



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.

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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Clerk of Session -Pat Thorpe 315-363-8948

**304 Broad Street**  
(corner of Broad and Stone)  
**Oneida, NY 13421**

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Phone: 315-363-7590

#### **HOURS:**

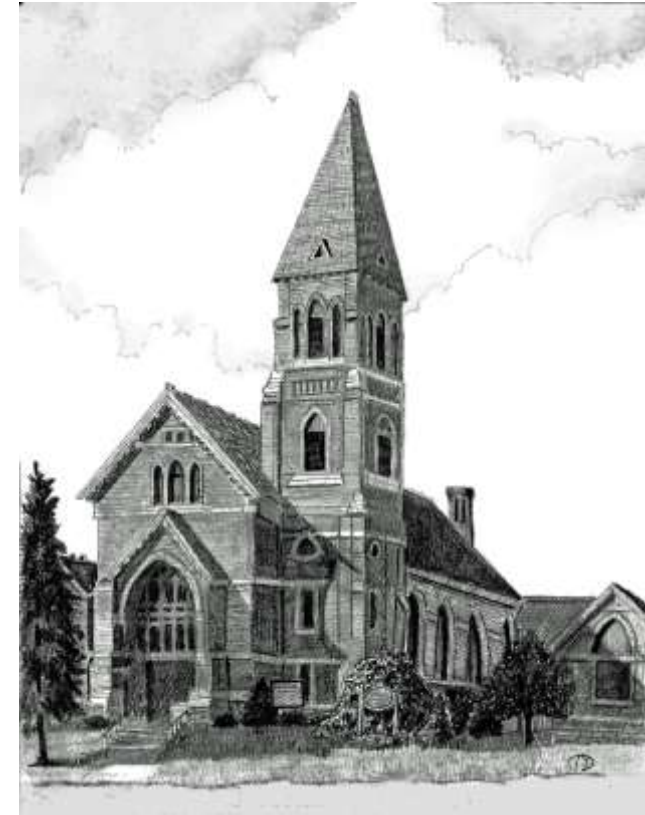
Monday – Friday  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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@oneidafirstpres.org

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Celebrating 180 Years  
Of serving the Oneida Community  
Through Christ

### **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  
Celebration of 180 Years of Serving God Together  
September 29, 2024  
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† Psalm 150

† Ephesians 4:1-16

† Matthew 5:13-16

**PRELUDE** *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* Arranged by Robert W. Thygerson  
Tune is ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR written by George J. Elvey in 1859; the words were written by Henry Alford in 1844

**PROCESSIONAL** *“How Great Thou Art”* Dan Skinner, Bagpiper

**MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**INTROIT** *“Take My Life”* (Malan 1827/Havergal 1874)

**CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 1)**

Leader: Lord, you have been our refuge for the past 180 years.

**People:** *from one generation to another.*

Leader: Before the mountains were brought forth or the land and the sea were born

**People:** *from age to age You are God.*

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness this morning,

**People:** *so, we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

Leader: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

**People:** *and prosper the work of our hands.*

**\*OPENING HYMN** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* #464



Little Things

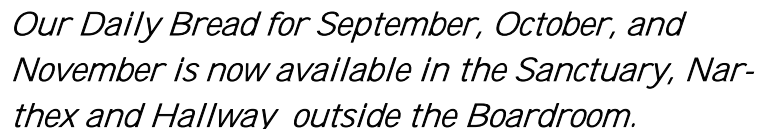
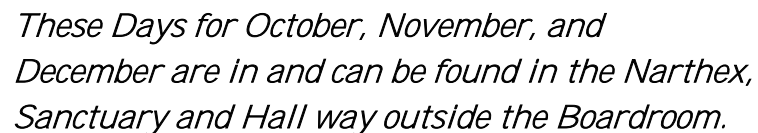
Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

James 3:4

*Father, when I first came to You I was so determined to do great works that I considered little jobs beneath my effort. When I fell short of my goals, I despaired of ever doing anything for You. All along, a multitude of small deeds have been available, but I ignored them.*

*Lord, grant me eyes to see tasks that need to be done and a willing heart to so them. In Your name, I ask Your help in using my daily activities to show kindness and concern for others.*

*(From “Prayers for Men”, Page 30)*



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 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.***

*Lord, we give you thanks for your faithfulness to this church for 180 years. There is nothing that can separate us from your love. Receive us as beloved children so that we may encounter your presence this day and abide with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Friends, we have an advocate on high: Christ Jesus, who came down to save us from our sin but rose in honor and glory to reign forever. Therefore, let us seek God's grace.

*Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord have mercy on us. Redeem, restore and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen*

What are we that God is mindful of us? Who are we that God should care for us?  
Yet God now calls us beloved children; Jesus now claims us as brothers and sisters.  
Believe in the good news – In Christ Jesus we are forgiven!  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

## “Glory Be to the Father”

## #579

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

## ***“We Walk By Faith”***

**(Alford 1844/McFarland 1816)**

**Peg Ward, Chairperson, Presbytery of Utica Committee on Ministry**  
**Pat Thorpe, Clerk of Session**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

## PSALM

## Psalm 150

## The Word of the Lord

OT 551

*Thanks be to God*

EPISTLE	Ephesians 4:1-16 The Word of the Lord	NT 182 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
GOSPEL	Matthew 5:13-16 The Gospel of Jesus	NT 4 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
SERMON	<i>“Let Your Light Shine”</i>	Pastor Mike
*HYMN	<i>“Here I Am Lord”</i>	#525

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Nicene Creed	(Ecumenical Version)
<i>We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.</i>		
<i>We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.</i>		
<i>We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen</i>		
LITANY OF THANKSGIVING		

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
  
*hear our prayer.*

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)	Sue
	Judy Sweet
	Millicent Vidal
	Jan Whiting

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS
Janet Franklin (Kim DeRuby’s mom)
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:			
<u>ELDERS</u>		Rosalind Lawrence (Sandy houseman’s Sister)	
<u>CLASS OF 2024</u> Randy Bonville Frank Kordziel Lucille Merriman Pat Thorpe	<u>CLASS OF 2025</u> Kim DeRuby	Louise Thompson (Becky Williams’ and Paul Thompson’s mom)	Josiah Carrier(Nancy James’ Grandson)
		<b>SPECIAL CONCERNS:</b> 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  Teachers and Students returning to school	
<u>DEACONS</u>			
<u>CLASS OF 2024</u> Cindy Bonville Sue Kordziel Rachel Mancarella John Merritt Kathy Nichols Janet Sarensky Jennawade Skellham Sharon Warren Michelle Yeoman	<u>CLASS OF 2025</u> Kristin Tooker	<b>PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:</b> 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:	
			
		<b>MISSION EMPHASIS:</b> Three Steeples United Church, Paris	

For the church universal, and for this congregation of your people,  
*we give you thanks, O God.*

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the  
name of Jesus Christ the Lord,  
*we give you thanks, O God.*

For your presence among us whenever your Word has been proclaimed, and your  
sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,  
*we give you thanks, O God.*

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this  
place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to  
new and eternal life,  
*we give you thanks, O God.*

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,  
*we give you thanks, O God.*

For all those coming here asking your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with  
your love  
*we give you thanks, O God.*

For deacons, elders and pastors over the past 180 years who have led and loved us,  
and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry  
*we give you thanks, O God.*

For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others serving you by loving  
neighbors.  
*we give you thanks, O God.*

For all those saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,

*we give you thanks, O God.*

For the ministries of worship, mission, outreach, stewardship, Christian education and fellowship, and for all in this congregation and community who have been touched by them,  
*we give you thanks, O God*

**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**                      *“Our Great Savior”*                      Arr.by John Innes

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *“Come Sing, O Church in Joy”*                      #430

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BLESSING OF THE MEAL**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**    *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*  
*Tomer 1882/Rand in 1880*

**POSTLUDE**                      *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*  
*a second arrangement by Barbara Boertje*

**RECESSIONAL TO FELLOWSHIP HALL**    *“Amazing Grace”*  
**Dan Skinner, Bagpiper**



Ushers for September  
**September 29th-TBD**



The Per Capita for  
2024 is \$45

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!



