



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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You did not choose me, but I chose and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit— fruit that will last— and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

John 15:16

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 22, 2023 10:00 AM

Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 29:29-46

Ephesians 2:1-10

Luke 10:1-12, and 16-20

PRELUDE

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Henri F. Hemy

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT

“A Living Prayer”

Ron Block

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: From before the world began and beyond the end of eternity

People: You are God

Leader: From the sea bursting out of its womb to the wind ceasing from its chase

People: You are God

Leader: In the constancy of created things and in their fickleness,

People: You are God

Leader: In the vastness of the universe and the forgotten corner of our hearts,

People: You are God

ALL: You are our God and we praise and worship you!



Love Like Blazing Fire
[Love] burns like blazing fire.
Like a mighty flame.

Song of Songs 8:6

Poet, painter, and printmaker William Blake enjoyed a forty-five-year marriage with his wife, Catherine. From their wedding day until his death in 1827, they worked side by side. Catherine added color to William's sketches, and their devotion endured years of poverty and other challenges. Even in his final weeks as his health failed, Blake kept at his art, and his final sketch was his wife's face. Four years later, Catherine died clutching one of her husband's pencils in her hand.

The Blakes' vibrant love offers a reflection of the love discovered in the Song of Songs. And while the Song's description of love certainly has implications for marriage, early believers in Jesus believed it also points to Jesus' unquenchable love for all His followers. The Song describes a love “as strong as death,” which is a remarkable metaphor since death is as final and unescapable a reality as humans will ever know.(8:6). This string love “burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame”(v.6) And unlike fires we're familiar with, these flames can't be doused, not even by a deluge. Many waters cannot quench love,” the Song insists (v.7)

Who among us doesn't desire true love? The Song reminds us that whenever we encounter genuine love, God is the ultimate source. And in Jesus, each of us can know a profound and undying love-one that burns like a blazing fire.

(From “Our Daily Bread” January 20th, 2023)



Souper Bowl of Caring

Don't forget the special offering on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th. It is collected by the youth after the worship service at the exit locations.

This Souper Bowl donation will go to the deacon's Food Sense Ministry to help feed the poor in our community. If you want to contribute to the Souper Bowl and you won't be here on February 12th, you can put your donation in a yellow envelope (found in the pews) and put Souper Bowl on the outside.

CALENDARS

Due to many inquiries we have ordered calendars for the congregation. They will be here in about two weeks. Thank you for your patience

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida, NY will be held immediately after worship on January 29th. At the annual meeting we will review and celebrate all of our service to God in the past year, go over financial reports and the budget for the coming year. Please mark your calendar!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Wherever I May Wander"

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, you have promised through your prophets that you would pour out your Spirit on all living beings. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us now that in hearing and proclaiming your Word, in prayer and song, word and silence, we may hear your voice, receive your Spirit, and be changed into the image of Christ. God, be merciful to us, and grant us your grace. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, your Son Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. He is our Good Shepherd, whose leadership is less about the love of power, and more about the power of love. This same Jesus called us to follow Him, to lead as He did, to serve as He served, showing others His Kingdom way of life. But we need your forgiveness for thoughtless words, said without love, for hurried decisions, made without your wisdom, for destructive moments, when anger tore, for selfish motives, when our power wounded another. By your mercy, focus our eyes on you, Lord Jesus, and tune our ears to your Holy Spirit. Let our greatest passion be compassion, our greatest strength be love, so that in leading, we never fail to follow You. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Ministering in His name, I declare we are forgiven!
ALL: Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

#579

***PASSING OF THE PEACE CHILDREN'S TIME**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM “*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*” *Joan Myrin and Matt Redman*
arr. Heather Sorenson

PRAAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT **Exodus 29:29-46** **OT Page 73**
The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

EPISTLE	Ephesians 2:1-10	NT Page 181
The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>	

GOSPEL **Luke 10:1-12, 16-20** **NT Page 66**
The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

SERMON *“Called to Do Extraordinary Things”* Pastor Mike

***HYMN** *"Here I Am Lord"* #525

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical Version)

*We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Abby Bartell	Victor Johnson
Brody	Victor Johnson III
Pam Carrigan	Jean Kowalik
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailrey's Father)	Val Lowry
Scott Colvin	Sam Messina
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Maribeth Matthews
Peggy Eastman	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Maria Erdo	Tom Panasci
John Ferguson	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Robert Feldman (Melinda's Father)	David Rice
Jillian Felt	Doug Rosekrans
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Judy Sweet
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Jim Thorpe
Becky Grasso	Jan Whiting
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little's Daughter)	Milicent Vidal
Wendy Holtz	Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Joyce Helms	Brittany (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Millie Johnson	

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS


Pat Sprong (Friend of Pat Thorpe) Stephanie Patricia (Friend of Cathy Opperman)
Ron Ray (Barb Arnold's brother in law) Tom Donegan

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.

