

April 19, 2026, 11am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *A Prayer for Peace* ~ Tom Birchwood

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

I love the Lord!

**Because God has heard me  
and not ignored my cry.**

God has saved my life repeatedly!

**So my life belongs to God.**

**I am God's child,**

**happy to sing of God's work in me.**

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, you ransomed us from futility with the precious blood of Christ. We can hardly believe how precious we are to you! Holy Spirit, help us to believe this truth fully with our whole life: flesh, bone, and spirit. Amen.

\*Opening 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!

#### 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 ~ *Christus Resurrexit* ~ Gordan Young

## 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 23*

1The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

#### *Luke 24:13-49*

13Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." 25Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road,

while he was opening the scriptures to us?” 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

36While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence. 44Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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

Message

Music for Meditation

\*Hymn ~ *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* ~ No. 526

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain*

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one;  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. (*Refrain*)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God everywhere! (*Refrain*)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* ~ Robert Thygerson

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



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

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

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall.**

**Next Sunday is the  
Noisy Cans Collection.  
This is an offering of loose  
change (and bills) given to  
the Olean Food Pantry.**



## 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 4/19/26

Sunday – Apr 19      9:30am Bible Study  
                                 11am Worship

Tuesday – Apr 21      6:30pm Scouts

Wednesday – Apr 22      5pm Dinner Out at Mickey’s  
                                 6:30pm Scouts

Thursday – Apr 23      4pm Worship Team Meeting  
                                 5:30pm BYO Dinner  
                                 6pm Scouts  
                                 6:30pm Vespers  
                                 7pm Bible Study  
                                 7pm Choir

Friday – Apr 24      10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons

Sunday – Apr 26      9:30am Bible Study  
*Noisy Cans*              11am Worship



#### **Birthdays**

20 Aaron Jahnke  
23 Dave Shults, Rip Smith  
24 Tony Evans, Kimberley Smith



#### **Anniversaries**

21 Brian & Carol McClellan