



*God
is light,*

*and in him is no
darkness at all.*

1 JOHN 1:5

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September 18, 2022

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Amos 8:4-7 (pg 856 [1049 LP] OT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Almighty Strength of our lives, we are kept by You.

People: Promised Courage of our days, we walk with You.

Leader: Unforeseen Joy of our hearts, we delight over You.

People: Deep Peace of our souls, we rest in You.

ALL: Everlasting Lord of Life, gather us now as we come to
worship You.

*HYMN #478

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Dear God, have we let a day go by without saying *thank you*?
Have we let a week pass without stopping to rest our thoughts
upon You? Have we let a season slip away and failed to look up
and acknowledge You? Have we become so engaged with our
lives that we have forgotten *Life*? Forgive us, Lord. Renew our
hearts with an *awareness*; restore our minds with wonder; revive
our lives kept with You. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 113 (pg 563 [692 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7
(pg 208 [254 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13 (pg 79 [96 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Marilyn K. Hale

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #386

"O for a World"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

(pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #447

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

"Shalom to you"

Congregation

(Words and music can be found in the pocket inside
the back cover of the hymnal.)

Together in our hearts, we dedicate our offering to God today.

Offering plates are located at the rear of the sanctuary...

(by the 2 doors.) Thank you!

For the week beginning September 18, 2022

GREETERS:	Connie and Norm King
PRAYER FAMILY:	Carol Miller
ELDER for the Month:	Cso Woodworth

TODAY	4:00 p.m.	Olean First Presbyterian Church's 200 th Birthday Celebration & Worship Service With a Potluck Dinner to follow
Tue	6:00 p.m.	Randolph Meeting (MKH)
Next		
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex. Please ask the greeters for assistance.

The **Portville Community Food Pantry** is once again in need of **clean egg cartons**. It is also accepting donations of **BEANS (GARBANZO, KIDNEY, and BLACK BEANS.)** Thank you so much for supporting our local food pantry!

The **OCTOBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEER** sheet is available in the Narthex. Please consider signing up to help. **THANK YOU!!!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin next Sunday for our Preschool and Elementary students, as well as our Adult Class. They will be held **September 25th, October 9th, 16th, 23rd, and November 13th, and 20th** from 9 – 10 a.m. We are still looking for a few "helpers" for the Elementary Class. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Judy McClain. We are so excited to have our Sunday School Program up and running again!

(Announcements continued on insert.)

It's Peace and Global Witness time, when as a denomination, we

- Together, we lift our awareness;
- Together, we do what each of us can to promote peace;
- Together, we share what we can to financially support projects that help bring peace to communities & neighborhoods and into individual lives.
- Together remembering *if we do a little, it all adds up to a lot!*

The 25% of our offering's goal of \$900 will be contributed to the African American Center for Cultural Development in Olean.

AND... The gauntlet has been thrown down to our congregation. For every colored in coloring sheet returned (by Oct. 4th) an additional \$5 will be added to our Peace and Global Witness Offering. Coloring sheets for both adults and children are located on a table downstairs in the dining room.

The Bethel Lutheran Church's annual WORLD FOOD DAY RALLY has been set for *Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.* The entry fee is a minimum of 2 non-perishable food items per person and all donations will benefit the Portville Community Food Pantry. You may register for this event by calling (716) 933-6699... registration deadline is October 12th.

The Remote Area Medical (RAM) Free Medical Clinic will take place on Sept. 24th and 25th at the Genesee Valley Central School in Belmont, NY. *No appointments needed!* Services are offered on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis. You will be screened for COVID and masks are REQUIRED! More information can be found on the bulletin board by the back door.

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TODAY IS THE DEADLINE!

PFEIFFER NATURE CENTER'S ANNUAL WOODS WALK will take place on Saturday, October 1st, beginning at 10 am. The registration fee for anyone in our congregation who participates will be covered by monies from the Rummage Sale Mission Fund.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please indicate the size shirt you would like. Note that the shirts are 100% cotton! Shirts can be picked up at the PNC office on Friday, Sept. 30th from 10 -5 or at the sign-in table on Oct. 1st. There will also be a Chicken BBQ at the Pavilion from 12-2 pm. Pre-sale only. Cost is \$12.50. Order by calling PNC at 716-933-0187.