Quiet bags are available in the Sanctuary under the information table. If you take one please return the clipboard in the bag when you leave the church.

Thank you!



		FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR: Bill Young Kelly Miller	
ELDERS CLASS OF 2023 Paul Mancarella Nancy Rinehard Dave Schellhase Jan Whiting Cathy Opperman Sharon Warren Becky Williams		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.	
CLASS OF 2024 Randy Bonville Frank Kordziel Lucille Merriman Michael Merriman Pat Thorpe		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, Michelle Ludwig, Peter Thompson, Dylan McClelland	
CLASS OF 2025 Kim DeRuby Doug Lippert		DEACONS CLASS OF 2023 Sue Kordziel Rose Lockwood Doug Lockwood Kathy Nichols Janel Milana Chrissy Thompson	
CLASS OF 2024 John Merritt Jennawade Skellham		Those serving in combat zones:	
CLASS OF 2025			
		MISSION EMPHASIS: PC(USA) Foundation and Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program	

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
 People: *There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.*
 Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.
 People: *To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.*
 Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ’s own by the Holy Spirit. This is and administering the sacraments.
 Clerk of Session: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Session of First Presbyterian Church now ordains Sharon Warren to the Office of Elder, and Janel Milana to the Office of Deacon and installs to active service to the Office of Elder Doug Lippert and Kim DeRuby.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

(The Minister first asks the elders and deacons for a response, the Clerk will then ask the people of the church for a response.)
 Clerk: Do we, the members of the church, accept these persons as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
 People: *We do.*

Clerk: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

People: We do.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you
People And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Throughout the ages you have been faithful to your covenant... (Continued)
Anointed by your Holy Spirit he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said.

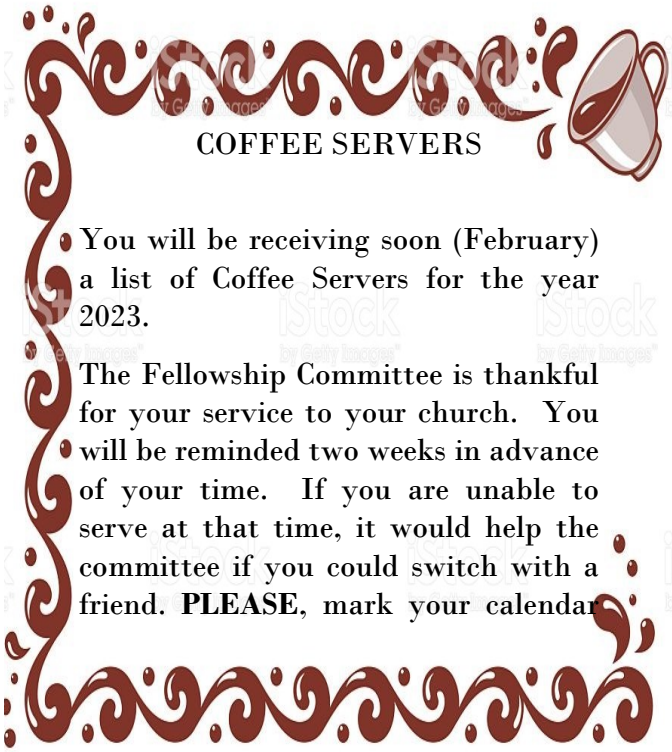
THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

Pastor: Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Throughout the ages you have been faithful to your covenant... (Continued)
Anointed by your Holy Spirit he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you have called through baptism as your own. Grant them the spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build upon the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry give your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor and courage and an abiding sense of your presence.

Clerk: Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon your church that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the Gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.



COFFEE SERVERS

You will be receiving soon (February) a list of Coffee Servers for the year 2023.

The Fellowship Committee is thankful for your service to your church. You will be reminded two weeks in advance of your time. If you are unable to serve at that time, it would help the committee if you could switch with a friend. **PLEASE**, mark your calendar



Offering Envelopes will be located in the Sanctuary near the information table. Extra envelopes are available for anyone that would like them. They have a file card in the boxes. Please put your name and the number of the box and

The Per Capita for 2023 will be \$45



Upcoming Blood Drives for January

**Thursday, January 26th; Morrisville Community Church
Morrisville, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, January 27th; St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Oneida, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is always in need of several items. Most of these are usually a dollar or under. Please take into thought helping those that come to our emergency pantry stop. These items that always go quick are canned corn, canned beefaroni, tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, rice sides, pasta sides, most dried pastas, and canned fruit. You are by no means limited to these items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Especially by those in need.



