

November 30, 2025, 11AM
The First Sunday of Advent
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Infant Holy* ~ Dale Wood

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

What can't wait?

Hope for a better day.

What can't wait?

Peace and repentance, among and within us.

What can't wait?

Joy and delight! Our cup runs over.

What can't wait?

Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator, and love for creation.

God is waiting, and God is ready.

Starting here and now - let us worship Holy God. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Lighting the First Advent Candle ~ Chris Burton

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

Let us begin with the good news! Let us begin by trusting that we are a blessing, loved by a gracious God. Let us begin with music and singing! Let us begin with warmth and welcome. Let us begin with hope.

Yes, let us begin with hope.

Today we light the candle of hope to shine a light in a worn and weary world. May this be our foundation. May this be our fresh start. May this be our new beginning. May hope flow forth from here. Amen!

Advent Song ~ *Light One Candle* ~ Natalie Sleeth

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart. He comes! He Comes!

Call to Confession

You know what time it is:
now is the time to wake from sleep.
salvation is near!
Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You paint a picture of a better world - a world of peace and joy, of equality and grace. But we turn our heads and close our eyes, afraid that you might want us to help. You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent. You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet. You ask us to listen, and we assume we are the experts. You lead with love, and we wait on the sidelines. Forgive us for always being ten steps behind you. Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress. Fill our hearts with a hope that won't let go. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ! Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

Children's Time

*Opening Hymn ~ *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* ~ No. 93

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

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

If you prefer, you can go to our website Oleanfirstpresbyterian.com and click on the donate button.

*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 ~ *And the Stars Sang* ~ Josep Martin

The 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 25

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

⁸Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Closing Hymn ~ *Love has Come* ~ No. 110

Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *March of the Three Kings* ~ Roger Wilson

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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. ****

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 Compber	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:

1 ~ Gunnar Jahnke

3 ~ Matt Lang, Barbara Taft

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 11/30/25

Sunday - Nov. 30 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Monday - Dec. 1	3pm Finance 4pm Session
Tuesday - Dec. 2	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Dec. 4	5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Dec. 5	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Sunday - Dec. 7 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship ~ Communion

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



Children's Program

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

Signup in Fellowship Hall



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>
Name _____		
Address _____		
Amount _____	Date _____	
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		



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.

Christmas Memorials

Order forms in Fellowship Hall

Orders due Sunday, December 14th

