November 15, 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 ~ *Nocturne* ~ Felix Mendelssohn

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

To you I lift up my eyes, O God,
enthroned in the heavens.
Our eyes look to you, O Lord;
have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have had too much contempt.
Our eyes look to you, O Lord;
have mercy on us.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, throughout our history you have raised up faithful leaders to deliver us from oppression, like the prophet Deborah. Heed the cries of those who are suffering in the world today and deliver them by your mighty hand, that they may know and trust the promise of your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ~ No. 687 (*verses 1,2,3,6*)

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.



Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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 ~ *Lord, Lead Us On* ~ 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 ~

Psalm 90:1-8

[1]Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
[2]Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
[3]You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
[4]For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.
[5]You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
[6]in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
[7]For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
[8]You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

Matthew 25:14-30

[14]"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of

your master.' [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Word of God
The Word of Life

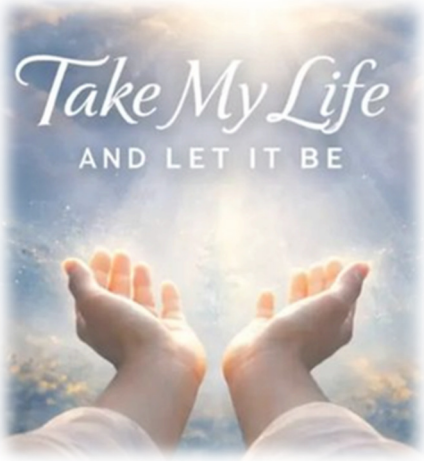
Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Take My Life* ~ No. 697 (*verses 1- 4*)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.



Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my sliver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Rise Up, My Heart, With Gladness* ~ J. S. Bach

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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 **countenance** mean?
Answer in next week's bulletin!

Answer to: What does **hallowed** mean?
Honored, sanctified, and treated with holy reverence.



Keynote Chorus Concert

TODAY at 3pm

at Olean First Presbyterian Church

Come join us for an afternoon of wonderful music and singing!



Next Sunday is Noisy Cans. Bring your loose change (or bills) to donate to the Olean Food Pantry.

Prayer List~ *Please keep these friends and family members in prayer.*

Joe Hovey	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Phil Smith	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Christy Kissick	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 11/15/26

Sunday – Nov. 15	9:30am Bible Study
Operation Christmas Boxes Due	11am Worship
	3pm Keynote Chorus Concert
Monday – Nov. 16	12:30pm LIB Brown Bag Book Club in Fellowship Hall
	5pm Bruce's Research Group in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday – Nov. 17	3:30pm Olean DAR in Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm LIB Program Welcome in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday – Nov. 18	3:30pm LIB Teen Friendsgiving in Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday – Nov. 19	4pm Worship Team Meeting
	5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner Fellowship Meal
	6:30pm Scouts
	6:30pm Vespers Chapel Service
	7pm Bible Study
	7pm Choir
Friday – Nov. 20	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
	7pm Bird Club
Sunday – Nov. 22	9:30am Bible Study
Noisy Cans	11am Worship

🎂 **Birthdays**

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✨ **Anniversaries**