## 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

Shop around the corner - Sarah and Deb Owens

Gingerbread Shop—Cathy Opperman

Cookie Corner—Becky Williams

Christmas Cottage 304 - Carol Miller and Barb Arnold

Nutcracker Sweet - 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.



## Upcoming Blood Drives For September

Thursday, October 3rd: Oneida YMCA  
Oneida, NY.  
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Charles Miller American Legion  
Canastota, NY.  
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
Verona, NY  
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Here is Carol Wells' new contact information. I am sure that she would love to hear from her friends.

Home of Good Shepherd  
Rm A 201  
400 Church St  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
Ph# 518 -306-5397

Here is Millicent Vidal's new contact information. I am sure that she would love to hear from her friends.

108-27  
160th Street 2nd floor  
Jamaica, NY 11433

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.





Collection Assistants for September/October

September 29th-Lucille Merriman

October 6th-Perry Tooker IV

October 13th-Randy Bonville

October 20th-Kim DeRuby



Scripture Readers for September/October

September 29th-Paul Mancarella

October 6th-Lou White

October 13th-Frank Kordziel

October 20th-Pat Thorpe



Coffee Servers for September/October

September 29th-Andy Froass and Trish Vrooman

October 6th-Sharon Warren & Laura Reckentine

October 13th-Paul and Rachel Mancarella

October 20th-Carol Musgrove



Projection Team for September/October

September 29th-Ian farwell

October 6th-Dan Gwilt

October 13th-Trish Vrooman

October 20th-Dan Gwilt



***LIFE at ONEIDA***

*Week of Sept 29-October 6th*

Sunday, September 29th

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. 180th Anniversary  
Celebration Luncheon



Monday, September 30th

Tuesday, October 1st

Wednesday, October 2nd

3:00 p.m. The Connection

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, October 3rd

Friday, October 4th

Saturday, October 5th

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Restoration  
Fellowship

Sunday, October 6th

10 a.m. Worship







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.**

### 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](http://oneidabaptistchurch.com)

LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR

*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*

**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**



### 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.





**PRAYER MISSION SEPTEMBER**

Liberty Resources is one of Central New York’s most diversified and trusted human service agencies. It was founded in 1978 by a concerned group of citizens who wished to develop community based services in Madison County. Providing residential and non-residential services to individuals and families, their present services include Mental Health; Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, families and youth involved in the child welfare system, domestic violence services; services to persons in recovery; and diversified case management services. Liberty Resources strives for excellence in all areas – as an employer, service provider, and a corporate citizen of the CNY community.

**St. John’s Episcopal Church, Oneida, NY**

**Annual Harvest Dinner**

**Sunday, October 27th—11:30 a.m. until gone**

**\$12 per dinner includes-**

**Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Vegetable, Carrot Salad**

**Cranberry Sauce, and Pie**

**Take outs only!!!!**

**Deliveries available**



**50+ Year Members**

Donald Kingsley – March 24, 1947  
Carol Wells – March 24, 1947  
Phyllis Lighthall – March 18, 1951  
Jan Whiting – March 29, 1953  
O. Perry Tooker III – April 11, 1954  
Victor Johnson – April 11, 1954  
Carol Musgrove – March 25, 1956  
Mitchell Erion – April 14, 1957  
George Hammerle – April 14, 1957  
Peter Shay – April 14, 1957  
Matilda Coulter – October 6, 1957  
Judy Parker - March 30, 1958  
Marilyn Kingsley – December 7, 1958

Patricia Thorpe - March 22, 1959  
Robert Heller - February 12, 1964  
Judy Floyd - October 4, 1964  
Lucille Merriman - October 4, 1964  
Gail Nicolaisen - April 7, 1966  
Barb Arnold—April 3, 1969  
Phyllis Little—October 26,1970  
Nancy James—May 24,1971  
Linda Shay—October 25, 1971  
Deborah Whiting—March 27, 1972  
Karen Leclau—October 23, 1972  
Jim Hotaling—October 29, 1973  
Dorothy Hotaling October 29, 1973  
Ethel Abbott-December 30, 1974