion</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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