November 22, 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 ~ *Allegro Moderato* ~ Leon Boellmann

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

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

Give ear, O people, to my teachings.
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
We open our lips in parables;
we utter dark sayings from of old.
These are things we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from our children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Your covenant is all we seek, O God. Silence in us any voice but yours this day. Help us sort through the clutter and distractions in our lives, that we may be present, here, right now, and worship you in joy and peace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ~ No. 367

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and **tares** together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.



For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest 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 ~ *Let Us Sing the Songs* ~ 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 ~

Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on
the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put
the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his
right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked
and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you
visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry
and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we
saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it
that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I
tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did
it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me
no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not
visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will
answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did
not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into
eternal life."

Psalm 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and
the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his
name.
5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all
generations.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *We Gather Together* ~ No. 336

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Arioso* ~ G.F. Handel

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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 my dad, Byron, by Lanna Waterman.

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

Answer to: What does **countenance** mean?
Biblically, it is a metaphor for God's face or personal presence – which brings warm favor to the faithful, or, as in Psalm 90:8, exposing light that sees even our hidden sins.

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 11/22/26

Please note: Pastor Bruce is out of town from the afternoon of 11/22 until 11/28. Also, the church office is only open Monday and Tuesday this week.

Sunday – Nov. 22 — 9:30am Bible Study
Noisy Cans — 11am Worship

Thursday – Nov. 26 — Happy Thanksgiving

Friday – Nov. 27 — NO Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons

Sunday – Nov. 29 — 9:30am Bible Study
11am Worship
Noon Deck the Halls

🎂 **Birthdays**
23 Betsy Cashing,
David Battistoni

✨ **Anniversaries**

Christmas Memorials 2026

Due Sunday, December 6th

Order forms are in Fellowship Hall

Join us next Sunday!

Deck the Halls

Sunday, Nov. 29th

Right After Church

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



PW Christmas Gathering
at Beef 'n' Barrel
Wedsenday, December 9th
at Noon

All women of the congregation are invited to come celebrate the holiday together. Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, December 13th

Soup provided for the carolers after worship. Meet at the Pines at 1pm and then on to Eden Heights at 1:30pm. Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

psalm 100

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faithfulness
endures
praise
earth
good

thanksgiving
forever
joyful
shout
lord

generations
pasture
songs
love
joy

Matthew 25:31-46

S T P J P R G G M T P M O W F V X V B C
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N C U R S E D Y O K R D C L C X H X S V
U P H D D U X E I N E R H T E R B E Y J
M E X M R Q O C R Z D E H T O L C M G L
I J Z B H E S E V E X V E N R Y W M X K
G Q G L E L H P T Y T T E T P G G S V H
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K B Z G N W M M E L G Y I F Y R S W S V
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Nations
Separate
Shepherd
Righteous
Brethren

Sheep
Goats
King
Blessed

Drink
Stranger
Clothed
Sick
Prison

Depart
Cursed
Fire
Devil

Glory
Angels
Throne
Gathered

Father
Kingdom
Meat
Lord
Minister