

September 27, 2026, 11am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Bruce Levine, Pastor
Rev. Abigail Trautmann, Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk
Rick Snyder, Organist

*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 ~ *Procession* ~ Stanley Saxton

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.*

Noisy Cans ~ *A collection of loose change (or bills) to support the Olean Food Pantry.*

Choral Introit

God is good

Every day

And every day

God is good

Call to Worship

Draw near and hear:

God's love endures forever.

Your love sets us dancing

and worshipping you with great joy!

Prayer of the Day

God, when we got lost in a wilderness of our own making, you guided us safely to the waters of your love.

Jesus, you offered yourself as water to refresh us for the journey ahead.

Holy Spirit, turn our gratitude into songs of praise, in the holy worship of your name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~ No. 14

For the beauty of the earth,

for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth

over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (*Refrain*)

For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (*Refrain*)



Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

Ever gracious God, you have claimed us as your own; inscribed your love upon our hearts; made them the alter of all our giving - of all we offer to you. Forgive us, Lord, we close our hearts thinking we have given enough. Help us see it is your love we give. May we offer it in abundance. We pray it Christ's 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 ~ *Blessed Are They* ~ Joseph Martin

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 43

¹Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

²For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

³O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Matthew 23:1-12

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people

call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message ~ Rev. Abigail Trautmann ~ “I Like Your Christ But...”

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ~ No. 39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Largamente* ~ L. Boellmann

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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 9/27/26

Sunday – Sept. 27 9:30am Bible Study
Noisy Cans 11am Worship ~ Rev. Abigail Trautmann, Guest Preacher

Wednesday – Sept. 30 6:30pm Scouts

Thursday – Oct. 1 5pm Finance Committee Meeting
 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner in Fellowship Hall
 6:30pm Scouts
 6:30pm Vespers
 7pm Bible Study
 7pm Choir

Friday – Oct. 2 10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons

Sunday – Oct. 4 9:30am Bible Study
Communion 11am Worship
 2:30pm Worship at Eden Heights



Birthdays

9/27 Lanna Waterman
9/28 Barbara Busack
10/2 Deb Battistoni



Anniversaries



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 will go up October 1st and 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.