

November 23, 2025, 11am
Reign of Christ
Thanksgiving Sunday
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* ~ J. S. Bach

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Noisy Cans

Choral Introit

God is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
God is Good

Call to Worship

God has looked favorably on all of God's people
and has redeemed all of creation.

**God has given us a mighty Savior,
the Lord whose reign we celebrate.**

We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.

Let us worship God!

Call to Confession

With humble hearts, trusting in grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silent Confession

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

God has rescued us from the power of sin and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Through Christ our lord, 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!

Prayer of the Day

Creator of the universe,
Creator of the heavens and the earth,
Creator of waters, sky, grass and trees,
Creator of creeping things and every animal of every kind,
Creator of every person everywhere,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.

Holy God, for your faithfulness,
For your mercies that are new every morning,
For your grace that finds us along our way,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.

Loving God, who endures with us,
Who rejoices with us,
Who weeps with us,
Who finds us when we are lost,
Who cares for us when we are broken,
Who listens as we pour out our hearts to you,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.

Righteous God, for your Holy Spirit,
Who refreshes our hearts,
Who fills us until we overflow with abundance of joy, love, and peace,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.

Eternal God, for your Son Jesus the Christ,
In whom you have delivered us,
In whom you have forgiven us,
In whom you have reconciled us and given us life everlasting,
We give you thanks and we give you praise.

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *We Gather Together* ~ No. 336

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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.

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 ~ *Thanks Be to Thee* ~ G.F. Handel

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

Psalm 100

¹ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

² Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.
⁵ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Philippians 1:1-11 and 4:4-9

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Massage

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ~ No. 367

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *A Psalm of Thanksgiving* ~ Franklin Ritter

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Today After Worship

Plan to stay to Deck the Halls! There are trees to be decorated, wreaths and bows to be hung, decorations to be displayed, and holiday cheer to be shared! We will have a pizza lunch for those volunteering to stay.



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		

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.*

*Thank you for your help! ***

Happy Birthday to:

23 ~ Betsy Cashing, David Battistoni

29 ~ Dale Isenberg

Happy Anniversary to:

26 ~ Phil & Pat Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 11/23/25

Please Note: Pastor Bruce is out of town from November 24th through November 28th.

Sunday - Nov. 23

Noisy Cans

9:30am Bible Study

11am Worship

Noon Deck the Halls - pizza for volunteers

Tuesday - Nov. 25

6:30pm Scouts

Thursday - Nov. 27

Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday - Nov. 30

First Sunday of Advent

9:30am Bible Study

11am Worship

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



Flowers given in honor of Phil & Pat Smith's 70th wedding anniversary! They were married November 26, 1955 in the Portville Presbyterian Church.



PW Christmas Gathering at Brothers Bistro

Wednesday, December 10th at Noon

All women of the congregation are invited to attend this
Christmas lunch gathering for food, fellowship and fun.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Matthew Black Concert

An indie-folk singer-songwriter

**Wednesday, December 10th
at 6:30pm**

First Presbyterian Church



Free Will Offering Accepted to Benefit Musician

**** MEF is looking for volunteers to bring in desserts for this event. Please talk to Lanna if you are willing to help. ****

Christmas Memorials

Order forms in Fellowship Hall

Orders due Sunday, December 14th





Join us on Sunday,
December 14th for the
Children's Christmas
Program during 11am
Worship.

Sunday, December 14th
1:30pm at the Pines
Eden Heights to follow



Please let Andrea know if you would like a box set of offering envelopes for 2026. Call 716-372-7844 or email oleanfpc@wny.twcbc.com.

<i>My Offering</i>		<i>for the Work of My Church</i>
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<small>Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, And gave for the service of the house of God. -1 Chron. 29:6-7</small>		