



Welcome to those who have worshipped in this place for years.
Welcome to our first time guests.
Welcome to all generations, families, single people and couples.
Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ or do not believe.

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Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I have lost

Luke 15:8-10

Our Mission Statement

The vision of the members of Oneida First Presbyterian Church
is to LIVE God's plan for our family, our community and our
world. TOGETHER with God's grace and guidance, we will
reach out and sow the LOVE of Jesus Christ.



The Church At Worship
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ONEIDA

Sunday, September 18, 2022 10:00 AM

Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

PRELUDE

"Way Maker"

Osinachi Okoro

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT

"Lead Me Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,

People: that saved a wretch like me!

Leader: I once was lost, but now am found,

People: was blind, but now I see.

*OPENING HYMN

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

#370

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. AMEN.



A Fountain of Tears

*O that my head were a spring of water,
And my eyes a fountain of tears,
So that I might weep day and night
For the slain of my poor people!*

Jeremiah 9:1

One of the prophet's most important roles is to give voice to lament. Lamenting is the ancient spiritual practice of telling the truth about brokenness: in our own life, in our communities, and in the whole of creation.

Sometimes we think that only words of praise and adoration are appropriate for us as God's people. Yet the psalms, and the prophets, include many examples of God's people bearing honest witness about the trouble they are in.

It is only in telling the truth about our lives, including the failures and mistakes, losses and defeats, betrayals and humiliations, that we can then turn to the One who never fails us, never abandons us, and God, that the way things are is not the way God would have them be. It gives us hope for the future that God has in store for us. And it shows us the path toward the future.

(From "These Days" September 12th, 2022)

Directory Update!!

Over the next 4 weeks I will be updating the Church Directory. There will be a copy of the directory in the sanctuary that congregation members can mark up with a red pen. Please do not take the pen. You can also call the church office with updates to phone numbers, addresses, and emails. When the update is done there will be hard copies available, and a .pdf will be emailed to congregation members.

Help for Sarah Wimett

If you would like to help Sarah Wimett relocate after the fire that damaged her apartment. You can use the yellow pew envelopes to do so. Just mark the envelope Sarah Wimett and put it into the collection plate and we will make sure that Sarah will receive those funds.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

(formerly Peacemaking Offering) will start on September 11. Please support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church so that peace may abound throughout the world. As you contribute to the offering consider the difference your generosity can make. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We often get lost, wandering off the path of faith. Through this time of confession, let us redirect ourselves and return to God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we turn from you and frequently lose our way. We get ourselves so turned around by temptations that seduce and steal our hearts. We excuse our mistakes and missteps with arguments that just don't add up. Forgive us. Find us. Restore us as your people. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

#579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Socially Distanced Greeting)

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

by Jay Althouse

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Thanks be to God

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EPISTLE READING
The Word of the Lord

1 Timothy 1:12-17
Thanks be to God

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GOSPEL READING
The Gospel of Jesus

Luke 15:1-10
Thanks be to God

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SERMON

“Lost and Found”

Pastor Mike

*HYMN

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us “

#387

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From a Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

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

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Abby Bartell
Richard Carrier Jr. (Nancy James’
Grandson)

Pam Carrigan
Scott Colvin
Peggy Eastman
Maria Erdo
John Ferguson
Robert Feldman (Melinda’s Father)
Jillian Felt
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt’s Father)
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson’s Mom)
Becky Grasso
Wendy Holtz
Joyce Helms
Millie Johnson
Victor Johnson
Victor Johnson III

Horace Keller
Jean Kowalik
Maribeth Matthews
Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn’s brother)
Thomas Merritt
Donnie Miller (Carol Musgrove’s nephew)
Tom Panasci
Dan & Claudia Rayome
David Rice
Doug Rosekrans
Judy Sweet
Jim Thorpe
Jan Whiting
Milicent Vidal
Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Brittany (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Jerry DeRuby

Will Preuss (Friend of John Merritt)

Marty Canning

If you have a prayer need, there are cards in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an usher. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590. Please let us know also when they are healed and can be taken off the prayer list.

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry stock is getting low. We are asking for donations of non perishable goods and personal paper products. Many people in the Oneida area live on fixed income and inflation is making it difficult for them to keep basic food staples in their own pantries. You can drop off your donations during Sunday services or drop them off during the week. If you drop them off during the week please call in advance so that John will know you are coming. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS
WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:**

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2022

Donna Ausman
Kim DeRuby
Carol Miller
Becky Williams

CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella
Nancy Rinehard
Dave Schellhase
Jan Whiting
Cathy Opperman

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All first responders, nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals dealing first hand during this global pandemic.

All victims and survivors of gun violence.

The Citizens of Ukraine

Pray for those who are serving overseas and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.

Pray for all teachers and students returning to school this fall.

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Michael Merriman
Pat Thorpe

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022

Sue Kordziel
Rose Lockwood
Doug Lockwood
Kathy Nichols
Chrissy Thompson

CLASS OF 2023

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Stephen Cafalone, Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Colin Whitcome, Michelle Ludwig, Peter Thompson

Those serving in combat zones: Dylan McClelland (Poland)

CLASS OF 2024

John Merritt
Jennawade Skellham



MISSION EMPHASIS:

The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Utica

OFFERTORY

"Deep River"

Traditional

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Amazing Grace "

#280

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace" by Don Price and Nancy Besig**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world can see.

God will be here watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

***POSTLUDE**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Thomas Hastings



Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the auditorium.

