

January 4th, 2026 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

From distant lands and faraway shores,
God calls us together.

**Like a shepherd tending his flock,
God gathers us in.**

Along straight paths and cleared byways,
God guides our journey.

**Like a mother taking her firstborn's hand,
God leads us home.**

Praise the Lord, O people! Shout for joy!

Let us sing aloud with gladness.

Let us worship the Lord!

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

“You are called to belong to Jesus Christ.” For the sake of the one God promised to send, named as God’s son, who died, was raised, and through whom we receive grace, God forgives you all your sins. You are God’s beloved, called to be saints. Grace to you and peace.

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

Giving God, you have adopted us as your children, sisters and brothers of your beloved, Jesus Christ. Empower us to be holy and blameless witnesses to your glorious reign of peace and love now come into this world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* ~ No. 442

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

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 ~ *The Light Still Shines* ~ Natalie Sleeth

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

**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.**

Scripture Readings

John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;
And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.
Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.
And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?
And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.
And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message ~ *God uses us in all our brokenness*, Della Moore

Music for meditation

*Closing Hymn ~ *We Three Kings of Orient Are* ~ No. 151

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. (*Refrain*)

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshipping God Most High. (*Refrain*)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (*Refrain*)

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. (*Refrain*)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship service on Sunday, January 25th.

Submissions and reports for the Annual Report are due to the office by Monday, January 12th.

The Annual Report will be available in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, January 18th.



Prayer List

Joe Hovey	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Judy Sanchez	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	Mark Newcomb	Chase Ewoldt
Sally Belloli	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	Dennis Whittaker

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

Happy Birthday to:

5 ~ Wendy Brand

6 ~ Andrea Oakley

9 ~ Sarah Larson, Doug Price

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/4/26

Sunday - Jan. 4	11am Worship ~ Della Moore
Tuesday - Jan. 6	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Jan. 8	4pm Deacons 5pm Finance 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Jan. 9	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons 7:30pm Fish Club
Saturday - Jan. 10	Men's Breakfast at RocketCup Coffee
Sunday - Jan. 11	9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Session Meeting 11am Worship

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

MENS BREAKFAST



***Saturday, Jan. 10th, 8am
RocketCup Coffee
See you there!***

2nd SUNDAY luncheon

Next Sunday, January 11th, is our 2nd Sunday Luncheon. If you are able to, please bring a dish to pass. If not, plan to attend anyway!



As the need for the items is on going, the PW Mitten Tree will be up through winter! Donations of mittens, hats, scarves and socks are appreciated. Collected items will be donated to the Olean Food Pantry every few weeks.

Flower Committee

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, please notify a Flower Committee member below, or record your request on the flower chart at the back of the sanctuary and you will be contacted. If multiple requests are received for the same day, you may be contacted to establish another suitable date. Minimum two weeks notice requested.

We will place your order with Mandy's for delivery on the requested day. The charge for a basic arrangement is \$20. Payment can be mailed to the church office (FPC, PO Box 1608, Olean, NY 14760) or placed in the collection plate, labeled "flowers". Or, you may call Mandy's directly to order and pre-pay for the arrangement once the date is cleared with a committee member.

At the same time, we will ask you for the message/wording you would like printed in the bulletin, or it can be emailed to Andrea, churchoffice@oleanfpc.onmicrosoft.com

Just a reminder, donations to the flower fund are always welcome!

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