

October 25, 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 ~ *Two Baroque Pieces* ~ Zipoli and Walther

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

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Prayer of the Day

Lord, you are our dwelling place. In you we find our rest. Gather us in under the shelter of your wing. Settle our souls and calm our minds, that we may worship you this day in joy and peace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* ~ No. 69

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? (*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 ~ Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him ~ Peg and Dave Dunbar

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 1

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
²but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.
³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced **the Sadducees**, they gathered together,
³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Now Thank We All Our God* ~ No. 643

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* ~ Lani Smith

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Question of the Week: Who were **the Sadducees**?
Answer in next week's bulletin!

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	Ada Grace Oncken	Christy Kissick

*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 10/25/26

Sunday – Oct. 25	9:30am Bible Study
<i>Noisy Cans</i>	11am Worship
Tuesday – Oct. 27	10am Brunch at RocketCup Coffee
	6pm Scout Meeting
Wednesday – Oct. 28	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday – Oct. 29	5pm Finance Committee Meeting
	5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner Fellowship Meal
	6:30pm Scouts
	6:30pm Vespers Chapel Service
	7pm Bible Study
	7pm Choir
Friday – Oct. 30	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
	3pm Library – Youth Halloween Party
Saturday – Oct. 31	6pm Hand Out Halloween Candy at Church
Sunday – Nov. 1	9:30am Bible Study
<i>Communion</i>	11am Worship
<i>All Saints' Day</i>	2:30pm Worship at Eden Heights

 Birthdays

28 Jeff Bigley
29 Nathan Petryszak
31 Marilyn Hurley

 Anniversaries



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

Join us for coffee, food, conversation
and fellowship!

Bring your candy donations in this
week! It's almost time.

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



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.