



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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Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD almighty-  
he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24:10

#### **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  
November 24, 2024  
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- † Ezekiel 34:11-24
- † Psalm 100
- † Matthew 25:31-46

PRELUDE

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT                    *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*                    (Alford/Elvey)

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 105:1-4,7)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

**People: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

Leader: Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**People: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!!**

Leader: Search for God, and for His strength. Never stop looking for Him.

**People: For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!!**

\*OPENING HYMN                    *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*                    #151



*Grace*

*Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.*

*Hebrews 12:28*

*Father, I know that I cannot obtain absolute perfection in my life. I appeal to You for Your mercy. I know that Your forgiveness is without limit, provided I exercise the same forgiveness with others. I pray for the help of the Holy Spirit so I can forgive repeatedly without harboring resentment.*

*Thank You for Your generous grace. I ask that Your mercy flow over me. I pray that You will favor my undertakings and wrap them in Your clemency so that even when I fail, I will be under Your protection.*

*From “Prayers and Promises for Men”, page 33, 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.***

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his realm of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ, who reigns forever. Amen***

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ sympathizes with our weaknesses. The one we call King in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Lord, however much we call you king, we fail to follow your call to us. We succumb to the political temptations of this temporary world, seeking power and security while you call us to service and hospitality, consuming your creation while you call us to care for it, hating our neighbors, who you call us to love. In our ailure to claim you, we identify more with the nations on our passports than with your kingdom. We pray that you reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and continue to be our Lord and our hope for salvation.***

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ loves us and has set us free from our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the certainty of God's decree, Know that 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**

***“A Simple Thanksgiving”***

***Joseph Martin***

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**OLD TESTAMENT**      **Ezekiel 34:11-24**      **OT 756**  
The Word of the Lord      *Thanks be to God*

**PSALM**      **Psalms 100**      **OT 522**  
The Word of the Lord      *Thanks be to God*

**GOSPEL**      **Matthew 25:31-46**      **NT 27**  
The Gospel of Jesus      *Thanks be to God*

**SERMON**      *“Give Thanks to the King”*      **Pastor Mike**

**\*HYMN**      *“We Gather Together”*      **#559**

**\*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**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven, allowed 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**



Ushers for November

**November 24th**

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



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wed-Vic Johnson

The Per Capita for  
2025 is \$46.04





**Tis the season....of music and festivities and celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus; and what better way to do that than by lifting voices in song!**

OFPC Choir Director Barb Seaton is inviting anyone and everyone to join the "No Commitment Choir" to present a beautiful and simple Christmas anthem during the service on December 22. There are no auditions, no age limits, and all abilities are welcome.

There will be three short (10 minutes) optional rehearsals on Sundays December 1, 8, & 15 immediately following the morning service in the choir room--come to one or more to learn the tune. Adults, Seniors, Teens, Children--all are welcome!

There will be music available for those who read, and just the words for those who don't. Please talk to Barb for more information. ♪ ♪ ♪

From Music and Worship:

We will be decorating the sanctuary after the worship service on Sunday, November 24th.

Please consider stopping by to help. This should only take about 15 to 30 minutes of your time.



**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**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

**#554**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*"Go In Peace"*

**(Kendrick & Tedder)**

**POSTLUDE**



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



*The Music and Worship team will once again be ordering 6 1/2" Poinsettias wrapped in foil to adorn the church for our Christmas services. They will be \$15.00 each. If you would like us to order a poinsettia for you in remembrance of someone, please do the following: put your money in an envelope labeled **Christmas Flower fund**, with your name and the name(s) for the dedication in the Sunday morning collection plate or mail it to the church office by December 1st.*

*We also welcome those who would like to bring in their own.*



*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**

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

## **SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS**

Steve Reed	
Aimee Dryer	Paul Mancarella
Jayden Emerson	Laurie Whitten (Friend of John)

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.



The weeks leading up to Christmas can be stressful if you let it be that way, but we invite you to join us for a free 4-week Seniors' Bible Study that helps us slow down the pace as we study the wonder-filled stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem and the visit from the Magi.

Join us each Wednesday beginning  
November 27<sup>th</sup> through  
December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Janeth P. Whiting Community Center  
211 Stone Street, Oneida, NY

An outreach of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida

**Register:**  
[oneida1stpres@gmail.com](mailto:oneida1stpres@gmail.com)



During the month of November our Church will be collecting funds to help family's in Rome, who were affected 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!**



*Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat. Will you please put a penny in an old man's hat? Or will you put several pennies toward a Christmas collection your elders are taking for our hardworking and always appreciated staff? If you would like to contribute, there are envelopes in the pews. Hand the envelope to any active elder with your donation and be assured it will make its way by Christmas Day.*



Collection Assistants for November/December

November 17th-Perry Tooker IV

November 24th-Randy Bonville

December 1st-TBD

December 8th-Frank Kordziel



Scripture Readers for November/December

November 17th-Barb Seaton

November 24th-Lou White

December 1st-Barb Schwartz

December 8th-Frank Kordziel



Coffee Servers for November/December

November 17th-Lynn Morey

November 24th-Fellowship

December 1st-Marilyn & Don Kingsley

December 8th-Frank & Sue Kordziel



Projection Team for November/December

November 17th-Dan Gwilt

November 24th- Trish Vrooman

December 1st-Dan Gwilt

December 8th-Tish Vrooman



***LIFE at ONEIDA***

*Week of Nov 24th—Dec 1st*

Sunday, November 24th  
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 25th

