

January 25, 2026, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Fantasia* ~ J. Pachelbel

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Noisy Cans ~ *collection of loose change (or bills) to be donated to the Olean Food Pantry*

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!**

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance.

*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!

Children's Time

Prayer of the Day

Holy One, you meet us where we are and call us to step forth in faith. Claim us as disciples, and strengthen us by your Spirit to follow you faithfully, that we may share good news with all; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

\*Hymn ~ *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~ No. 14

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (*Refrain*)

For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (*Refrain*)

## 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 ~ *Sometimes I Hear God's Music* ~ Joseph Martin

### 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 9:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Matthew 4:12-23*

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

#### Message

#### Music for meditation

\*Hymn ~ *The Church's One Foundation* ~ No. 321

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Toccata in F Major* ~ D. Buxtehude

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**Our 2026 Annual Meeting is TODAY following Worship.  
All members of the church are encouraged to stay to  
hear how 2025 went, plans for 2026 and elect new  
members to Session and Deacons.**

**The new class of Elders and Deacons will be ordained  
and/or installed next Sunday, February 1st, during  
Worship.**



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



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:

27 ~ Ed Bigley  
28 ~ Glenda Jester  
31 ~ Renee Ensell

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/25/26

Sunday - Jan. 25 <i>Noisy Cans</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Annual Meeting 3pm Friends of Good Music Meeting
Monday - Jan. 26	4:45pm Book Club at Beef 'n' Barrel
Tuesday - Jan. 27	10am Brunch at RocketCup Coffee 6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Jan. 29	5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Jan. 30	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Sunday - Feb. 1 <i>Communion</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship ~ Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons

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



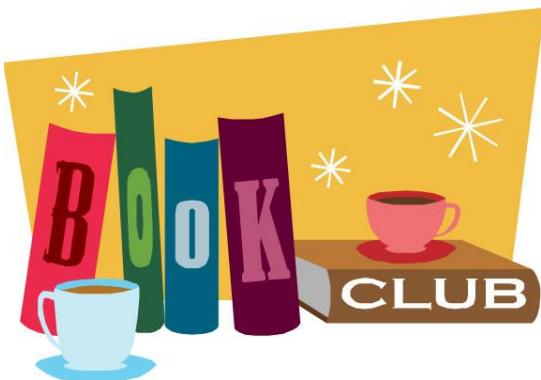
### ***New Christmas Wreaths***

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.**



**Per Capita**  
**for 2026**  
**\$50**



# YOU CAN HELP OLEAN'S FOOD PANTRIES!

Suggested items:

- cereal
- oatmeal
- crackers
- pb & j
- pasta and sauce
- canned beans
- canned tuna & chicken



- shelf-stable meals
- canned fruit
- jello & pudding mixes
- mac & cheese
- rice & pasta mixes
- hot chocolate mix

**Bring in non-perishable food to donate  
by Sunday February 8th**

Sponsored by Olean High School's Souper Bowl of Caring Student Volunteers  
For monetary donations: cash or checks payable to OHS SAC

**Dinner Out at Randy's Fireside  
Tuesday, February 10th at 5pm**

**Join us for food, fun and  
fellowship!**

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall.**

