

December 7, 2025, 11AM
The Second Sunday of Advent
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Veni Emmanuel* ~ Pietro Yon

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

Welcome to worship.

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I am glad you're here.

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Surely God is in this space.

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I see God in your face.

I see God in your face.

Let us worship together.

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Lighting the second Advent Candle ~ Doug and Betsy Cashing

A: How does a weary world practice peace?

B: By listening before we speak and saying sorry when we need to. By advocating for justice and caring for our neighbor. By practicing Sabbath and forgiving seventy times seven. By choosing grace over hate and opening the door for each other.

A: There are a million ways to practice peace. So today we light the candle of peace as a reminder and a charge. With God's help, may we bring peace into a weary world. Amen.

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!

Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace.

He brings peace to ev'ry heart. He comes! He comes!

Call to Confession

Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us, the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confessions this day. For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God - Not a day goes by when you do not invite us to be peacemakers and advocates, listeners and good Samaritans. Not a day goes by when we are not asked to be a friend to a stranger and a neighbor to those in need. Not a day goes by when we are not asked to be the people you call us to be, and yet, day after day, we lose sight of your hope for this world. Forgive us for walking a different path, and grant us the strength to prepare a new way - Your way - here. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with righteousness. You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life. Rejoice and believe.

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

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.

Children's Time

*Opening Hymn ~ *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ~ No. 133

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Prayers of the People

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 ~ *Our Lord Emmanuel* ~ Tom Fettke

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

- 1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

- 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
9 They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah

- 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3:1-12

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Call to Communion

Jesus was born into a world that told him right away, “There’s no room for you here.” Mary and Joseph were turned away from every door, so Jesus was born in a stable instead of a house. He was laid in a manger instead of a crib.

Friends, today you will not be turned away, because Jesus spent the rest of his life making room. He made room for tax collectors and children. He made room for five thousand people to sit down and eat together. He made room for Samaritan women, Jews and Gentiles. He made room for the sick, for the outcast, for the unclean.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

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.

Communion of the People

*Closing Hymn ~ *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ~ No. 88 (verses 1-4)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Rorate Coeli* ~ Pietro Yon

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Today's flowers are given in loving memory of our parents by
Louie and Lynn McClure.

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 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 Anniversary to:
9 ~ Louie & Lynn McClure

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 12/7/25

Sunday - Dec. 7 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship ~ Communion
Monday - Dec. 4	4:45pm Book Club at Beef 'n' Barrel
Tuesday - Dec. 9	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Dec. 10	Noon PW Luncheon at Brothers Bistro 5pm CE Meeting 6:30pm Matthew Black Concert
Thursday - Dec. 11	4pm Deacons 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Dec. 12	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons 7:30pm Fish Club
Saturday - Dec. 13	8am Men's Breakfast at RocketCup Coffee
Sunday - Dec. 14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship ~ Children's Christmas Program 12:15pm Soup before Christmas Caroling



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.

MENS
BREAKFAST



Saturday, Nov. 8th, 8am

RocketCup Coffee

See you there!

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
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 _____	
<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>		

