



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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Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY
 October 27, 2024
 Pastor Michael L. Yeoman



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† Isaiah 56:1-8

† Ephesians 4:1-5

† Luke 6:20-31

PRELUDE "Gnossienne No. 5" - (Satie)

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT "In the Garden" (Miles)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If this election season has left you feeling hopeless and heart sick

People: Come, hear God's word of peace, hope and unity.

Leader: If you feel like your voice is lost in the public square

People: Come, and remember the covenant God has made with you, to never leave you.

Leader: If political views and rhetoric have damaged your relationships

People: Come, where all are forgiven and welcome.

Leader: If the brokenness of the world, the nation, and the city seem beyond repair

People: Come, to pray for the coming of God's realm here and now.

***OPENING HYMN** "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace" #374

More Precious than Gold
 Come to [Jesus], the living Stone-
 Rejected by humans but chosen by God
 And precious to him.

1 Peter 2:4

Have you ever looked through low-priced items at a yard sale and dreamed that you might find something of incredible value? It happened in Connecticut when a floral Chinese antique bowl purchased for just \$35 at a yard sale was sold at a 2021 auction for more than \$700,00. The piece turned out to be a rare, historically significant artifact from the fifteenth century. It's a stunning reminder that what some people consider of little worth can actually have great value.

Writing to believers scattered throughout the known world, Peter explained that their faith in Jesus was belief in the One who'd been rejected by the wider culture. Despised by most of the religious Jewish leaders and crucified by the Roman government, Christ was deemed worthless by many because He didn't fulfill their expectations and desires. But though others had dismissed Jesus' worth, He was "chosen by God and precious to him" (1 Peter 2:4). His value for us is infinitely more precious than silver or gold (1:18-19). And we have the assurance that whoever chooses to trust Jesus will never be ashamed of their choice (2:6).

When others reject Jesus as worthless, let's take another look. God's Spirit can help us see the priceless gift of Christ, who offers to all people the invaluable invitation to become part of the family of God (v.10).

From "Our Daily Bread", September 28th, 2023



These Days for October, November, and December are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way outside the Boardroom.



Our Daily Bread for September, October, and November is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom.

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.



Prayer shawls

Prayer shawls are available for anyone who needs a little extra comforting and support. They are stitched by church members. They are on the stage in the auditorium.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Father God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son; look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, forgive us for the ways that each of us, through words or deeds or silence, have contributed to the division and hostility across our nation. We have too easily labeled those who disagree with us as others or less than. Teach us anew what it means to be instruments of your peace. Show yourself in each human being we encounter. Help us to use our words wisely and compassionately in the days and weeks to come.

Lord, you are the redeemer of all things, the renewer of all things. We entrust our country, our political leaders, and our communities to you. Have mercy on us, and make paths for us as we seek healing, reconciliation, and transformation. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, 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

“Make This Church a Welcome Place”

(Raney)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT	Isaiah 56:1-8 The Word of the Lord	OT 645 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
EPISTLE	Ephesians 4:1-5 The Word of the Lord	NT 182 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
GOSPEL	Luke 6:20-31 The Gospel of Jesus	NT 60 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
SERMON	<i>The Dividing Line"</i>	Pastor Mike

***HYMN** *"Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"* #426

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Supremacy of Christ – (Colossians 1:15-20)*
We believe that Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him, all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

As we celebrate the Reformation, let us also pray for reconciliation within the body of Christ.

The Per Capita for
2025 is \$46.04



Ushers for October
October 6th
October 13th
October 20th
October 27th

Early voting hours for City of Oneida at St. Paul's United Methodist Church 551 Sayles St

