

January 11th, 2026 ~ 11am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Though I May Speak* ~ Dale Wood

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

God says: "I am the Lord,
I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand."

**God gives us as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations.**

God says: "I am the Lord,
that is my name;
my glory I give to no other."

**The former things have come to pass;
now God declares a new thing.**

Let us worship God.

Call to Confession

Let us come before God in a spirit of confession and repentance.

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 Pardon

Through confession and repentance, we can trust that we are forgiven and empowered to live a more authentic life of integrity that shows Jesus to the world.

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!

Baptism of Damion and Amie Gilstrap

On behalf of the Session, I present Damion and Amie Gilstrap to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Who is Your Lord and Savior?

Do you trust Him?

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation?

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *Baptized in Water* ~ No. 482

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

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 ~ *Set Me As A Seal* ~ John Leavitt

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 ~

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Today We All Are Called to be Disciples* ~ No. 757

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Make the Sounds of Praise* ~ Robert Hughes

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Plan to stay after worship today
for our pot luck luncheon.
All are welcome!

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.



NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 18th

- * Communion Sunday
- * Ushers Meeting after Church
- * Annual Reports available in Fellowship Hall

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 Compber	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:

11 ~ Nicholas McConnaughey

13 ~ Connor Haynoski

Happy Anniversary to:

15 ~ Bruce & Marlene Levine

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/11/26

Sunday - Jan. 11

9:30am Bible Study
10:30am Session Meeting
11am Worship
Noon Pot Luck Lunch

Monday - Jan. 12

Annual Reports Due

4pm Session Meeting

Tuesday - Jan. 13

6:30pm Scouts

Wednesday - Jan. 14

4pm MEF
5pm CE

Thursday - Jan. 15

5:30pm BYO Dinner
6pm Scouts
6:30pm Vespers
7pm Choir
7pm Bible Study

Friday - Jan. 16

10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
7pm Bird Club

Sunday - Jan. 18

Communion

9:30am Bible Study
11am Worship
Noon Ushers Meeting