November 8, 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 ~ *Trumpet Tune* ~ Tomaso Albinoni

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.

Recognition of Our US Military Veterans



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 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 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 ~ *David's Psalm* ~ Chi Coltrane

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 78:1-7

[1]Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
[2]I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
[3]things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
[4]We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
[5]He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;
[6]that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,
[7]so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

Matthew 25:1-13

[1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10]And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with

him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

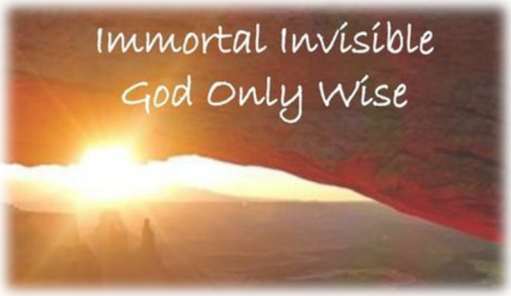
The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ~ No. 12

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.



Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Largo from "Xerxes"* ~ G. F. Handel

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

💐 Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Harold & Leeta Huber and Bill & Jean Burton by the Burton family. 💐

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 11/8/26

Sunday – Nov. 8	9:30am Bible Study
	11am Worship
	12pm Potluck Lunch after Worship
Wednesday – Nov. 11	4pm MEF Meeting
Veteran's Day	5pm Christian Education Meeting
	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday – Nov. 12	4pm Deacons Meeting
	5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner Fellowship Meal
	6:30pm Scouts
	6:30pm Vespers Chapel Service
	7pm Bible Study
	7pm Choir
Friday – Nov. 13	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
	7:30pm Fish Club
Saturday – Nov. 14	5:30pm Thankfest
Sunday – Nov. 15	9:30am Bible Study
Operation Christmas	11am Worship
Boxes Due	3pm Keynote Chorus Concert in Sanctuary

🎂 Birthdays

9 Louie McClure
11 Julie Barnes, Lynn McClure

✨ Anniversaries

8 John & Susan Hausman

TODAY
After Worship

Second Sunday
Potluck Lunch

All are welcome!
Please plan to stay and join us.





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.

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
Next Sunday, November 15th.



Thankfest

Saturday, November 14th at 5:30pm

Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. MEF 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!



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

Answer to: What does **Alleluia** mean?
"Praise the Lord!"

Psalm 78

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

commandments faithful children
strength believe hearts
people listen teach
works god law

Matthew 25:1-13

T Z F E S G H O G Q N O G T A
O B M P K S M I D N I G H T A
G O M Q I N A N H E A V E N S
C A Q L Q T I I E D I J K B L
L P O B R I D E G R O O M A E
M O J K E F D K L X M O H N E
F E O G S W O I H A Z S R Q P
V W E X G B I N O D A T H U X
I T B T P C L G R W R T E E T
R S R C U B O D A A M O Z T E
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N V I H O M Z I Z H P W D O Y
S N N T P X E W E D D I N G E
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FOOLISH	MEET	DROWSY	VIRGINS	BANQUET
MIDNIGHT	WEDDING	TRIMMED	RANG	KINGDOM
BRIDEGROOM	LAMPS	WISE	WATCH	COME
DOOR	ASLEEP	HEAVEN	OIL	WOKE