



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.
We hope and pray that you find peace and uplift in our worship today.

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When they saw that the star had stopped, they where
overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw
the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and
paid him homage
Matthew 2:10-11

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

Sunday, January 6, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Bruce Boak

Interim Pastor

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and princes are home
When the shepherds are back with their flocks
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost; to heal the broken;
to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner;
to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among the people;
to make music in the heart.

-Howard Thurman in *Bread of Tomorrow*, ed. Janet Morley
(New York: Orbis Books, 1992), p. 52.

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress
JC Bach

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS & CONCERNS

INTROIT

Hear Me Now, O Lord
Words and Music by Jay Althaus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: **Glory to God in the highest! Praise God, all the angels; praise God, all the heavenly host!**

**Please Stand, if able*

Please turn off your cell phones.

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The Savior Looking For Sinners

I have come to call not the righteous but sinners

Mark 2:17b

“Why does he eat and laugh with the worthless?” The critics of Jesus asked this question when Jesus ate with those they named as sinners. Jesus’ critics believed that by being associated with unseemly people, one would end up being defiled oneself. Nevertheless, Jesus bought something unique to the table when he ate with those who had been labeled sinners by society. Jesus’ abundant love actually resulted in repairing broken lives. His overflowing grace touched and changed others.

The “worthless” knew they needed Jesus. They recognized that their lives were messed up. They longed to see and touch another realm of life and somehow be restored. The gospel proclaims to all of us that the love of Christ is ours entirely when we are willing to be broken open before God and made new by the power of the love

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PRAYER MISSION JANUARY

The Nicaragua Medical Mission provides medicines and clothing to people in the second poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Each team member receives two 50 lb. trunks filled with medicine/supplies. Each patient receives a 3 month supply of medicine including multivitamins, pain relievers, parasitic medicine and others as needed. Please also attend our spaghetti dinner to benefit this mission.

Delaware Work Camp Mid-Year Gathering: Friday, January 11 at 12 noon – Sunday, January 13, at Little Falls Presbyterian Church. We start Friday night with food, games and songs, Saturday is work around the church, snow tubing in the afternoon, end the weekend on Sunday and worship together. You do not have to participate the whole weekend although it is great if you can. Sign up with Trish Vrooman 315-430-7466 or Rev. Tamara Razzano, Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 315-823-3004.

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

People: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind — Let them praise the name of the Lord.

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together; We will praise the Lord!

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And on earth peace, good will to all! God is with us. Christ is born. Alleluia!

Based on Psalm 148

*FIRST HYMN #68

What Star is This

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

Holy God, we come before you in the early hours of a new year, as fresh with possibility as the new baby we come to worship as our Savior. Overwhelm us with hope and gladness today. Open us to a brand-new reality, to the way things might yet be. Transform us into vibrant witnesses as we proclaim your good news that is ancient, yet always and ever new. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

How often we fail to discern the times! How easily we tear down when the moment calls instead for building up! How often we speak when silence is needed! How tempting it is to look for a harvest when we have not yet planted! Let us pray for God's pardon

PRAYER OF Confession (unison)

O Lord, God, in the presence of the holy child, you have spoken to us with great tenderness and we have answered with callousness. We confess that we have understood and still refused your call to deal tenderly with one another, to be peacemakers in the earth, to let justice roll down as waters and slake the thirst for righteousness in your world. Forgive us, we pray, and let a new birth of love happen in our lives now as once it happened in a village stall. We pray in the name of the child who is your Christ and our Lord, Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

O Lord, God, in the presence of the holy child, you have spoken to us with great tenderness and we have answered with callousness. We confess that we have understood and still refused your call to deal tenderly with one another, to be peacemakers in the earth, to let justice roll down as waters and slake the thirst for righteousness in your world. Forgive us, we pray, and let a new birth of love happen in our lives now as once it happened in a village stall. We pray in the name of the child who is your Christ and our Lord, Jesus. Amen.
- Galatians 4:4-7

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*** GLORIA PATRI** **No. 579**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

CAROL *We Three Kings* **No. 66**
Stanzas 1 only

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

ANTHEM *They Shall Soar Like Eagles*
Words and Music by Laura Manzo

SECOND LESSON Matthew 2:13-23

HYMN *In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy* **No. 35**
Stanza 1, 2 and 5

