

February 22, 2026, 11am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Adagio in G Minor* ~ Tomaso Albinoni

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Noisy Can

Choral Introit

God is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
God is Good

Call to Worship

The good news of the gospel is:
manna in the desert, water turned into wine,
love after loss, forgiveness after pain.

The good news of the gospel is:
release for the captive, hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.
So come on in.

There's no time to waste!
So good it catches us by surprise.
This surprising good news is here for you.
Let us worship this good-news God.

*Hymn ~ *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* ~ No. 41

O worship the King,
all glorious above!
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might;
O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space,

whose chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path
on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power
has founded of old;
established it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air;
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills;
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God,

We seek to follow the ways of your Son, Jesus. Cleanse our hearts and minds
from all that might be a distraction. Renew in us a desire to worship you, so we may be an
example of your love and grace to the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

You may have heard, “all is fair in love and war”, or “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”. But God says, “Forgive seventy times seven.” God says, “I am slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” God says, “Turn the other cheek.” God’s mercy catches us by surprise. So with wonder and gratitude, let us go to God in prayer. Let us be surprised by God’s grace all over again.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God's grace is wild and unruly. God's mercy is abundant and surprising. God's love is expansive and unending. So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?" The answer is and always will be: of course, of course, of course. This is the good news of the gospel.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Prayers of the People

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 ~ *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* ~ Peter Lutkin

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 ~

Psalm 32

1Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

5Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

6Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

7You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

8I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

9Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

10Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

11Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Matthew 4:1-11

4Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

7Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” 11Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him..

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* ~ No. 649

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’d first begun.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *A Trumpet Air* ~ G. P. Telemann

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The Worship Team has been discussing the topic of church safety. At their request we are having Captain Marsfelder of the Olean Police Department come talk to us about church safety. He has been trained in this area. The meeting will be **Thursday, February 26th at 4 pm in the fellowship hall. The Worship Team and Session members are strongly encouraged to attend, but the meeting is open to everyone who is interested in this information.**

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	John & Rachel Wheaton	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:

22 ~ Kay Shults, Marie Petrick
28 ~ Chris Norton, John Hausman

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 2/22/26

Sunday - Feb. 22 <i>Noisy Cans</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Monday - Feb. 23	4:45pm Book Club at Beef 'n' Barrel
Tuesday - Feb. 24	10am Brunch at RocketCup Coffee 6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - Feb. 25	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Feb. 26	4pm Safety Concerns Meeting in Fellowship Hall 5pm Finance 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Feb. 27	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Sunday - March 1 <i>Communion</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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