



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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Greater Love has no one than this,
That someone lay down his life for his friends

John 15:13

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, November 10, 2024 10:00 AM
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 1:1-9

Psalm 91:9-16

John 15:9-25

PRELUDE

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *"Spirit of the Living God"* by Daniel Iverson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We pause to remember those who have served our country in your name.

People: *We give thanks for courage, for love of country, for those who work to bring peace to our world.*

Leader: Remind us, Father, that the goal of war should be justice and peace.

People: *On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God for veteran*

Leader: And seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.

People: *Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.*

Leader: And remind us, Dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran – all know the cost of war.

People: *Challenge us to love the warrior who fights for peace and freedom.*

Leader: And we pray for a time when peace will reign and swords become plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books



*Courage From The Shepherd
The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

Psalm 23:1

The neatly 107,000 people in the stadium stood in anticipation as Texas A&M college football kicker Seth Small took the field with only two seconds left in the game. With A&M tied 38-38 against the best team in the country—a perennial football powerhouse—a successful field goal would deal an epic victory. Looking calm, Small lined up to take the kick. The stadium erupted in pandemonium after the ball sailed through the uprights for the winning score.

When questioned by reporters how he prepared for such an intense moment, Small said he kept repeating to himself the first verse of Psalm 23, “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.” When Small needed strength and reassurance, he drew on the deeply personal metaphor of God as a shepherd.

Psalm 23 is a beloved psalm because it assures us that we can be at peace, or comforted, because we have a loving and trustworthy shepherd who actively cares for us. David testified both to the reality of fear in intense or difficult situations as well as the comfort God provides (v.4). The word translated “comfort” conveys assurance, or the confidence and courage to keep going because of His guiding presence.

When walking into challenging circumstances—not knowing what the outcome will be—we can take courage as we repeat the gentle reminder that the Good Shepherd walks with us.

From “Our Daily Bread”, November 5, 2024



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.

*ONEIDA SCOUTS USA TROOP 2 PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

OPENING HYMN

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

#561

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You, O God, are our God. You are with us in all the times of life to offer hope and light and comfort. We come to you now with thanks: thanks for our freedom; thanks for our peace; thanks for our prosperity and security. In this Veteran’s Day service, we thank you, especially, for the women and men who gave of themselves in times of war to help to ensure the blessings that we enjoy. The names, the faces, the stories come to us, once again, and we honor them, their courage, their sacrifice, their willingness to put themselves in harm’s way for a better cause.

Amen

*CALL TO CONFESSION

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us turn to God in honesty and humility, ready to confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive my sins, O Lord; forgive the sins of my youth and the sins of my age, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body, my secret and my whispering sins, my presumptuous and my crying sins, the sins that I have done to please myself, and the sins that I have done to please others. Forgive the sins that I know and the sins that I don’t recall. Forgive me, O Lord, forgive all my sins by your great goodness we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, encourage one another. Do not grieve as those who have no hope. Our hope is in God. You have been forgiven. Enter into God's mercy and love!

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

“For Where Love Is, There Is God”

Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT **Joshua 1:1-9** **OT Page 185**

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

PSALM **Psalms 91:9-16** **OT Page 518**

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

NEW TESTAMENT **John 15:9-25** **NT Page 103**

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

SERMON **“Where Is Your Refuge”** **Pastor Mike**

***HYMN** **“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagles Wings)**
#43 (Purple)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Heidelberg Catechism**

Q & A 1:

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ALL: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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



Ushers for November

November 10th

**Ethel Abbott
Michelle Yeoman
Peggy Dryer
Cindy Young**

November 17th

**Randy Bonville
Cindy Bonville
Sharon Pierce
Art Pierce**

November 24th

**Frank Kordziel
Sue Kordziel
Paul Mancarella
Rachel Mancarella**

The Per Capita for
2025 is \$46.04





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!

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING**

“O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies”

#564

***ONEIDA SCOUTS USA TROOP 2 RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

by Doris Akers

***POSTLUDE**



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

Oneida Memorial Association
2nd Annual Designer Bag

B I N G O

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





**Christmas
Potluck**

Potluck Christmas Party

The Fellowship committee will be hosting a Potluck Christmas Party on December 15th after the church service. The Fellowship Committee will be providing a Spiral Ham and drinks. What we are asking you to provide are your favorite entrees, side dishes and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in the auditorium for the next few weeks. This is a time of year for families, and what could be better than sharing a meal with your church family. Not to mention we have the best cooks in town.

