



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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O come, let us worship. . .
The LORD, our Maker!
Psalm 95:6

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:00 AM

Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

John 3:1-17

PRELUDE

"Minuet in G Minor"

George F. Handel

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT

"Were You There"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber.

People: God who keeps us all will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

People: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Amen.



God Knows Us
You know me Lord.

Jeremiah 12:3

I recently saw a photograph of Michelangelo's sculpture Moses, in which a close-up view showed a small bulging muscle on Moses' right arm. This muscle is the extensor digiti minimi, and the contraction only appears when someone lifts their pinky. Michelangelo, known as a master of intricate details, paid close attention to the human bodies he sculpted, adding intimate features most everyone else would miss. Michelangelo knew the human body in ways few other sculptors have, but the details he carved into granite were his attempts to reveal something deeper—the soul, the interior life of human beings. And, of course, there Michelangelo always fell short.

Only God knows the deepest realities of the human heart. Whatever we see of one another, no matter how attentive or insightful it might be, is only a shadow of the truth. But God sees deeper than the shadows. "You know me, LORD," the prophet Jeremiah said; "you see me" (12:3). God's knowledge of us isn't theoretical or cerebral. He doesn't observe us from a distance. Rather, He peers into the hidden realities of who we are. God knows the depths of our interior lives, even those things we struggle to understand ourselves.

No matter our struggles or what's going on in our hearts, God sees us and truly knows us.

(From "Our Daily Bread" March 5th, 2023)



PRAYER MISSION MARCH

Mars Hill Network 102.9 FM - It is the mission of the Mars Hill Broadcasting Co., Inc. to provide the public, through its radio broadcasting and public relations functions, such a clear expression of the message, mission and character of Jesus Christ that the following results will be consistently achieved:

Salvation of the lost and nurture of the saved.

Traditional Christian families built up in faith and life experience to become mature witnesses of the grace of God, and Biblically effective contributors to the benefit of society.

Ministry of Bible-teaching local churches reinforced, and churches at large confronted by the Spirit of God and revived.

Unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and unity in the Body of Christ.

Upcoming Blood Drives for March



**Tuesday, March 7th; American Legion Post 230 Sherrill
Sherrill, NY
12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 8th; Heritage Baptist Church,
Canastota, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 10th; St. Pauls United Methodist Church
Oneida, NY.
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Munnsville Fire Department
Munnsville, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

OPENING HYMN “Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation”

#516

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for this wonderful witness of a man with a teachable spirit. We pray that like Nicodemus, we may have a teachable spirit and be prepared to come to You with all our needs and questions. Help us not to trust in our own understanding, knowing that You not only have the answer, but that You are the answer. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God did not send His only Son into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through him. Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and blessed!

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Arnold B Sherman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Genesis 12:1-4a	OT Page 9
The Word of the Lord	Thanks be to God	
PSALM	Psalms 121	OT Page 539
The Word of the Lord	Thanks be to God	
NEW TESTAMENT	John 3:1-17	NT Page 88
The Word of the Lord	Thanks be to God	
SERMON	“Born from Above”	Pastor Mike
*HYMN	“To God Be the Glory”	#485
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional Version)</i> <i>I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.</i>	

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	Victor Johnson
Brody	Victor Johnson III
Pam Carrigan	Jean Kowalik
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailrey’s Father)	Sam Messina
Meg Congden (Friend of Rachel Mancarella)	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn’s brother)
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet’s sister)	Michael O’Bryan (Mike’s Brother in law)
Peggy Eastman	Tom Panasci
Maria Erdo	Dan & Claudia Rayome
John Ferguson	Doug Rosekrans
Robert Feldman (Melinda’s Father)	Judy Sweet
Jillian Felt	Jim Thorpe
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt’s Father)	Jan Whiting
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson’s Mom)	Milicent Vidal
Becky Grasso	Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little’s Daughter)	Brittany (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
Wendy Holtz	
Joyce Helms	
Millie Johnson	

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Barb Arnold	Erin O’Sullivan (Friend of Rachel Mancarella)
Karen Nichols (Friend of Donna Ausman)	Bob Heller

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 clip board in the bag when you leave the church.

