



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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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

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
September 1, 2024
Kim DeRuby, Guest Speaker

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP



Genesis 12:1-3 & 22:17-18



Luke 24:44-51



Acts 1:3-9

PRELUDE

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*OPENING HYMN

“I Danced In The Morning”

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom our Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Come, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.



Practicing Faith with Wisdom

For this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples.

Deuteronomy 4:6b

About what are you wise? Are you wise about your health or finances or personal style? How do you gain wisdom for your life? Wisdom is not an accumulation of facts, yet it begins with knowledge. As we learn about a topic such as nutrition or investments or fashion trends, we develop a foundation for understanding that-with ongoing reflection-deepens into wisdom.

We can practice our faith with wisdom. We begin by learning about what the Bible tells us of the character of God and how God invites us to live lives filled with love and compassion for the people of God, just as the Hebrews learn in Deuteronomy. However, just knowing what Scripture says is not enough. Will you spend time today reflecting on knowledge you have from the Bible? How might you practice your faith with wisdom?

(From “These Days”, August 26, 2024)



These Days for July, August, and September are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way outside the Boardroom.



Our Daily Bread for June, July, and August 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 CONFESSION**

Merciful God, In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI** *“Glory Be to the Father”* **#579**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Sarabande et Boure’e”* **J.S. Bach**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Genesis 12:1-3 & 22:17-18		OT 522
	The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>	
NEW TESTAMENT	Luke 24:44-51		NT 104
	The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>	
GOSPEL	Acts 1:3-9		NT 187
	The Gospel of Jesus	<i>Thanks be to God</i>	
SERMON			Kim DeRuby

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Christ Jesus,
Who, being in very nature God,
Did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
But made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant,
Being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself and became obedient to death –
Even death on a cross!
Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place
And gave him the name that is above every name,
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Donna Ausman	Wendy Holtz
Jude Alexander (Mancarella’s great nephew)	Millie Johnson
Abby Bartell	Victor Johnson
Kevin Bedford	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Brody	
Richard Brown	
Marty Canning	Jean Kowalik
Pam Corrington	Florence LaRock
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey’s Father)	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn’s brother)
Elizabeth Coulby	Suzie Meraz
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)	Judy Sweet
Alison Hilgenberg (Phyllis Little’s Daugther)	Jan Whiting

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Janet Franklin (Kim DeRuby’s mom)

Perry Tooker III

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.

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

Carol Russ (Dave Scribner's sister)

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2025

Kim DeRuby

Louise Thompson

Josiah James (Nancy
James' Nephew)

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.

Isreal and all victims of terrorism

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

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,
Sean Fuller Jr.

Those serving in combat zones:



MISSION EMPHASIS:

First Presbyterian Church, Westernville

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***Please welcome our new Choir Director Barbara Seaton who is providing our special music today.**



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

**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**

Larry Hotaling is looking for a bookkeeper. If you know some one who can help him out please contact the church office and I will put them in touch with Larry.

The Fellowship Team will be hosting a welcome back pizza party on September 15th following the service.

Senior Adult Bible Study

Will resume on Wednesday, September 4th 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 September

September 1st– TBD

September 8th-TBD

September 15th-TBD

September 22nd-TBD

September 29th-TBD



From the Music and Worship Team

We will be going back to serving the congregation communion on September 8th. We would like 4 Elders and/or Deacons to serve communion that day. If you would like to volunteer to serve communion on the 8th please let John know by September 6th.

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!



!!A way to help local families in August!!

Karing Kitchen's Summer Food Bags.

Hard to believe SUMMER is upon us. With the increase of food prices and the loss of certain programs, Karing Kitchen has seen an increase in food insecurity. Many families rely on access to the free and reduced breakfast and lunches that are provided by school districts during the school weeks to help with these shortfalls. Karing Kitchen continues to be dedicated to assisting in securing food security in the community. You can help in addressing this need by providing some family friendly food that will help to alleviate the additional burden for families for the summer. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

This list is a suggestion for items needed but any and all food donated will be accepted.

Cereal	Mac N Cheese	Juice boxes	Tuna Fish/canned chicken
Pop tarts	Fruit snacks	Cereal bars	SpaghettiOs/ Chef Boyardee
Peanut butter/Jelly	Bread	Pudding/Jell-O	Kid friendly soups
Applesauce	Fruit cups	Microwave popcorn	other kid friendly items

Items will be collected during July.

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.

Communion for September will be held on September 8th, the second Sunday of the month

The Per Capita for 2024 is \$45



Upcoming Blood Drives For July

Tuesday, September 3rd: American Legion Post 230
Sherrill, NY
12:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m

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

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

NEXT SR. BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPT. 4TH
1:00 PM
JANETH P. WHITING COMMUNITY CENTER

As we embark together on the study of the Book of Isaiah, we will discover a simple but life-changing truth: *Following God isn't about striving: It's about trusting God more.* The prophet Isaiah served as God's mouthpiece to the people of God and the surrounding nations. His message reverberates through our lives today as we read Isaiah's call to rely on the Lord. Each week is a new topic. If you miss a week, you will get the materials for that week. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and faith formation with friends new and old.

STRIVING LESS
AND TRUSTING
GOD MORE

Isaiah

For more information contact First Presbyterian Church of Oneida office - 315-363-7590
Janeth P. Whiting Community Center - 211 Stone Street, Oneida NY
Parking on Stone St. side



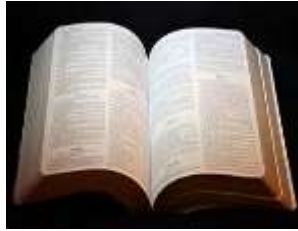
Collection Assistants for September

September 1st-Randy Bonville

September 8th-Kim DeRuby

September 15th-Frank Kordziel

September 22nd-Paul Mancarella



Scripture Readers for September

September 1st-Paul Mancarella

September 8th-Barb Schwartz

September 15th-Perry Tooker IV

September 22nd-Pat Thorpe



Coffee Servers for September

September 1st-No Coffee Service

September 8th-Becky and Bob Williams

September 15th-Jack and Barb Arnold

September 22nd-Carol Miller and Janet Sarensky



Projection Team for September

September 1st-Trish Vrooman

September 8th-Ian Farwell

September 15th-Dan Gwilt

September 22nd-Trish Vrooman



LIFE at ONEIDA

Week of Sept 1st-Sept 8th

Sunday, September 1st
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 2nd
Labor Day— Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd

Wednesday, September 4th
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, September 5th

Friday, September 6th

Saturday, September 7th
5:30-8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship

Sunday, September 8th
10 a.m. Worship
Communion



SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER
8th-Owen Paz

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

Session Notes

There will be a special Session meeting Tuesday,
September 10th at 7:00 p.m.

September's Session meeting will be held on Wednesday,
September 24th at 6:30 p.m.

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.



As part of our 180th year celebration we are inviting everyone to write down some short memorable moments or events that you can recall at the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida. We will compile these into a booklet that will be distributed during our anniversary celebration on September 29th. Please send these to: oneidafirstpres@oneidafirstpres.org and put **180th Anniversary Memories** in the subject line. You can also mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Deadline for submission is September 15th. Early submissions are appreciated.



In the run up to the 180th Anniversary Celebration, you will find when you are in church, that there are bulletin boards with interesting facts and memories of what The First Presbyterian Church has done for and with the community of Oneida. The boardroom also has many pieces of memorabilia for you to look at.