Tuesday, November 26th

Wednesday, November 27th  
3:00 p.m. The Connection  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts  
Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, November 28th  
Office Closed-Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 29th

Saturday, November 30th

Sunday, December 1st  
10 a.m. Worship  
Communion  
11:15 a.m. Team Meetings





**THE ONEIDA AREA CIVIC CHORALE WILL PRESENT "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD",** A collection of Holiday music expressing the celebrations from various countries, on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the Oneida High School Auditorium in Oneida, New York. The Chorale, a 100 voice community chorus under the direction of Mark Bunce, will be accompanied by Jared McFarlin on piano and joined by a chamber orchestra. Tickets for the concert are \$10 and are available from Chorale members, at the door, and on the Chorale Website through EventBrite. Please refer to the OACC website ([www.Oneidachorale.org](http://www.Oneidachorale.org)) or Facebook page for



ONEIDA AREA CIVIC CHORALE PRESENTS ...

*Christmas*  
AROUND THE WORLD

**Sunday, December 8 \* 4:00 pm**  
Oneida High School Auditorium  
MARK BUNCE, DIRECTOR \* 100 VOICES  
ACCOMPANIED BY JARED MCFARLIN AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

 \$10.00 Donation; Tickets Available from Chorale Members or scan the QR code to purchase tickets on Event Brite. Please visit our Facebook/Instagram pages or website ([www.oneidachorale.org](http://www.oneidachorale.org)) for further information and ticket outlets.

Sponsored by AmeriCU Investments, Nye Automotive Group, Prudent Engineering LLP, Rodney and Kathy Kent

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:**

The Synod of the Northeast



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 December



Thursday, December 5th: First Presbyterian Church  
Cazenovia, NY.  
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 6th: St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
Oneida, NY.  
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Morrisville Community Church  
Morrisville, NY.  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

### To All Team/Committee Chairpersons Treasurers and to Whoever Else It Applies

All Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Tuesday, December 31st. If you would like to get them in earlier, that would be a big help to John. If you are a Treasurer and waiting for a bank statement, the deadline does not apply to you. But please get them in as soon as possible.

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.



**PRAYER MISSION DECEMBER** – The Salvation Army Red Kettles have been an American tradition since 1891, helping raise financial support for critical Salvation Army programs and services year round. This campaign allows you to host your own Red Kettle - online. Over the years, the Red Kettle Campaign has grown into one of the most recognizable and important charitable campaigns in the United States – providing toys for kids, coats for the homeless, food for the hungry and countless social service programs year-round. You become a vital part of our Christmas efforts when you help those in need by hosting an Online Red Kettle and filling it with donations from family, friends and colleagues.

### *Birthdays*

<i>Dec. 3</i>	<i>Tillie Coulter</i>
<i>Dec. 5</i>	<i>Dorothy Hotaling</i>
<i>Dec. 7</i>	<i>Julie Sarensky, Kim DeRuby</i>
<i>Dec. 9</i>	<i>Carol Musgrove</i>
<i>Dec. 15</i>	<i>Ashley Reisman</i>
<i>Dec. 16</i>	<i>Joshua Bonville, Zachary Thompson</i>
<i>Dec. 17</i>	<i>Jacob DeRuby, Rachel DeRuby</i>
<i>Dec. 19</i>	<i>Brad Coulter</i>
<i>Dec. 21</i>	<i>Debbie Whiting</i>
<i>Dec. 23</i>	<i>Mary Ann Moshier</i>
<i>Dec. 24</i>	<i>Sarah Wimett</i>
<i>Dec. 26</i>	<i>Paul Mancarella</i>
<i>Dec. 28</i>	<i>Peter Thompson</i>
<i>Dec. 29</i>	<i>Eliza Colvin</i>
<i>Dec. 31</i>	<i>Jenelle Yeoman, Isaac Colvin</i>

  

### *Anniversaries*

<i>Dec. 11</i>	<i>Shane and Traci Todd</i>
<i>Dec. 28</i>	<i>Jim and Judy Sweet</i>
<i>Dec. 30</i>	<i>O. Perry &amp; Kristin Tooker IV</i>

Joy TO THE WORLD

# DECEMBER—2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 a.m. Worship Communion 11:15 a.m. Team Meetings	2	3	4 1 p.m. Seniors BS 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth	5 7 p.m. Choir Practice	6	7 5:30 –8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship
8 10 a.m. Worship Communion 11:15 a.m. Deacons Meeting	9 6:30 p.m. Activate BS	10 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women	11 1 p.m. Seniors BS 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	12 7 p.m. Choir Practice	13	14
15 10 a.m. Worship Congregational Mtg. Election of New Officers Xmas Pageant Secret Room 11:15 a.m. Xmas Pot Luck Dinner	16	17 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting	18 1 p.m. Seniors BS 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	19 7 p.m. Choir Practice	20	21 5:30 –8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship
22 10 a.m. Worship	23 6:30 p.m. Activate BS  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	25  <i>Merry Xmas</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	26	27	28
29 10 a.m. Worship  Xmas Carol Sing a Long	30  DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS	31 New Years Eve				