

February 1, 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 ~ *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.

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

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 9:1-4

¹But 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. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the 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.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As 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. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As 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. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus 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

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 ~ *For All the Saints* ~ No. 326

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

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

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**Judi Blair's new cell phone number is
585-375-6619.**



**Today's flowers are given in loving
memory of our brother, Andy Waterman,
by Lanna and Peter.**

**Our 2026 Annual Meeting is TODAY following Worship.
We encourage everyone 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 8th, during
Worship.**



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 ~ Craig Polson, Alexus Fisk

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 2/1/26

Sunday - Feb. 1 <i>Noisy Cans Communion</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Annual Meeting 3pm Friends of Good Music Meeting
Monday - Feb. 2	4pm Session
Tuesday - Feb. 3	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Feb. 4	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Feb. 5	5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Feb. 6	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Sunday - Feb. 8	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship ~ Scout Sunday Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons Noon Potluck Lunch

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

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.





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!



Next Sunday, February 8th, is our 2nd Sunday Luncheon. If you are able to, please bring a dish to pass. If not, plan to attend anyway!

**Per Capita
for 2026
\$50**