Sat Oct 26-27 polls open from 9AM to 5 PM

Monday Oct. 28 noon to 8 pm

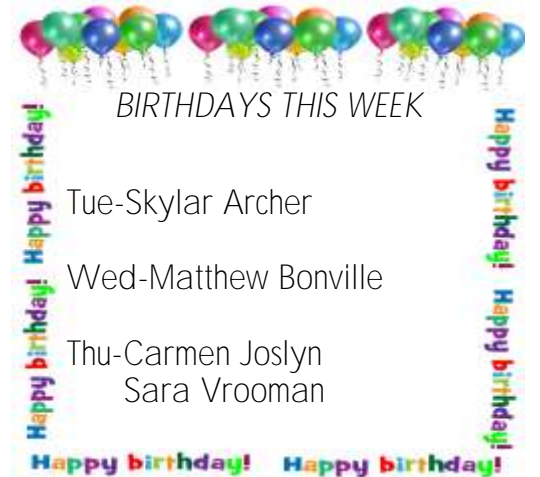
Tues Oct. 29 9am -5pm

Wed Oct 30 noon to 8 PM

Thur Oct 31 9am-5pm

Fri Nov 1 9am -5pm

Sat & Sun Nov 2 & 3 9 am to 5 pm



Tue-Skylar Archer
Wed-Matthew Bonville
Thu-Carmen Joslyn
Sara Vrooman

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

Thank you!





The Tech Team is in **urgent** need of **projectionists** to assist with Sunday Services - **No experience necessary!**

Our Projection Team is going to be down to 2 individuals. We cannot sustain this program at this level. Without additional volunteers there may be Sundays without Projection/Facebook.

Please prayerfully consider your calling to help.

See Pastor Mike to discuss this further!

LOCAL CHURCHES NEED OUR HELP

First Presbyterian Church of Rome – Devastated by a recent tornado that destroyed their sanctuary they are going to try to rebuild. They need help financially. Please prayerfully consider a donation. You can put your donation in an envelope and place it in the offering plate marked **ROME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESTORATION FUND** in the memo. You can also send checks directly to them and note same in Memo Line – address: Rome Presbyterian Church – 108 W. Court Street, Rome NY 13440. Mail is checked daily.

Oneida Baptist Church–The Oneida Baptist Church is in crisis, Their church building needs immediate repairs to avoid closure due to present external building safety concerns identified by the Oneida City Fire Marshall. They need \$150,000 by month's end to begin critical masonry and other repairs to the church building. You can send your donation marked "**Emergency Building Restoration**" to Oneida Baptist Church 242 Main St., Oneida, NY 13421 or securely through their website oneidabaptistchurch.com



In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Leader: For the church that in every age has taught the faith to children, shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,

People: O God, we give you thanks.

Leader: For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and self-preservation prevail over the will of God,

People: O God, we ask forgiveness.

Leader: For those who work to create unity among all the churches and seek to find ways to walk together,

People: O God, we give you thanks.

Leader: For us, when we promote sectarianism above our oneness as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ,

People: O God, we ask forgiveness.

Leader: For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent,

People: O God, we give you thanks.

Leader: For those instances when we have driven out sisters and brothers who had a different vision of God's will for us,

People: O God, we ask forgiveness.

People: For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually renew itself,

People: O God, we give you thanks.

Leader: For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshipping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all....

THE 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

OFFERTORY

"Gymnopédie No. 3"

(Satie)

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

#368



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



HAPPY
100TH
BIRTHDAY
BOB
HELLER!

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Wendy Holtz
Abby Bartell	Millie Johnson
Kevin Bedford	Victor Johnson
Brody	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Richard Brown	
Marty Canning	
Pam Corrington	Jean Kowalik
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father)	Florence LaRock
Elizabeth Coulby	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott's sister)	Suzie Meraz
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)	Michelle Newman
Peggy Eastman	Becky Nichols
John Ferguson	Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father)	Mike Oot
Jillian Felt	Audrey Opperman (Cathy's Mother-in-law)
Andy Froass	Tom Panasci
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Elli Pfluke
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Becky Grasso	Debbie Shaw
Mary Gwilt (Dan's mother)	Brian Stites
	Sue
	Judy Sweet
	Millicent Vidal
	Jan Whiting

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Janet Franklin (Kim DeRuby's mom)

Steve Reed

Aimee Dryer

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.

SAVE THE DATE.

Festival of Christmas.

