

January 18, 2026, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Come, Thou Traveler Unknown* ~ Dale Wood

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done.

**Here is the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world.**

Come and see what God has done.

**We have found the Messiah,  
the anointed one of God.**

A Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Call to 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

Grace flows like a river, mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news:  
in Jesus Christ 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

Holy One, you sent the Lord Jesus Christ to save the world from sin. Teach us to follow him faithfully, proclaiming the good news, that all may come to know and love the Lamb of God, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## \*Hymn ~ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ~ No. 39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

### *Refrain:*

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

## Children's Time

## 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 ~ *Wonder, Love and Praise* ~ Ray Hatton

## 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 49:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

*John 1:29-42*

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

Message

## Music for Meditation

### The Lord's Table

#### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy

to give you thanks and praise,

O God of mercy and might.

In your wisdom, you made all things

and sustain them by your power.

You have called forth men and women in every age

to be your servants and speak your word.

When we rebelled against your call

and turned from your ways,

in your love you called us back to you.

You delivered us from captivity,

and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with the choirs of heaven

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest**

Thank you for your faithfulness from generation to generation and especially for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. He walks with us along the way and fills our hearts with love. He breaks bread with us and opens our lives to experience grace. He covers us with healing and pours out love with abandon.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
We pray the prayer he taught.

**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.**

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn ~ *Open My Eyes, That I May See* ~ No. 451

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Praise* ~ Gilbert Martin

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## 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:  
21 ~ Sandi Smith

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/18/26

Sunday - Jan. 18	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Ushers Meeting
<i>Communion</i>	
Monday - Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day ~ <i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday - Jan. 20	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Jan. 21	Noon PW Meeting
Thursday - Jan. 22	4pm Worship Team Meeting 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Jan. 23	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Sunday - Jan. 25	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Annual Meeting
<i>Noisy Cans</i>	

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

**Per Capita  
for 2026  
\$50**



**ATTENTION!**

## **Ushers Meeting**

**For all current, subs, and potential Ushers - please plan to stay after worship today for a meeting. Thank you!**

## **Hear Ye, Hear Ye!**

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

The Annual Report is now available in Fellowship Hall.



## **Wednesday, January 21st at Noon**

All women are invited to join us for the first Presbyterian Women's (PW) meeting of the new year.

We share a brown bag lunch at noon, followed by a brief meeting. Then Pastor Bruce leads us in a Bible Study.

Usually we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.





### ***New Christmas Wreaths***

MEF is excited to announce the purchase of 10 new Christmas wreaths (like the picture above) to replace the wreaths that hang in the sanctuary during Advent! The wreaths were purchased at an amazing deal of 72% off their regular price, making them about \$40 each after fees. If you would like to donate towards the cost of the new wreaths, please write “wreaths” on the memo line of your check or give any cash to Lanna Waterman or Andrea in the church office. Thank you for your help!



**Book Club**  
**Monday, January 26th, 4:45pm**  
**Beef 'n' Barrel**

**All are welcome to attend.**

**For seating purposes, please let Chris Norton or Pastor Bruce know if you are new to the group and plan to attend.**

**Brunch at RocketCup Coffee Company**  
**Tuesday, January 27th, 10am**  
**116 West State Street**

