

August 9, 2026, 10am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Marilyn Hale, Guest Preacher
Christine Berardi, Guest Musician

Children are always welcome in worship. An asterisk () indicates those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold type** indicates a congregational response.*

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

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

God is good

Every day

And every day

God is good

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord
and call on God's name.

**Proclaim the deeds of the Lord
to all the peoples.**

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God.

Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

**seek the presence of the Lord,
rejoicing with all your heart.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have claimed us as your beloved children, clothing us with your grace. Give us dreams and visions of the coming of your holy realm, where all are reconciled to live in peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn ~ *Help Us Accept Each Other* ~ No. 754

Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness,
and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us; make us one!



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!

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*

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken* ~ No. 455

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 ~

Psalms 85:8-13

⁸Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. ⁹Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. ¹¹Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. ¹²The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying

to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Amazing Grace* ~ 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

Postlude

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***The funeral for Carol Bess will begin at 11:15am.
A coffee hour in Fellowship Hall will follow.***

Prayer List ~ *Please keep these friends and family members in prayer.*

Joe Hovey	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Phil Smith	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	Kristen Gibbs
Thomas Burian	Sylvia Lynch	Bruce Levine
Cataleya Casas	Ron Register	Julie Barnes
Don Caldwell	Scott Zink	

*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 8/9/26

Sunday – Aug 9 10am Worship ~ Rev. Marilyn Hale
 11:15am Funeral for Carol Bess ~ Followed by Coffee Hour

Wednesday – Aug 12 6pm Game Night
Andrea Off

Thursday – Aug 13
Andrea Off

Friday – Aug 14 10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons

Sunday – Aug 16 10am Worship



Birthdays

13 Ann Lehman



Anniversaries

12 Tony & Sydney Evans
Jason & Kara (McGonnell) Miller



Dinner Out

Tuesday, August 18th, 5pm

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Join us
for food, fellowship and fun!

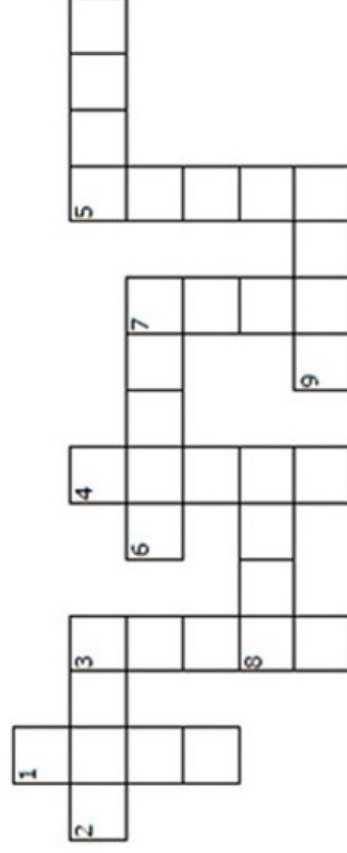
Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

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EVENING
HAND
DOUBT
COURAGE
AFRAID
SAVE
LAKE
WALKING
BOAT
PRAY
COME
WATER
WAVES
SINK
WIND
ALONE



ACROSS

2. The natural movement of air
5. To travel along on your feet
6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea
8. A small vessel for travel on water
9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger

DOWN

1. To go downward in water
3. A lack of confidence or belief in God
4. A firm belief in God
5. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain
7. To rescue someone



FEAR	FAITH	DOUBT	WAVES
WATER	SAVE	WIND	BOAT
WALK	SINK		