



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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# The Church At Worship

## First Presbyterian Church of Oneida

June 16, 2024

Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP



Proverbs 23:15-25



1 Timothy 6:11–16



Mark 4:26-34

### PRELUDE

### MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *“A Living Prayer”*

by Ron Block

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, bless the Lord with me! For the Lord is like a father to his children  
compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love. He forgives our sins, and  
heals the sickness inside us; he surrounds us with love and mercy and fills our  
lives with good things!  
Let's worship God together!

### .OPENING HYMN

*“This Is My Father's World”*

#293

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Holy Father, you are the sustainer of community. Today we gather as your  
people - children of the good news. Assure us of your presence once again, that  
we may trust the mystery of life and growth, as we gather in the name of our  
Savior, who is Jesus, the Christ. Amen*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

God gathers and prepares us for worship. Let us confess the sins that detract and  
distract us from God's path.



### *Chosen Children*

*The Father has loved us so much that we  
are called children of God.*

*And we really are his children. 1 John 3:1*

There's something in you that God  
loves! Not just appreciates or  
approves—but loves. You cause God's  
eyes to widen, his heart to beat faster.  
He loves you and accepts you.

Don't we yearn to know this? God, do you know who I am? In the great  
scheme of things do I count for anything? So many messages tell us we don't.  
We get laid off at work, turned away by the school. Everything from acne to  
Alzheimer's leaves us feeling like the girl with no date to the prom. We react.  
We validate our existence with a flurry of activity. We do more, buy more,  
achieve more. Always, wrestling with the question, “Do I matter?”

All of grace, I believe, is God's definitive reply. “Be blessed, my child. I  
accept you. I have adopted you into my family.” Adopted children are  
chosen children! Trust God's love for you!

“But when the appropriate time had come, God sent out his Son, born of a  
woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so  
that we may be adopted as sons with full rights. And because you are sons,  
God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, who calls “Abba! Father!  
Galatians 4:4-6”

By Max Lucado



## PRAYER MISSION JUNE Gideons' International

The Gideons' International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices. To date, they have placed 1.9 billion Scriptures and are on their way to 2 billion with your support. Follow them on that journey, as The Gideons' partner with churches anywhere, to reach the unreached everywhere. Please pray for them and learn more about how you can help at <http://www.gideons.org>

### 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 CONFESSION

*Holy God, you are a blessing to all people, yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the beloved community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. Amen.*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 John 3:1). Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love.  
ALL: Thanks be to God.

\*GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" #579

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### CHILDREN'S TIME

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES – Christian Education Team, Perry Tooker IV,  
Chairperson

PRESENTATION OF DEACON SCHOLARSHIPS – Deacons John Merritt and Sharon Warren

PRESENTATION OF ROBERT AND IRENE RYAN MUSIC FUND SCHOLARSHIP  
Music and Worship Team, Lucille Merriman,  
Chairperson

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Like a River In My Soul" arr. Tim Osiek

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM	Psalm 20 The Word of the Lord	Thanks be to God	OT 464
EPISTLE	1 Timothy 6:11–16 The Word of the Lord	Thanks be to God	NT 225




GOSPEL	Mark 4:26-34 The Gospel of Jesus	Thanks be to God	NT 85
SERMON	“Spreading Good Seeds”	Pastor Mike	
*HYMN	“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”	#357	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Supremacy of Christ – (Colossians 1:15-20)</i> <i>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.</i>		
<u>WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD</u>			
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE			
THE LORD’s PRAYER			
<i>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</i>			
OFFERTORY			
*DOXOLOGY			
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION			
*CLOSING HYMN	“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”	#106	
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION			
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Benediction”	by Jay Althouse	
POSTLUDE			

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

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS	
Janet Franklin (Kim DeRuby’s mom)	Katrina Nichols (Friend of Donna Ausman)

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.

		<b>FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:</b>	
<b><u>ELDERS</u></b>		Megan Roberts Candice Relyea	
<b><u>CLASS OF 2024</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS OF 2025</u></b>	<b>SPECIAL CONCERNS:</b>	
Randy Bonville	Kim DeRuby	All first responders, nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals.	
Frank Kordziel		All victims and survivors of gun violence.	
Lucille Merriman		The Citizens of Ukraine	
Pat Thorpe		Pray for those who are serving overseas and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.	
<b><u>CLASS OF 2026</u></b>		Isreal and all victims of terrorism	
Paul Mancarella		<b>PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:</b> Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones:	
Perry Tooker IV		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, Sean Fuller Jr.	
<b><u>DEACONS</u></b>		Those serving in combat zones:	
<b><u>CLASS OF 2024</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS OF 2025</u></b>		
Cindy Bonville	Kristin Tooker		
Sue Kordziel		<b>MISSION EMPHASIS:</b>	
Rachel Mancarella		226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A. General Assembly, PC(USA))	
John Merritt			
Kathy Nichols			
Janet Sarensky			
Jennawade Skellham			
Sharon Warren	<b><u>CLASS OF 2026</u></b>		
Michelle Yeoman	Elli Pfluke		