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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| 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 | Jean Kowalik |
| Pam Corrington | Florence LaRock |
| Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father) | Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother) |
| Elizabeth Coulby | Susan Mudge |
| Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott's sister) | Michelle Newman |
| Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister) | Becky Nichols |
| Peggy Eastman | Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law) |
| John Ferguson | Mike Oot |
| Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father) | Audrey Opperman (Cathy's Mother-in-law) |
| Jillian Felt | Tom Panasci |
| Andy Froass | Elli Pfluke |
| Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father) | Dan & Claudia Rayome |
| Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom) | Debbie Shaw |
| Becky Grasso | Brian Stites |
| Mary Gwilt (Dan's mother) | Sue |
| | Judy Sweet |
| | Millicent Vidal |
| | Jan Whiting |

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Janet Franklin (Kim DeRuby's mom) | Steve Reed |
| Aimee Dryer | Paul Mancarella |

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

Christmas Whimsy - Sarah and Deb Owens

Gingerbread Shop-Cathy Opperman

Cookie Corner-Becky Williams

Christmas Cottage 304 - Carol Miller and Barb Arnold

Nutcracker Sweet Shoppe- 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.



During the month of November our Church will be collecting funds to help family's in Rome, who were effective by the tornadoes back in July 2024. For \$21 a family will receive a food sense package with:

Chicken Breasts Nuggets, 27 oz.
Breakfast Sausage, 6.4 oz.
Marinated Pork Portions, 1 lb.
Ground Turkey, 1 lb.
Large Eggs, 1 dozen
Pancake Mix, 14 oz.
Breakfast Bites, 19.5 oz.
Frozen Blueberries, 16 oz.
French Fries, 24 oz.
Mandarin Oranges, 11 oz.
Fresh Produce #1
Fresh Produce #2



All donations will need to be handed by the end of November. Food sense is a pre-order organization. Orders for Food sense will need to be in no later than Dec. 6th. Blank envelopes are provided in the pews, please write Christmas FS on it. Also if writing a check please put in the memo Christmas FS.

Thank you for your donations.

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.

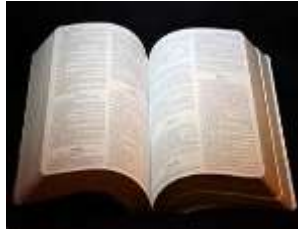
Thank you!





Collection Assistants for November/December

November 10th-Lucille Merriman
November 17th-Perry Tooker IV
November 24th-Randy Bonville
December 1st-TBD



Scripture Readers for November/December

November 10th-PerryTooker IV
November 17th-Barb Seaton
November 24th-Lou White
December 1st-TBD



Coffee Servers for November/December

November 10th-Perry Tooker & Joyce Messenger
November 17th-Lynn and Cindy Morey
November 24th-Fellowship
December 1st-Marilyn & Don Kingsley



Projection Team for November/December

November 10th-Trish Vrooman
November 17th-Dan Gwilt
November 24th- Trish Vrooman
December 1st-Dan Gwilt



LIFE at ONEIDA

Week of Nov 10th—Nove 17th

Sunday, November 10th
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 11th
6:30 p.m. Acitv8 Her (JWCC)

Tuesday, November 12th
10 a.m. Pesbyterian Women

Wednesday, November 13th
3:00 p.m. The Connection
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, November 14th
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, November 15th

Saturday, November 16th

Sunday, November 17th
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Deacons Meeting





Jack Arnold

John Musgrove

Bill Ausman

Art Pierce

Rich Brown

Joe Todd

Bob Heller

Perry Tooker III

James Hotaling

Dave Scribner

Doug Lockwood

Jim Sweet

Lynn Morey

Lou White

Matthew Winchell

Thank You First Presbyterian Vets!

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

The Nutcracker Sweet Shoppe is looking for candy makers. If interested please contact Chrissy Thompson at 315-363-7201.

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:

Suzie Meraz

Lucy Coleman

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:

Health Care Chaplain Ministry: Community Wellness Partners



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.



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. 7th.



Upcoming Blood Drives For November

Tuesday, November 12th: American Legion Post 230 Sherrill
Sherrill, NY.
12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Agatha's Church

Canastota, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13th: Morrisville Hgh School
Morrisville, NY.
8:00 a.m.-2:00 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.