SERMON **Let's Keep Herod in Chritmas**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Robert Archer | Dawn Kimball (Donna Ausman's sister) |
| Abby Bartell | Jean Kowalik |
| Alan Baur | Florence LaRock |
| Bryce Bechtel (friend of Zach Thompson) | Eloise Latino |
| Darlene Burke | Maribeth Matthews |
| Bob Butler | Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother) |
| Marty Canning | Dave Meeker Sr. |
| Terry Clark (friend of Melissa Smith) | Marian Meyers |
| Glade Cook Jr. (nephew of Warrens) | Jeanne Miller |
| Nancy DeMassa | Larry Moorehouse (Bill Butler) |
| Mary Lou DeRuby | Tom Panasci |
| Peggy Eastman | Rich Snyder (Jennifer Colvin's neighbor) |
| Jeannine Fariel | Harold Thompson |
| John Ferguson | Betty Thorpe (Jim's aunt) |
| Jillian Felt | Beverly Vineall |
| Linda Gaut | Christopher Wuest |
| TJ Gaut | Bill and Dolores Young |
| Becky Grasso | Jerry |
| Phyllis Harvey | Michelle |
| Michael Hayes (friend of Melissa Smith) | Nathan |
| Sarah Hrim (Georgia Fox's sister) | Patrick |
| Jamie Hubbard | Vicky |
| Wendy Holtz | |
| Vic and Millie Johnson | |

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Jenn Mott | Ashton Jay Skinner
(Trish Vrooman's Grandson) |
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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 or Jan Whiting, Prayer Chain, 363-4392. Please let us know also when they are healed and can be taken off the prayer list.

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2018

Barb Arnold
Ginny Drake
Elli Pfluke
Kristin Tooker
Carol Wells

CLASS OF 2019

Doug Lippert
Carol Miller
Kim Paul
Dave Schellhase
Trish Vrooman

CLASS OF 2020

Frank Kordziel
Nancy Rinehard
Judy Sweet
Becky Williams

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2018

Jennifer Mott
Kathy Nichols
Roger Warren
Sharon Warren

CLASS OF 2019

Cindy Bonville
Lynn Morey
Ginny Pendleton
Perry Tooker IV
Pam West

CLASS OF 2020

John Merritt
Deborah Owens
Jan Whiting

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

Anna Rose Catello - Cindy Bonville's Mother
Louis Ducey - Jenn Mott's uncle
Mary Lauber - Cathy Opperman's mother

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

- Refugees, Christian martyrs and others at risk
from ISIS.



Pray for those who
are serving overseas:
the U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan; and our
Police/Fire Safety personnel.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those
who are stationed in non-combat zones: Mark
Sia, Zane Mechalke, Peter Thompson, Howard
Bantle, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan
Geer, Matthew Winchell, John Goodwill, Jeff
Carpenter, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed,
Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim
Jennings, Colin Whitcome.

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Your Local Food Pantries

OFFERATORY PRAYER

For all we have gathered through our toil, we give you thanks, O God. For
all that we have claimed at the expense of others, we beg your forgiveness.
May the mission we support through our offerings fulfill your expectations
of us. It is in love that we bring these gifts to honor your majesty. Thank
you for the witness of shepherds, for the faithfulness of truth-keepers, for
the transformation of enemies into friends and all that you accomplish
when we are open to your Spirit. Receive our lives as we dedicate these
gifts to your service. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Verso IV

Domenico Zipoli

DOXOLOGY

Praise to God, All Blessings Flow

No. 51

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

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*I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin
Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

Hymn of Preparation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 5

Stanzas 1 & 2

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Great Prayer and Words of Institution

Communion Anthem

One Bread, One Body
By John B. Foley

The Gift of Bread

The Gift of Wine

INTIMATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)

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

* HYMN

On This Day

HYMN TO JOY

Most will recognize this tune as
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*On this day of celebration, on this day when hopes are new,
God, we’ve gathered as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made our habitation; you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose; in your love, our unity.*

*Long ago, you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this New Year we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever — Jesus Christ is still the same!*

*Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.*

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida, NY will be held immediately after worship on January 27th. At the annual meeting we will review and celebrate all of our service to God in the past year, go over financial reports and the budget for the coming year. Please mark your calendar!

To All Committee Chairmen,
Treasurers and to
Whomever Else It Applies

All Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Wednesday, December 19th. If you would like to get them in earlier, that would be a big help to John. If you are a Treasurer and waiting for a bank statement, the deadline does not apply to you.

But please get them in as soon as possible.



On behalf of the staff, thank you very much for your Christmas gifts

Bruce Boak

Pat Thorpe

Tom Donegan

John Merritt

Melinda Phoenix - Heart

Jennawade Skellham

From Finance

Per Capita for 2019

At the November 27th Presbytery meeting the per capita for 2019 was approved. It will be \$41.14 per member. You can still pay your per capita for 2018, it's \$39.42.

ENVELOPES

The collection envelopes for 2019 are near the projection screen as you enter the sanctuary from Stone Street. If you would like to have a box of envelopes, there is a box of envelopes with no one's name on them. Please fill out the bottom of the pink slip and put it in the collection plate. Or fill out the index card with your name and place it in the collection plate.

