

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.



S preading 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.



<u>Prayer shawl s</u>

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

OT 570

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM Psalm 125:1-5 **OT 540**

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37 NT 40

The Gospel of Jesus

Thanks be to God

SERMON "The Outsider" **Pastor Mike**

"Amazing Grace" #280 *HYMN

*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

Marty Canning Pam Corrington Florence LaRock

Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey's Father)

Elizabeth Coulby

Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott's sister) Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister)

Peggy Eastman

Elli Pfluke

Debbie Shaw

Brian Stites Judy Sweet

Jan Whiting

Dan & Claudia Rayome

John Ferguson

Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father)

Jillian Felt

Andy Froass Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)

Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)

Becky Grasso

Mary Gwilt (Dan's mother)

Jean Kowalik Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother) Suzie Meraz Michelle Newman **Becky Nichols** Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law) Mike Oot Audrey Opperman (Cathy's Mother-inlaw) Tom Panasci

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:

Josiah James (Nancy

James' Nephew)

ELDERS

Carol Russ (Dave Scribner's sister)

CLASS OF 2024

CLASS OF 2025

Randy Bonville

Frank Kordziel Lucille Merriman

Pat Thorpe

Kim DeRubv

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Louise Thompson

(Becky Williams' and

Paul Thompson's mom)

All first responders, nurses, doctors and

healthcare professionals.

All victims and survivors of gun violence.

CLASS OF 2026

Paul Mancarella

Perry Tooker IV

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

DEACONS

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.

Janet Sarensky Jennawade Skellham

Sharon Warren

CLASS OF 2024

Cindy Bonville

Rachel Mancarella

Sue Kordziel

John Merritt

Kathy Nichols

Michelle Yeoman

CLASS OF 2026

CLASS OF 2025

Kristin Tooker

Those serving in combat zones:



MISSION EMPHASIS:

First Presbyterian Church, Rome

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you And also with you. All:

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. All:

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give our thanks and praise. All:

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

Dying you destroyed our death. All: 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

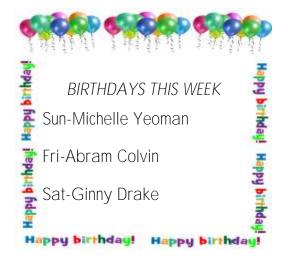
Lucille Merriman

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



$\underline{\hbox{Collection Assistants for September}}$

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-Sept15th

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

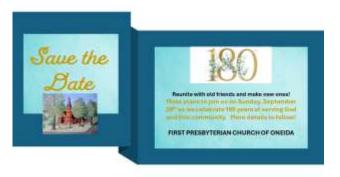
In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

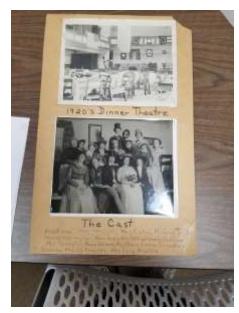
Session Notes

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.







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.





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.