# OUR GRADUATES—CLASS OF 2024

## ONEIDA HIGH SCHOOL

Abram Colvin

Liam Gwilt (Val edictorian)

## College graduates

Rachel DeRuby-Liberty

Brian Sneider-SUNY Binghamton

Alex Tooker-Geneseo

## Masters recipients

Austin Williams—Liberty

## HELEN MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Jacob DeRuby, Rachel DeRuby**

**Liam Gwilt, Andy Williams**



# Our Graduates

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

**Yearly Annual Children's/Youth Worker's Training Meeting**  
**July 9th @ 7pm.**



Our church always needs wonderful volunteers like *YOU*! If you currently work or would like to consider working in some capacity with the children/youth of our church, it is necessary for you to complete annual training as required by our insurance company. Training will be held on Tuesday July 9th @ 7pm in the auditorium here at First Presbyterian Church. If you are unable to attend this date, additional training will be scheduled for sometime in early fall.

**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**

**Senior Adult Bible Study**

**Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.**

**Janeth P. Whiting Community Center**

**211 Stone Street, Oneida**

***Fellowship, Friendship, Faith Formation***

**Call the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida**

**For information—315-363-7590**



Ushers for June

**June 16th**

Ethel Abbott

Laura Reckentine

Joy Bartell

Dylan Bartell

**June 23rd**

Liam Gwilt

Stephanie Gwilt

Rose Lockwood

**June 30th**

Debbie Owens



*BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK*

Sun-Linda Fox

Mon-Andrew Williams

Tue-Janet Sarensky

Wed-Donna Ausman

*Anniversaries*

Sun-Randy & Cindy Bonville

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!



# LAST DAY OF CHOIR / FELLOWSHIP PICNIC// BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

June 16th will be the last day of choir until September. To show the congregation’s appreciation for the lovely music that the choir brings each week, Fellowship will be holding a “Picnic” that day following the service (weather permitting of course). The menu for the “picnic” will include : Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Kielbasa, potato salad, and watermelon. Tea, Coffee, and Lemonade will be available. We will also be honoring our recent graduates and scholarship winners during the service.  
We hope to see you there!!!

The Per Capita for  
2024 is \$45



*These Days for April, May, and June are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hallway outside the Boardroom.*



*Our Daily Bread for June, July, and August is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom.*



Upcoming Blood Drives For May  
Thursday, June 20th: Cazenovia American Legion  
Cazenovia, NY  
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

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.



Our July 30<sup>th</sup> service will have a patriotic theme and will be done to glorify God and thank him for all he does for this country.

We will also be praying for our nation that day. At various times in the worship we will have prayers for our nation, unity, peace, leadership, families, etc.

If anyone is interested in saying a prayer – either one you prepare or one that Pastor Mike can give you, please see Pastor Mike as soon as possible.

We hope that you will plan to join us for this special service.





#### Collection Assistants for June/July

June 16th-Kim DeRuby  
June 23rd-Perry Tooker IV  
June 30th-Paul Mancarella  
July 7th-Lucille Merriman

#### Scripture Readers for June

June 16th-Lou White  
June 23rd-Frank Kordziel  
June 30th-Barb Schwartz  
July 7th-TBD

#### Coffee Servers for June

June 16th-Doug and Rose Lockwood  
June 23rd-Ian and Michelle Farwell  
June 30th-Peter and Linda Shay  
July 7th-Lucille Merriman

#### Projection Team for June

June 16th-Ian Farwell  
June 23rd-Dan Gwilt  
June 30th-Trish Vrooman  
July 7th-Ian Farwell



## ***LIFE at ONEIDA*** ***FIRST PRESBYTERIAN***

*Week of June 16th-June 23rd*

Sunday, June 16th  
10 a.m. Worship  
Last Day of Choir  
Baccalaureate Sunday  
**11:15 p.m. Choir Appreciation "Picnic"**

Monday, June 17th  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, June 18th

Wednesday, June 19th  
1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study  
3 p.m. Connection  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts  
Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, June 20th

Friday, June 21st

Saturday, June 22nd

Sunday, June 23rd  
10 a.m. Worship

