



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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Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in him.

Psalm 34:8

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 8, 2024
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- † Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
- † Psalm 125:1-5
- † Mark 7:24-37

PRELUDE
MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT

Owen Paz, Gust Musician

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather as God's beloved children –
People: *However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.*

Leader: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –
People: *So, this becomes a place where all are welcome.*

Leader: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other –
People: *Let us worship God*

***OPENING HYMN** **"Open My Eyes"** **#324**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion, and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.



Spreading the Good News

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion. Thy God reigneth!

Isaiah 52:7

Father, when I trace on a map the journeys of Jesus and the apostles, I realize that they must have been rugged individuals to withstand the rigors of their travels. Considering that their mode of transportation was usually walking, they must have been physically strong.

My feet are not dusty and callused like theirs, and I don't have the endurance for a long-distance trek, but I do pray for the spiritual strength to live an overcoming life. On my journey with You, Lord, commission me with joy and perseverance to go forth and proclaim the Good News of salvation.

(From "Prayers and Promises for Men", page 29)



The flowers displayed today are in honor of Herb Merrell.



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 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.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, "Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work" or other such deals and then we promise our faithfulness and witness. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. AMEN.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you have been healed. Praise be to God who has given you new life. In his name I proclaim we are forgiven people.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

#579

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Owen Paz, Gust Musician

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
The Word of the Lord

OT 570

Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalm 125:1-5
The Word of the Lord

OT 540
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37
The Gospel of Jesus

NT 40
Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Outsider”

Pastor Mike

***HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”

#280

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional Version)

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.

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

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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	Jean Kowalik
Marty Canning	Florence LaRock
Pam Corrington	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn’s brother)
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey’s Father)	Suzie Meraz
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	Judy Sweet
Mary Gwilt (Dan’s mother)	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:**

ELDERS

Carol Russ (Dave Scribner's sister)

CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville
Frank Kordziel
Lucille Merriman
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2025

Kim DeRuby

Louise Thompson Josiah James (Nancy
(Becky Williams' and James' Nephew)
Paul Thompson's mom)

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

Teachers and Students returning to school

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:

First Presbyterian Church, Rome

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

**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 righteous-
ness. 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.

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 HYMN *"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"* #508

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Just As I Am"* #370

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE



Ushers for September

September 8th

Kim DeRuby

Lucille Merriman

John Merritt

September 15th-TBD

September 22nd-TBD

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

Tuesday, September 10th: St. Agathas Church
Canastota, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 12th: Oneida Public Library
Oneida, NY
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cazenovia American Legion Post 88
Cazenovia, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 13th: Morrisville Community Church
Morrisville, NY.
1:00 p.m.-5:00 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.

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



Collection Assistants for September

September 8th-Kim DeRuby

September 15th-Frank Kordziel

September 22nd-Paul Mancarella

September 29th-Lucille Merriman



Scripture Readers for September

September 8th-Barb Schwartz

September 15th-Perry Tooker IV

September 22nd-Pat Thorpe

September 29th-TBA



Coffee Servers for September

September 8th-Becky and Bob Williams

September 15th-Jack and Barb Arnold

September 22nd-Carol Miller and Janet Sarensky

September 29th-Andy Froass and Trish Vrooman



Projection Team for September

September 8th-Ian Farwell

September 15th-Dan Gwilt

September 22nd-Trish Vrooman

September 29th-Ian farwell



LIFE at ONEIDA

Week of Sept 8th-Sept 15th

Sunday, September 8th
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 9th

Tuesday, September 10th

Wednesday, September 11th
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Living Waters Youth Group

Thursday, September 12th

Friday, September 13th

Saturday, September 14th

Sunday, September 15th
10 a.m. Worship
Choir returns
11:15 a.m. Welcome back Pizza party



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.

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

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

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 25th 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.