Saturday, November 23. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

With the following rooms

Harriet's Boutique - Becky Ewen

Shop around the corner - Sarah and Deb Owens

Gingerbread Shop-Cathy Opperman

Cookie Corner-Becky Williams

Christmas Cottage 304 - Carol Miller and Barb Arnold

Nutcracker Sweet - Chrissy Thompson

Wood shop - Dan Gwilt

Pins and needles-Laura Reckentine and Sue Kordziel

Pollys pantry - Kathy Nichols and Ginny Drake

Chicken and Biscuit luncheon - Frank and Janet Sarensky

Quilt made by Laura Reckentine, Sue Kordziel, Chrissy Thompson

Painting by Tom Donegan

Ticket distribution and sale- Rachel Mancarella

Notable contributions by Nancy James and daughter Lori every year, thank you so much!

This years Festival is honoring our special friend and generous donor of jams, jellies, candy and more. Vicki DuChene passed away this year and we are sure she is in Heaven making the best Jam ever! We love and miss you Vicki!

Please take a minute to ask what you can do, or make, and be sure to spread the word. We need to let everyone know the Festival is happening!

Save the date! Saturday November 23 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville

Frank Kordziel

Lucille Merriman

Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2025

CLASS OF 2026

Paul Mancarella

Perry Tooker IV

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024

Cindy Bonville

Sue Kordziel

Rachel Mancarella

John Merritt

Kathy Nichols

Janet Sarensky

Jennawade Skellham

Sharon Warren

Michelle Yeoman

CLASS OF 2025

Kristin Tooker

CLASS OF 2026

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:

Rosalind Lawrence (Sandy houseman's Sister)

Josiah Carrier (Nancy James' Grandson)

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All first responders, nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals.

All victims and survivors of gun violence.

The Citizens of Ukraine

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

Israel and all victims of terrorism

All victims of recent Hurricanes.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones:

Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahan, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Michelle Ludwig, Peter Thompson, Dylan McClelland, Sean Fuller Jr.

Those serving in combat zones:



MISSION EMPHASIS:

First Presbyterian Church, Utica



Collection Assistants for October/November

October 27th-Frank Kordziel

November 3rd-Paul Mancarella

November 10th-Lucille Merriman

November 17th-Perry Tooker IV

Scripture Readers for October/November

October 27th-Paul Mancarella

November 3rd-Barb Schwartz

November 10th-PerryTooker IV

November 17th-TBD

Coffee Servers for October/November

October 27th-Art and Sharon Pierce

November 3rd-Perry & Kristen Tooker

November 10th-Perry Tooker & Joyce Messenger

November 17th-Lynn and Cindy Morey

Projection Team for October/November

October 27th-Trish Vrooman

November 3rd-Dan Gwilt

November 10th-Trish Vrooman

November 17th-Dan Gwilt



LIFE at ONEIDA

Week of October 27th-November 3rd

Sunday, October 27th
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 28th
6:30 p.m. Activ8 Her (JWCC)

Tuesday, October 29th

Wednesday, October 30th
3:00 p.m. The Connection
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, October 31st

Friday, November 1st

Saturday, November 2nd

Sunday, November 3rd
10 a.m. Worship
Communion



25th Annual GRAB a COAT Event!

“No neighbor should be without a COAT”

Saturday, November 9, 2024

9:00 am until 12:00 noon

Oneida First United Methodist Church

116 West Grove Street (corner of Main and Grove)

ALL coats, snow pants, and boots are available FREE of charge!

To DONATE:

A DONATION BOX IS SET UP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ONEIDA

- ALL sizes (infant through adult XXXL) of new or gently used coats, snow pants, and boots are welcome.
- Drop off items between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at the Grove Street entrance (starting Monday, September 30 through Wednesday, November 6).
- VOLUNTEERS needed!

To SHOP:

- Please enter and register through the Main Street doors
- First-come, first-served
- ALL items FREE of charge and MUST go!
- ALL are welcome!

Please contact the church office at 315-363-2450 or email oneidafirstoffice@gmail.com with s or to volunteer.



If anyone is in need of a pastoral visit or knows of a congregation member who would like a visit, please let Pastor Mike know. (315) 761-2721



PEACE & GLOBAL
WITNESS OFFERING

(formerly Peacemaking Offering) will start on September 15. 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.