Thank you!



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

ELDERS

Dale McCormick

CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella
Nancy Rinehard
Dave Schellhase
Jan Whiting
Cathy Opperman
Sharon Warren
Becky Williams

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Michael Merriman
Pat Thorpe

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

CLASS OF 2025

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 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 McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Michelle Ludwig, Peter Thompson, Dylan McClelland

Those serving in combat zones:



MISSION EMPHASIS:

Stone Presbyterian Church, Clinton

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OFFERTORY

"Lyric Interlude"

Dennis Eliot

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy..... (continued) You spoke through prophets calling us to turn from our willful ways to new obedience and righteousness. You sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life.....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

All: “Sanctus”

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt... (continued) ,, Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Pastor: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

*All: Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus come in glory.*

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the Living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord Jesus on the night of his arrest took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

The body of Christ broken for you. **(The bread is taken by all.)**

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.



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 March, April, and May is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom

If anyone is 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 Oneida Library Budget vote is March 7 from noon till 8 or 9 PM. This is for all voters in the Oneida City School District.



If you would like any of the recipes of the baked goods or the breakfast casseroles that were at the Sweetheart brunch, you can call the church office (315-363-7590) or email the church office (oneidafirstpres@oneidafirstpres.org) and I will get them to you via email.

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 place in the offering plate.



Baby bottles filled with change – that's The Baby Bottle Campaign

It's a simple idea that provides thousands of dollars to save lives. Each year the money raised from the Campaign helps support those facing unplanned pregnancies and their babies through the ministry of Care Net.

It's easy. Pick up a baby bottle from the table in the auditorium. Fill it up with change (or dollars too!) and bring it back to the church.



The blood of Christ - The cup of salvation. **(The juice is consumed at this time)**

Every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes in glory.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *"In this Moment of Remembrance"* **Dale Wood and Carlton C Buck**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giving God, living Lord, you have fed us with your body. You have poured out your life that we might live. We thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal. Fed, we are strengthened; filled, we are renewed to share the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen .

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* **#81**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"Go Now in Peace"* **(Nancy Price and Don 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.

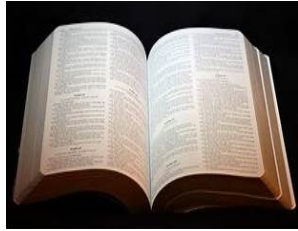
God will be here watching from above.

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

Amen! Amen! Amen!

POSTLUDE *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"* **Traditional**

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



Collection Assistants for March

March 5th-Paul Mancarella

March 12th-Lucille Meriman

March 19th-Cathy Opperman

March 26th-Nancy Rinehard

Scripture Readers for March

March 5th-Becky Williams

March 12th-Frank Kordziel

March 19th-Austin Williams

March 26th-Ian Farwell

Coffee Servers for March

March 5th-John & Carol Musgrove

March 12th-Kathy Nichols & Eli Pfluke

March 19th-Amanda Burdick & Cathy Opperman

March 26th-Donna & Bill Ausman

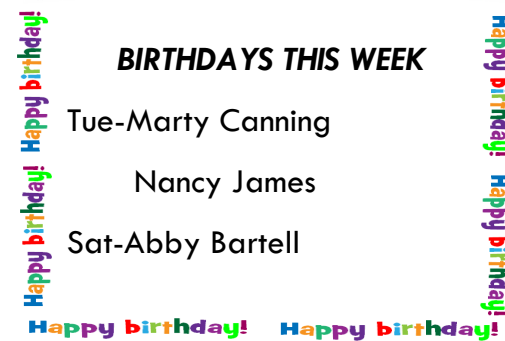
Projection Team for March

March 5th-Ian Farwell

March 12th-Andy Williams

March 19th-Dan Gwilt

March 26th-Trish Vrooman



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tue-Marty Canning

Nancy James

Sat-Abby Bartell

LIFE at ONEIDA

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Calendar for March 5th-March 12th Sunday, March 5th

10 a.m. Worship

Communion

11:15 a.m. Team Meetings

Monday, March 6th

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 7th

Wednesday, March 8th

3 p.m. Connection

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

6:30 p.m. Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, March 9th

Friday, March 10th

Saturday, March 11th

Sunday, March 12th

10 a.m. Worship



FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

AS A WAY TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY, THE MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BE ORDERING FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FLOWER IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE, PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING: PUT YOUR MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE LABELED EASTER 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 SO THAT IT ARRIVES BY MARCH 19TH AS WE WILL BE ORDERING THE FLOWERS FROM A LOCAL FLORIST.

