

April 12, 2026, 11am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *A Morning Prelude* ~ Gordon Young

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

*Please sign the ritual of friendship found at the ends of the pews.
If you are new here, we would like to get to know you.*

Choral Introit

God is good

Every day

And every day

God is good

Call to Worship

The bonds of death could not hold Jesus.

We hid in fear, but now we are dancing in the streets.

Jesus is not in the tomb.

Jesus is here with us.

We were silent in fear, but now we are announcing, "Christ is risen!"

Prayer of the Day

God of life, from whom all receive their breath, breathe new life into our tired lungs, so we may speak words of faith, hope, and love. Free us from fear, that we may follow Christ boldly, ready to lay down our lives for your kingdom's cause, and trusting that you will also rescue us from the grave by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* ~ No. 729

Lord, I want to be a Christian

in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian

in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian

in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving

in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving

in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving

in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of grace and peace.

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

Hear the good news of the gospel: God loves you, and you 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!

Children's Time

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 ~ *Be Joyful and Sing* ~ Benjamin Harlan

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 118

1O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
2Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
3Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
4Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
5Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.
6With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?
7The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
8It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals.
9It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

John 20 19-31

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and

my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” 30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Fairest Lord Jesus* ~ No. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!!

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Postlude in F Major* ~ J. S. Bach

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Please stay after and join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall.

**TODAY is our 2nd
Sunday Potluck Lunch.
Please plan to attend
whether you brought
something or not!**



**Dinner Out at Mickey's
Wednesday, April 22nd at 5pm**

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

Sign up 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	John & Rachel Wheaton	Carol Bess
Thomas Burian	Sylvia Lynch	Bruce Levine
Cataleya Casas	Ron Register	Dennis Whittaker
Don Caldwell		

*Please let the office know who should be removed and who needs to be added.
Thank you for your help!*

Church Calendar for the week of 4/12/26

- Sunday – Apr 12 9:30am Bible Study
 11am Worship
 Noon Potluck Lunch
- Tuesday – Apr - 14 5pm Burt Meeting
 6:30pm Scouts
- Wednesday – Apr 15 Noon PW Meeting
 4pm MEF Meeting
 6:30pm Scouts
- Thursday – Apr 16 5:30pm BYO Dinner
 6pm Scouts
 6:30pm Vespers
 7pm Bible Study
 7pm Choir
- Friday – Apr 17 **NO** Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
 7:30pm Fish Club
- Sunday – Apr 19 9:30am Bible Study
 11am Worship

Birthdays

12 Kristie Price-Lindhome
 18 Dale Dutton

Anniversaries