!!!Area Church Happenings!!!

First Baptist Church, Canastota, NY

Saturday, September 24—11 am—3 pm

Games—Prizes—Music—Bake Sale—Food

St. John's Episcopal Church, Oneida, NY

Annual Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 23rd—Noon until gone

Take Outs Only!!!!!!!

Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Squash, Carrot Salad

Cranberry Juice, and Pie

New Hope Christian Community Church

Oneida, NY

50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th

Guest speakers and dinner.

Festival of Christmas 2022

Saturday, November 19

9am -3pm

Booth and Booth Chairpersons:

Bake Shoppe -Cathy Opperman 315-361-4106, Amanda Burdick
Needs pies and breads

Candy Shoppe - Chrissy Thompson 315-363-7201, Stephanie Thompson
Needs fudge and your favorite candy

Cookie Walk - Becky Williams 315-280-0284
Needs cookies, sign-up sheet coming soon

Christmas Cottage - Sarah Owens 315-886-2123, Deb Owens
Needs Christmas flowers-poinsettias, green(ery) garland, and mini

figurines for example Christmas village people/santa, etc (Don't need mini trees)

Harriet's Boutique - Becky Ewen - 315-363-1678
Needs hats, purses, items that kids can buy or want

Kitchen/Luncheon - Frank and Janet Sarensky 315-363-4365
Volunteer sign-up sheets coming soon

Pins & Needles - Laura Reckentine 315-495-7019, Sue Kordziel
Needs sewing, crocheting and knitting items

Polly's Pantry - Kathy Nichols 315-525-8690
Needs jams, jellies, pickles, spices, rubs, salsa, etc.

Drawing

Quilt - "Sweater Weather" (Laura Reckentine, Sue Kordziel, Chrissy Thompson)

Painting – "November Snow" (Tom Donegan)

Tickets available from Rachel Mancarella starting September 18th.



PRAYER MISSION SEPTEMBER

Liberty Resources is one of Central New York's most diversified and trusted human service agencies. It was founded in 1978 by a concerned group of citizens who wished to develop community based services in Madison County. Providing residential and non-residential services to individuals and families, their present services include Mental Health; Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, families and youth involved in the child welfare system, domestic violence services; services to persons in recovery; and diversified case management services. Liberty Resources strives for excellence in all areas – as an employer, service provider, and a corporate citizen of the CNY community.

LOST AND FOUND



There is a lost and found box in the auditorium near the stage. If you may have left an item or two behind during worship or other church events, there is a very good chance that it is in that box.

So, check it out on your way in or out of the church. All items that remain unclaimed for thirty days will be donated to local charities.



Upcoming Blood Drives for September

**Friday, September 23rd; St. Paul United Methodist Church
Oneida, NY.
1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**



The Bible Study Group meets at 9:00 AM in the parlor. The current Bible Study is entitled "Until Unity". New York Times–bestselling author Francis Chan challenges us to see what keeps us from being unified.

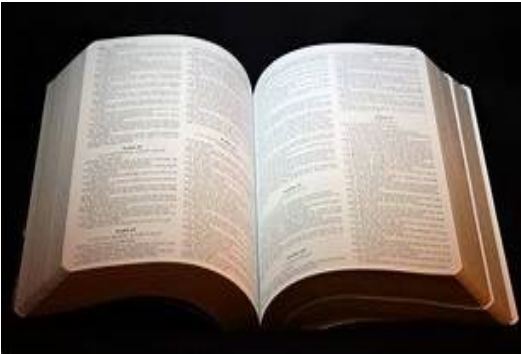
It's clear from Scripture that God desires unity for His Church. Unity is what Jesus prays for, what He commands, and what He says will be the chief argument for unbelieving people coming to know God.

Join us for some positive Christian discussions on this Biblically-based topic.

A NOTE FROM ONEIDA BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY PARAYER MEETINGS FOR THE ONEIDA AREA

We continue to meet weekly to pray for the city of Oneida and the surrounding area every Friday at 12:00—1:00 p.m. Prayers are lifted for salvation for the lost, the homeless, the hungry, the addicted, the sick, the lonely, as well as for wisdom for our Local, State and Federal leadership. Please join us!! Come for as little or as long as you are able



Scripture Readers for September

September 4th—Scott Colvin
September 11th - Perry Tooker
September 18th - Frank Kordziel
September 25th - Ian Farwell

Coffee Servers for September

September 4th – Brian and Kathy Gay
September 11th — Becky Ewing and Michelle Yeoman
September 18th — Jack and Barb Arnold
September 25th — Lynn Morey and Jerry Fuller



LIFE at ONEIDA ***FIRST PRESBYTERIAN***

Calendar for Sept 18th—Sept 25

Sunday, September 18th
9 a.m. Bible Study
10 a.m. Worship
Choir Returns
11:15 a.m. Deacons Meeting

Monday, September 19th
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 20th

Wednesday, September 21st
3 p.m. Connection
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:30 p.m. Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, September 22nd
7 p.m. Prayer Vigil

Friday, September 23rd

Saturday, September 24th

Sunday, September 25th
9 a.m. Bible Study
10 a.m. Worship



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thu-Georgia Merritt

Fri-Sarah Morris
Debbie Owens
Bill Young

Anniversaries

Sun - Bill & Donna Ausman

Tue-Bob & Pam West
Mike & Michelle Yeoman

Thu-Brian & Kathy Gey

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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