THE COST OF EACH FLOWER IS AS FOLLOWS.

6" POT OF LILIES \$15

6" POT OF DAFFODILS \$15

6" POT OF HYACINTHS \$15

6" POT OF TULIPS \$15

ALL FLOWERS WILL BE WRAPPED IN FOIL. FLOWERS NOT PICKED UP AFTER THE EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE DONATED TO HONORED FRIENDS AND THE LOCAL NURSING HOME.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Easter morning from 8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

The Deacons will be having a Pancake Breakfast for the congregation on Easter morning before service.

Menu:

Pancakes and toppings, Bacon, Sausage, Banana bread, Cranberry Bread, Apple juice, Coffee, and Tea.

A \$5 donation for adults would be appreciated.

The Oneida Area Civic Chorale will present "Songs From The American Heartland", a collection of folk songs, spirituals and hymns, on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM at St. Agatha's Catholic Church, 329 N. Peterboro St., Canastota. The 95 voice Chorale, a community chorus under the direction of Mark Bunce, will be accompanied by Heather O'Connell on piano and joined by guest pianist, Colleen Roberts Pellman. 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) or Facebook page for additional information.

The Promise of Lent

SCRIPTURE READING CALENDAR

<i>Amazing love! How can it be That thou, my God, should die for me!</i>		<i>Ash Wednesday</i> ECCLESIASTES 3:18-20		2 2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-17	3 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-8	4 HEBREWS 4:15-16
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 1 COR 15:20-23	5 LUKE 13:18-19	6 2 PETER 1:3-4	7 ROMANS 6:3-11	8 ISAIAH 55:8-9	9 JOHN 16:33	10 1 PETER 2:9-12
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 1 COR 15:42-49	11 1 JOHN 1:5-9	12 PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14	13 PSALM 30:4-5	14 ROMANS 8:28-32	15 PSALM 77	16 ISAIAH 61:1-7
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> JOB 19:25-27	17 ROMANS 8:1-11	18 PSALM 30:11-12	19 LUKE 4:16-21	20 PSALM 103:1-5	21 PROVERBS 28:13	22 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> ISAIAH 25:6-9	23 EPHESIANS 3:1-8	24 2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10	25 JOHN 1:14	26 EPHESIANS 1:11-14	27 HEBREWS 12:25-29	28 1 PETER 2:9-12
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> ISAIAH 52:7-10	29 ISAIAH 43:18-19	30 ROMANS 4:18-22	31 1 JOHN 2:15-17	32 1 JOHN 5:4-5	33 NUMBERS 23:19	34 HEBREWS 3:1-6
<i>Palm Sunday</i> MATTHEW 21:1-9	35 ZECHARIAH 8:1-2	36 PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11	37 HEBREWS 12:1-4	38 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 2 COR 6:1-10	39 <i>Good Friday</i> PSALM 22:1-8	40 <i>Holy Saturday</i> JOHN 20:19-23
<i>Easter Sunday</i> MATTHEW 28:1-9	<i>You have been given an opportunity to reveal the character and nature of God to the world. Let the light shining in your heart scatter its rays into other hearts around you.</i>					

What's Happening

The Christian Education committee is actively working to get more Bible Studies started up for our church members and friends. We are asking that any men that would be interested in a men's study, please let Pastor Mike, Cathy Opperman, or Becky Williams know. We would also like to ask if anyone feels led to help lead this group, to also let us know. There are plans in the works to begin a new group for women as well and more details will be coming but if you are interested, please let us know so we can contact you directly when the information is available. Pastor Mike is also interested in starting a Senior's Bible Study during the day for our senior members and friends. If you have an interest, please let him know as well.