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning February 1st the office
hours will be

9:30-12:30 Monday thru Friday

The staff thanks you for patience and
understanding.



FLOWER MEMORIALS

There is a calendar hanging on the bulletin board to the right of Mike's office. If you would like to donate a flower arrangement on Sunday morning in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the date you would like to do it. Then call John in the office 363-7590 by the Tuesday before that Sunday so that he can print the memorial in the bulletin.



Ground us in the Gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the Gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION AND WELCOME

Pastor: You are now installed as elders and deacons in this church. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Lord.

(A handshake of welcome and fellowship is shared with the new officers)

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

OFFERTORY

"Lyric Interlude"

Dennis Eliot

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"Lead Me Lord"*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

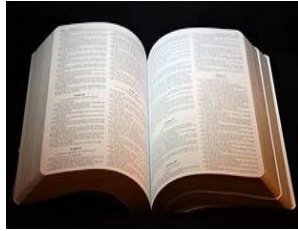
POSTLUDE

"God Be With Us Til We Meet Again"

W. G. Tomer



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



Collection Assistants for Jan/Feb

January 22nd-Nancy Rinehard

January 29th-Lucille Merriman

February 5th-Randy Bonville

February 12th-Kim DeRuby

Scripture Readers for Jan/Feb

January 22nd - Barb Schwartz

January 29th - Austin Williams

February 5th-Andy Williams

February 12th-Paul Mancarella

Coffee Servers for Jan/Feb

January 22nd—Chrissy and Paul Thompson

January 29th—Stephanie Thompson and Jenna Skellham

February 5th—Doug and Alicia Lippert

February 12th-Joy and Dylan Bartell

Projection Team for Jan/Feb

January 22nd—Dan Gwilt

January 29th—Trish Vrooman

February 5th—Ian Farwell

February 12th-Andy Williams



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sun-Matthew Froass

Mon-Christopher Joslyn Jr.

Fri-Linda Bailey

LIFE at ONEIDA

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Calendar for Jan 22nd-Jan 29th

Sunday, January 22nd

10 a.m. Worship

Installation and Ordination of
Officers

Monday, January 23rd

Office Closed

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 24th

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 25th

3 p.m. Connection

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

6:30 p.m. Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, January 26th

Friday, January 27th

Saturday, January 28th

9 a.m.—12 p.m. Needles and Pins
sale in the Dorcus Room

Sunday, January 29th

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting



The Nicaragua Medical Mission Team is gearing up for their mission trip in February. This year several people from this church, including Pastor Mike, will be making this trip.

One way you can help now and until the end of the month is through vegetable seeds. The team literally takes hundreds of packets of vegetable seeds with them. These go a long way in helping families grow food that will provide needed nourishment. These are often available at Dollar General or Dollar Tree and are value priced. They also take toothbrushes. Please ask your dentist if they might donate some boxes (Oneida dental Group is already donating). Thank you for your support of this outreach ministry.



PRAYER MISSION JANUARY

The Nicaragua Medical Mission provides medicines and clothing to people in the second poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Each team member receives two 50 lb. trunks filled with medicine/supplies. Each patient receives a 3 month supply of medicine including multivitamins, pain relievers, parasitic medicine and others as needed.



These Days for January, February and March are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way outside the Boardroom.



Our Daily Bread for December, January, and February is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom



SWEETHEART BRUNCH

Join us on Sunday February 12th after service for a Sweetheart brunch. Bring a date or a friend and enjoy some fellowship and good food for a good cause.

On the menu: (2) Breakfast Casseroles, Potato breakfast bake, breakfast sausage, Muffins and assorted breads, fruit salad, and coffee, tea, and fruit juice. Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, children under 5 eat for free. All donations go to the Deacon's Scholarship fund.

Volunteer opportunities are available for set up and clean up.



The First Presbyterian Church of Oneida is very appreciative of the officers who have just finished their service; **Donna Ausman and Carol Miller.** Thank you all for your unique talents that you have brought to leading this church through the years!



Spirit Inspired!

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, Slaves of free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

What an elusive challenge, unity. In a world of division, being as one is perhaps the hardest thing we can strive to accomplish, yet it is our call as Christians. In this world, being one is not something we can do on our own. When we are adopted into God's family and the Spirit lives within us, nudging and urging us toward unity, love, compassion, and justice, we become one only by way of God's Holy Spirit. Any unity and oneness we may attain is by this power of God in our lives.

The Spirit is what gives us the courage to stand for justice, to challenge the status quo, to love God, to love, our neighbors, and certainly to strive for oneness among variety in God's people. May your life embody a Spirit-inspired oneness, today and always.

(From "These Days" January 17th, 2022)