

November 1, 2026, 11am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

All Saints' Day

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 ~ *How Firm a Foundation* ~ David Lowe

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

Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.

In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.

You are our hiding place, O Lord;

you preserve us from trouble

and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

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.

Call to Confession

Even at our most faithful, we stand in need of grace. Because of God's unfailing love, mercy is promised, even before we speak the truth. In humility, with confidence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Grace flows like a river, mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news: 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!

Lighting of Candles of Remembrance

*Please come forward and light **just one** candle for those whose lives you commemorate.*



*Opening Hymn ~ *For All the Saints* ~ No. 326

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Children's Time

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

Anthem ~ *Holy Spirit, Come and Fill Us* ~ 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 34

- ¹I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
- ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
- ⁹O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
- ¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- ¹¹Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹²Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
- ¹³Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
- ¹⁴Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
- ¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.

²⁰He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

²¹Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

²²The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 ~ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ~ No. 366

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.



Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *A Festive Piece* ~ David Lowe

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

Question of the Week: What does **Alleluia** mean?
Answer in next week's bulletin!

Answer to: Who were **the Sadducees**?
A wealthy aristocratic class connected with everything
going on in the temple in Jerusalem.

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 11/1/26

Sunday – Nov. 1	9:30am Bible Study <i>Communion</i> 11am Worship 2:30pm Eden Heights Worship
Monday – Nov. 2	4pm Session Meeting
Wednesday – Nov. 4	5pm Pastor Bruce's Research Group at Mickey's 6:30pm Scouts
Thursday – Nov. 5	5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner Fellowship Meal 6:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Vespers Chapel Service 7pm Bible Study 7pm Choir
Friday – Nov. 6	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Saturday – Nov. 7	11am Library's Crafting Club in Fellowship Hall 2pm Library's Quilts Past & Present in Fellowship Hall
Sunday – Nov. 8	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Potluck Lunch



Birthdays

3 Gary Larson
4 Carson Haynoski



Anniversaries

6 Barry & Marilyn Hurley



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.

Next Sunday
November 8th after Worship

Second Sunday
Potluck Lunch

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



Keynote Chorus Concert
Sunday, November 15th, 3pm
at Olean First Presbyterian Church

MEF is looking for members to bring in cookies for afterwards. There's a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Thankfest

Saturday, November 14th at 5:30pm

Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. ME7 will provide the turkey and gravy. Please sign-up for a "fixin'" to pass. Veggies, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, and so on.

After dinner, we'll have an auction of gifts! Those wishing to play should bring in a wrapped gift that is purchased for \$10. The game will be explained that night.



Mark Your Calendars!

Deck the Halls
Sunday, Nov. 29th
Right After Church

Pizza will be provided for those helping to decorate for the Christmas season!



Psalm 34

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HEARKEN
MOUTH
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SPIRIT
WICKED

BOAST
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HEART
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ROUND
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Matthew 5:1-12

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J E B I W P R S P I N A R K X
J J O R G J H E O O R G R S X
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MOURN	THIRST	PURE	HUNGER	HEART
FILLED	MEEK	MERCY	POOR	EARTH
KINGDOM	INHERIT	HEAVEN	BLESSED	SPIRIT