

October 18, 2026, 11am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Bruce Levine, Pastor
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 ~ *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~ David Lowe

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.*

Choral Introit

God is good
Every day
And every day
God is good

Call to Worship

You have found favor in my sight,
says the Lord;
I know you by name.
Show us your glory.
My presence will go with you
and I will give you rest.
Where you are is our rest!

Prayer of the Day

We come before you today, O God, to worship you in your holy splendor. Our hearts tremble before you, mindful of your goodness and mercy. Show us your glory, we pray. Reveal your presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained, now and for the journey to come; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy* ~ No. 305

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

Refrain:

In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (*Refrain*)

Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (*Refrain*)

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (*Refrain*)



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!

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 ~ *We Will Be Your People* ~ Don Phillips

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 99

¹The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

⁴Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you

do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

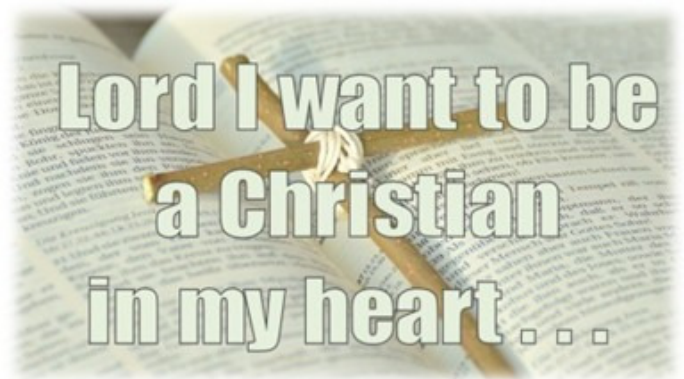
*Hymn ~ *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* ~ No. 729

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.



*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Trio* ~ J. L. Krebs

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

 *Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Peg and Don Bergreen by Betsy and Doug Price.* 

Dinner Out
Tomorrow Night at 5pm

Sprague's

The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Join us
for food, fellowship and fun!
All are welcome.



Tuesday, October 27th, at 10am
Brunch at RocketCup Coffee

Join us for coffee, food, conversation
and fellowship!

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	Ada Grace Oncken	

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 10/18/26

Sunday – Oct. 18 9:30am Bible Study
 11am Worship

Monday – Oct. 19 12:30pm Brown Bag Book Club in Fellowship Hall
 5pm Dinner Out at Sprague's

Tuesday – Oct. 20 5pm Burt Meeting

Wednesday – Oct. 21 6:30pm Scouts

Thursday – Oct. 22 6:30pm Scouts
Bruce Off 7pm Choir

Friday – Oct. 23 **NO** Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Bruce Off

Sunday – Oct. 25 9:30am Bible Study
Noisy Cans 11am Worship



Birthdays

20 Bob Lehman, Betsy Way,
Ada Grace Oncken
23 Judi Blair, Ken Stebbins



Anniversaries

20 Bill & Chris Burton



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.

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21
Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



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GOD	WORDS	DISCIPLES	OPINION
CAESAR	TAXES	AMAZED	REPLIED
WAY	PLANS	GIVE	TRAP
PHARISEES	TEACHER	INTEGRITY	TRUTH

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CALLED	CLOUDY	DOST	EARTH
EQUITY	EXALT	GAVE	GREAT
GREAT	HILL	HOLY	KINGS
LORD	LOVEST	MOSES	MOVE
NAME	PEOPLE	PILLAR	PRAISE
PRIESTS	SAMUEL	SITTETH	SPAKE
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