

October 5, 2025, 11 am
World Communion Sunday
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Meditation* ~ Edward Broughton

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship ~ Ps. 111

God has sent redemption to us
and made with us a covenant.
Holy and awesome is God's name.
Praise the Lord!

Call to Confession

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

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

Grace flows like a river, mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, You remain constant through all of our striving, and patient with our prayers. We seek your wisdom, yearn for your justice, and crave your blessing, for our own sakes and for the sake of the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ, who prays with us. **Amen.**

*Hymn ~ *We Are One in the Spirit* ~ 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*)

Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offering including Peacemaking and Global Witness 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 ~ *Flying Free* ~ 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

Mark 2: 23-28

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. ¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

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 ~ *In Christ There Is No East or West* ~ No. 318

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Mighty Are Thy Works* ~ Gary Davidson

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Today's flowers are given in honor of Carol Bess and Cindy Shaver and in appreciation for their First Presbyterian Church friends, by cousins, Bob & Letty Mason of Ohio.

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
Jan Norton		

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Thank you for your help! ***

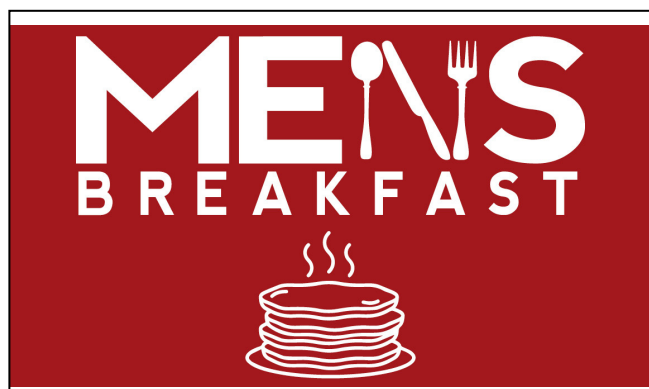
Happy Birthday to:

5 - Martha Nenno

7 - Molly Petryszak

8 - Peg Darrow

10 - Kathleen Jahnke, Diane Clark



Saturday, Oct. 11th, 8am

RocketCup Coffee

See you there!



Wednesday, Oct. 8th, 6pm

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

Come join the fun!

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 10/5/25

Sunday - Oct. 5 <i>Communion</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Monday - Oct. 6	4pm Session
Tuesday - Oct. 7	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Oct. 8	4pm MEF Meeting 5pm CE Meeting 6pm Game Night
Thursday - Oct. 9	4pm Deacons 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Oct. 10	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons 7:30pm Fish Club
Saturday - Oct. 11	8am Men's Breakfast at RocketCup Coffee
Sunday - Oct. 12	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Pot Luck Lunch

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



Next Sunday, October 12th, is our 2nd Sunday Luncheon. If you are able to, please bring a dish to pass. If not, plan to attend anyway!

Wednesday, October 22nd 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.
October is an exception.



**Please bring in candy for us to hand
out Halloween night.
Please bring donations in by
Sunday, October 26th.
Join us Halloween night from
6pm until 8pm.**



The PW Mitten Tree will be up until
Sunday, October 26th. Donations
of mittens, hats, scarves and socks are
appreciated. Collected items will be
donated to the Olean Food Pantry.

**Dinner Out at The Wing
Wednesday, Oct. 22nd at 5pm**

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

