



October 4, 2026, 11am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Bruce Levine
Rick Snyder, Organist

Today is World Communion Sunday. The observance does not introduce a new sacrament or replace a church's usual understanding of Communion. Instead, it calls Christians to remember that a local congregation belongs to a much wider body of believers worshipping Christ around the world.

Children are always welcome in worship. Following Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School. An asterisk () indicates those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold type** indicates a congregational response.*

Prelude ~ *Andante in A* ~ Adolphe Hess

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

*Please sign friendship pad 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 ~ Micah 6:8

What does the Holy One require of us?

To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ Our Savior. Amen.



*Opening Hymn ~ *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ~ No. 367

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!

Call to Confession

Let us come before God in a spirit of confession.

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: In Jesus Christ we 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

Minute for Mission ~ Chris Norton

Presentation of the Offering

On Communion Sunday, any loose offerings are given to the Deacons for their missions.

*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 ~ *Come, Follow Me* ~ Elly & Steve Kupferschmid

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 ~

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is

the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Matthew 21:33-46

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ ⁴²Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 ~ *Standing on the Promises* ~ No. 838

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.



Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Prelude & Fugue in G Minor* ~ J.S. Bach

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World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical Christian observance encouraging churches to remember the worldwide body of Christ while celebrating Communion. Christians may gather in a rural chapel, a city congregation or a house church. They may worship in English, Spanish, Arabic, Korean, Swahili or hundreds of other languages. Their liturgies and theology may differ but World Communion Sunday invites believers to look beyond their immediate congregation and remember Christians in other cultures and nations.

Please stay after worship and join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall next to the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

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	Pete Reding	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		

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 10/4/26

Sunday – Oct. 4	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship 2:30pm Worship at Edens Heights
Monday – Oct. 5	4pm Session Meeting
Wednesday – Oct. 7	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday – Oct. 8	4pm Deacons Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner to Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Bible Study 7pm Choir
Friday – Oct. 9	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Saturday – Oct. 10	8am Men's Breakfast at RocketCup Coffee
Sunday – Oct. 11	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Potluck Lunch

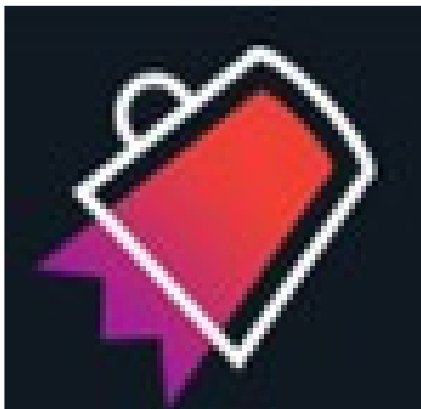


Birthdays

5 Martha Nenno
7 Molly Petryszak, Brad Haynoski
8 Peg Darrow
10 Kathleen Jahnke, Diane Clark



Anniversaries



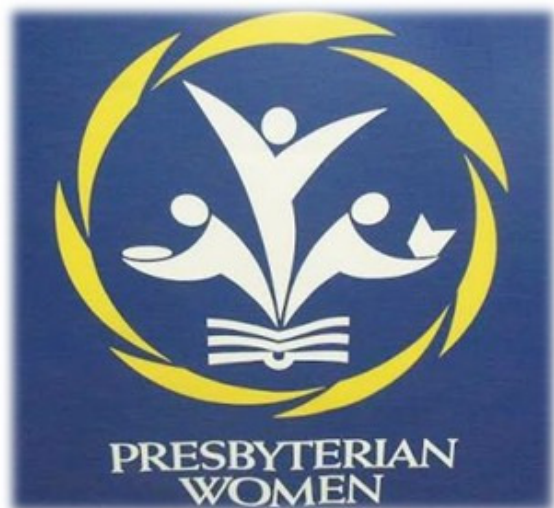
Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 10th, at 8am
RocketCup Coffee

Next Sunday
October 11th after Worship

Second Sunday Potluck Lunch

All are welcome!
Bring a dish to share, if you can.



Presbyterian Women Meeting Tuesday, October 13th, at Noon

All Women Invited

We will meet with our brown bag lunches in Fellowship Hall. After the meeting portion, Pastor Bruce will lead a study on a Parable.



We are collecting candy in the small conference room to hand out at church on Halloween night.

All are welcome to come see the ghosts and goblins, princesses and superheroes! 6pm – 8pm

The PW Mitten Tree is up and will stay up for the winter. Donations of mittens, hats, scarves and socks are appreciated. Collected items will be donated to the Olean Food Pantry.



Shoe boxes are available in Fellowship Hall and include a list of suggestions for gifts. Remember they appreciate a \$10 donation to help cover the shipping charge.

Boxes are due to the church by Sunday, November 15th.

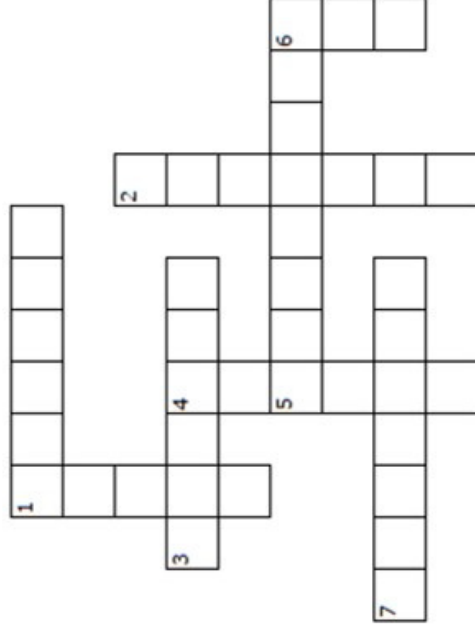
The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)

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LISTEN	WATCHTOWER	PARABLE	SON	REJECTED
SERVANTS	LANDOWNER	HARVEST	KILLED	VINEYARD
COLLECT	BUILT	SENT	LAST	JOURNEY
TIME	FARMERS	DUG	FRUIT	



ACROSS

1. A person who works with plants and flowers
3. To put to death
5. People employed to perform services for another person
7. The time or season for gathering crops

DOWN

1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
2. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson
4. To hear or pay attention to something
6. A parent's male child

PARABLE SERVANTS	LISTEN SON	KILLED FRUIT	HARVEST FARMER
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