

September 6, 2026, 10am
Olean First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Bruce Levine
Rick Snyder, Organist

Today we gather for Worship around the tables in Fellowship Hall.

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

Prelude ~ *Prelude on "Rhosymedre"* ~ Fred Binckes

Good Morning, Saints

Announcements

God is good

Every day

And every day

God is good

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing praise among the faithful.**

Let the people of God be glad;

let us rejoice, dance, and sing.

For the Lord rejoices in the people;

God gives glory to the humble of heart.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies - the great feast of our salvation. Nourish us always at your table, that we may feed others with the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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!

Prayers of the People

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

Special Music ~ *Sonatina, Opus 36 #3* ~ F. Clementi

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 119:33-41

- ³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.
³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.
³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.
³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.
⁴¹Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

The Lord's Table

Before Communion, comment around the table where you need forgiveness in your life.

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 ~ *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

Postlude ~ *Allegro in F* ~ G. F. Handel

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***Please stay after worship and join us for Coffee Hour.
All are welcome!***



Songs of America

TODAY at 3pm
Olean First Presbyterian Church
Tickets are \$20 each.

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		

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 9/6/26

Sunday – Sept. 6	10am Worship in Fellowship Hall
<i>Communion</i>	11:15am Burt Committee Meeting in Conference Room
	1pm Worship at Eden Heights
	3pm Southern Tier Symphony at OFPC
Monday – Sept. 7	Labor Day – Office Closed
Wednesday – Sept. 9	4pm MEF Committee Meeting
	5pm CE Committee Meeting
	6pm Game Night in Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday – Sept. 10	4pm Deacons Board Meeting
	5pm Finance Committee Meeting
	5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner in Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm Scouts
	6:30pm Vespers in the Chapel
	7pm Bible Study in the Conference Room
	7pm Choir
Friday – Sept. 11	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
	7:30pm Fish Club in Fellowship Hall
Saturday – Sept. 12	8am Men's Breakfast at RocketCup Coffee
Sunday – Sept. 13	9:30am Welcome Back Breakfast
	11am Worship

 Birthdays

7 Sydney Evans
9 Pastor Bruce Levine

 Anniversaries

7 Ken & Betsy Way

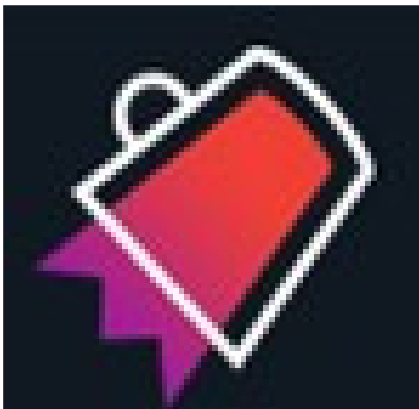


Welcome Back
Breakfast

Annual Welcome Back Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 13th, at 9:30am
MEF will provide egg casseroles
and juices. There is a sign-up
sheet in Fellowship Hall to bring
other dishes!

**Next Sunday, Sept. 13th,
Worship returns to 11am**



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 12th at 8am
RocketCup Coffee

All men our welcome to join us for a
time of fellowship and coffee.



Dinner Out at
Fairway View Pavilion
(formally Bonna's Club House)

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 5pm

Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship
Hall. Join us for food, fun
and fellowship!



**There is a sign-up sheet in
Fellowship Hall if you would like to
bring in a snack for Coffee Hour. MEF
will still handle the coffee and set-up.**

**Any help is greatly
appreciated!**

