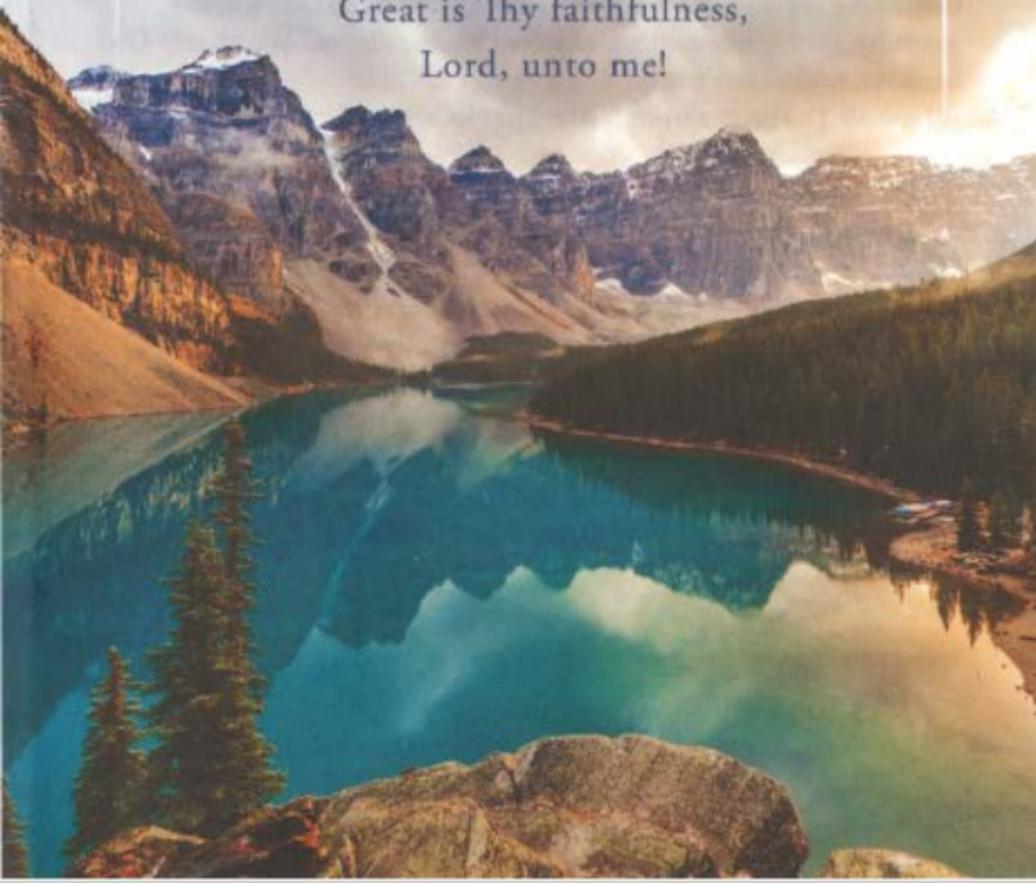


*Great is
Thy faithfulness,*

MORNING BY MORNING
NEW MERCIES I SEE;

All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!



Mary, Visiting Speaker
Kathy, Liturgist
Linden, Organist

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING *Isaiah 49:1-7* (pg. 679 [830 LP] OT)

CENTERING MEDITATION:

"Gratitude is a lifestyle choice: Because the earth belongs to God and all therein. I will share everything I have with God. Gratitude is a response to being set free: One time I was enslaved. Because I have been given the gift of freedom, I can't help but be thankful. Gratitude is also a reason we give: We respond to God's saving grace by giving of our time, or talent and our labor. We give to God because, ultimately everything belongs to God."

-Rhassall D. Hunter from "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come and celebrate the Word in our midst;
hear the call; understand the welcome!

People: **Let us come and celebrate the Word in our lives;
*Life within us; Light that shows us the way!***

Leader: "In the beginning" our Scriptures say, reminding us
there's never been a moment in time apart from God.

People: **Let us come and celebrate Love's Eternal Keeping;
settle in with the understanding that all our days are
gathered in the hands of Christ.**

*HYMN #487

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious Redeemer of all our lives, gathered in this fellowship,

gathered in this time, we bow before you. Open our hearts in confession. Free us from the burdens we carry. Forgive us, Dear Lord. Stir our complacent hearts to hunger for the clarity of your way before us. Hear us as we come in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION *(in silence)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg. 579 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *1 Chronicles 16:7-18 (pg.375/464 LP) OT*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 27:1-5, 11-14

(pg. 503 [619 LP] OT)

GOSPEL LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9 (pg. 198 [242 LP] NT)

SERMON

Mary

Sermon Title : "Practicing Gratitude Amidst Fear or Uncertainty"

LITANY OF GRATITUDE

Leader: Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year,

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For simple pleasures of life: songs of nesting birds in green meadows, or roadside daisies kissed by butterflies and honey bees. For health and strength to appreciate the wonders of life.

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For foods to nourish, homes which shelter. For family and friends that bless our lives,

People: We give you thanks.

(continue on back)

Leader: With enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life, with prayers
for mutual understanding and peace, with deeds done in
service for neighbor and stranger,

People: **We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful
Spirit.**

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg. 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #285

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Postlude

Linden

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For the week beginning January 18, 2026

GREETERS: Dave and Kathy
PRAYER FAMILY: Cindy and Terry
ELDER for the Month: Kari

Mon 1/19 Office Closed
Tue 1/20 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Wed 1/21 Office Hours : 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Thurs 1/22 Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Fri 1/23 Office Closed
Next Sunday 1/25
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service,
Guest Speaker: Elizabeth
Liturgist: Craig Hinman
Greeters: Connie & Norm
Organist: Linden

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

We will be collecting **RICE** the entire month of January for the **PORTVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held **Sunday, February 1st**, following worship for the purpose of receiving the 2025 Annual Report and the 2026 Operating Budget with a fellowship meal after the meeting. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help contribute to the meal.



FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT

Rev. Bruce at 716-378-6773 or

Judy 716-933-6303



BABY LAYETTE PROJECT

The Baby Layette Project donates items to newborns in need at the Olean General Hospital. Parents receive a gift bag containing new baby items donated from our church members. Each bag is unique. Please consider making a donation to this local mission.

Items Needed:

- 1) Baby gift bags
- 2) Sleepers and onesies
- 3) Diapers and wipes
- 4) Any miscellaneous baby items



All donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex.



"Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name..." Psalm 96: 1-2a

Interested in singing in the choir...

Here is the schedule for January and February....

- **January 18: Choir Practice**
- January 25: Sunday School
- **February 1: Choir Practice**
- February 8: Sunday School
- **February 15: Choir Practice**
- February 22: Sunday School

We will practice the weeks when there is no Sunday School planned. We will meet at 9:00 am to practice for approximately 30 to 40 minutes. Mark your calendars.

Come and sing for the Lord!