This is an early reminder that you and your child can begin now to collect items that will fit in a shoebox. This month, as you're out shopping, pick up one or two items at a time and gradually fill up your shoebox. Gear gifts for each box to a boy or girl. Ages per shoebox are 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. This is the best time of year to pick up school supplies, as they are all on sale.

We will have OCC shoeboxes available in the board room, over by the coffee pot, and there will be new brochures on the Stone Street table very soon. If you use a regular shoebox, wrapping is not necessary; however, do put a label (found on the back of the OCC brochure) denoting boy or girl and age on the shoebox and put a strong rubber band around the box. If you wish to wrap the box in brightly colored paper, please wrap the top and bottom of the box separately and put the label on it denoting boy or girl and age with a rubber band around it. Don't include breakable items, liquid items, chocolate, perishable items or toy weapons, etc.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Oneida, NY

Annual Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 27th—11:30 a.m. until gone

\$12 per dinner includes-

Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Vegetable, Carrot Salad

Cranberry Sauce, and Pie

Take outs only!!!!

Deliveries available



Upcoming Blood Drives For October

Monday, October 28th: Stockbridge Vallet Central School
Oneida, NY.
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29th: Oneida Health
Oneida, NY.
10:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday, November 1st: Munnsville Fire Department
Munnsville, NY.
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

To members of Session, Deacons and our congregation:

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks for the beautiful cards and generous gift for Pastor Appreciation Month. Most importantly, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and prayers for me and my family.

You are truly a blessing!

In Christ,

Mike

If you know of anyone who needs to be added to the Deacon's military service list please let Jennawade know, or call into the office so that we can keep our list updated. The Deacons routinely send out cards and packages to our military friends.



Birthdays

Nov. 4	Mike Yeoman
Nov. 5	Jane Jennings
Nov. 6	Mike Merriman
Nov. 16	Randy Bonville, Kristina Tooker
Nov. 17	Millicent Vidal
Nov. 20	Shane Todd
Nov. 22	Phyllis Lighthall, Florence LaRock, Grace Todd
Nov. 23	Nat Smith
Nov. 26	Gail Lehman
Nov. 27	Vic Johnson

Anniversaries

Nov. 16	Nat and Melissa Smith
Nov. 22	Bob and Becky Williams



The Toys for Tots boxes are back this year! They can be found in the Auditorium. We will be collecting toys for the next few weeks. We do not have a pick up date yet, but it would be appreciated if you could get your toys in by Friday Dec. 15th.




 Oneida Memorial Association
2nd Annual Designer Bag




Saturday, November 16th

VERONA FIRE DEPARTMENT
 5555 Volunteer Rd.
 Verona, NY 13478





TICKET INFO
 \$25.00 PER SALE
 Must be 18 yrs of age or older



Welcome November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TURN CLOCKS BACK
3 10 a.m. <i>Worship</i> <i>Communion</i> 11:15 a.m. <i>Team Meetings</i>	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6 1 p.m. <i>Seniors BS</i> 3 p.m. <i>Connection</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Living Waters Youth Group</i>	7	8	9
10 10 am <i>Worship</i>	11 6:30 p.m. <i>Activ8 Her (JWCC)</i>	12 10 a.m. <i>Presbyterian Women</i>	13 1 p.m. <i>Seniors BS</i> 3 p.m. <i>Connection</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Living Waters Youth Group</i>	14	15	16 5:30-8:00 p.m. <i>Restoration Fellowship</i>
17 10 am <i>Worship</i> <i>Operation Shoebox dedication</i> 11:15 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i> <i>Deacons Meeting</i>	18	19	20 1 p.m. <i>Seniors BS</i> 3 p.m. <i>Connection</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Living Waters Youth Group</i>	21	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 Festival of Xmas (9 am - 3pm)
24 10 a.m. <i>Worship</i>	25 6:30 p.m. <i>Activ8 Her (JWCC)</i>	26 6:30 p.m. <i>Session Meeting</i>	27 1 p.m. <i>Seniors BS</i> 3 p.m. <i>Connection</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Living Waters Youth Group</i>	28 	29	30