Congratulations!

Sara (Vrooman) and Corey Skinner on the birth of their son Ashton Jay Skinner who was born Nov. 27 2018.

Ashton is the grandson of Trish Vrooman

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The next Presbyterian Women's Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 15th.

*On this day, we pause and wonder what the future year will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen #587

* POSTLUDE

*BWV 556
Johann Sebastian Bach*

ATTENTION!

There will be a special Session Meeting on Monday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m. to receive special recommendations from the Personnel/Music and Worship committees.



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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NURSERY is open on the main floor of the auditorium for babies up to age 5 during the worship service. An usher will be glad to show you where the nursery is located.



Today's servers are:
Kristin and Perry Tooker

Next week's servers are:
Marilyn and Don Kingsley

DARLA'S DOORKEEPERS

There is a sign-up sheet for Darla's Doorkeepers for the coming months in the Board Room either on the table or in Pat's mailbox.

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WELCOMING TEAM
Head Usher - John Merritt
Ushers -

This week: John Merritt, TBD
TBD, TBD
Next week: TBD

Darla's Doorkeepers—
This week: TBD
Next week: TBD

Collection Assistant –
This Sunday: Elli Pfluke
Next Sunday: Nancy Rinehard

Teen Church - TBA

Nursery Workers -
This Sunday: TBD
Next Sunday: TBD

Last Week's Attendance – 81

Food Donations: Communion Sunday food donations of nonperishable goods have been shared with our local food banks for over a decade. Our Deacons Food Cupboard, located at the top of the stairs near the water fountain, is almost depleted with your generous Easter Love Tree donations. We have decided to place your communion donations in our cupboard. If you would like to help us follow the command of Jesus to feed the hungry, let people know of our supplies. There are bags beside the cupboard that all are welcome to use.

THE DEACON PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Deacons are again getting low on prayer shawls. If you knit or crochet could you consider making one. After you bring one in, it will be dedicated the next Communion Sunday and then delivered to someone in need of prayers, comfort and encouragement. If you hear of a need or know of someone in need of prayers and comfort, please contact any Deacon to help you select a prayer shawl. We also have stuffed animals for children. Thank you for your ministry. If you could only see how much this means to people.

To My Presbyterian Family,

Loyal's family and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the acts of kindness shown us during Loyal's passing and my rehab at ECF; food, cards, visits, calling hours and funeral. They were very much appreciated during a difficult time. God bless you.

Marty Canning

We would like to thank you so much for your hospitality, and allowing us to use your space to facilitate our peer support group for the last couple of months.
Please let us know if there is any way we can return the favor!

Sincerely,
The Pathways Wellness Center Team
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tues - Beverly Vineall

Thur - Samuel Mastriano

Sun - Claire Fox

Anniversaries

Sun - Steve and Beverly Orzechowski

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Second Hand Rose

Second Hand Rose is still accepting women's and children's clothing and small household items, we love to get your kind donations.

Thank you to everyone for your support, both those who bring your items in and those who work so hard and we couldn't stay open without you. Please think about volunteering with us, there is a huge need. We will be closed from December 26 until we re-open Jan 2nd.

CAYR Community Chest

Thank you for your help with needed items such as shampoo, deodorant, diapers, etc. If you would like to help, empty bags are in the CAYR box in our auditorium. Please return your helpful items in the box.



OUR DAILY BREAD

is in for December – January - February. You can find them on the corner table in the auditorium, and on the table in front of the sanctuary as you head in to the auditorium.

LIFE at ONEIDA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



Meetings

January 7th

Committee Meetings

January 15th

Presbyterian Women

January 21st

Deacons Meeting

January 28th

Session Meeting

Events

January 1st

New Year's

Office closed

January 6th

Communion

January 13th

***Volunteer Training
Ordination and Installation***

January 22nd

Columbian Club Luncheon

January 27th

Annual Business Meeting

Calendar for Jan 6th - Jan 13th

Sunday, January 6th

9 a.m. Bible Study
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
Communion
11:30 a.m. Bible Study

Mon, January 7th

7 p.m. Committee Meetings

Wed, January 9th

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thurs, January 10th

3 p.m. Connection

Fri, January 11th

11 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Sunday, January 13th

9 a.m. Sunday School
9 a.m. Bible Study
10 a.m. Worship
Installation of Officers
11 a.m. Bible Study





DINNERS FOR EIGHT

*Please sign-up and be included in what is always an enjoyable evening. You can sign up as a couple or as a single. Singles may bring a friend. When all the names are in, they will be divided into groups of eight with one volunteer as a host or hostess. That host will contact the other seven people to arrange a date and time, and decide on the menu. Each couple or single would be asked to bring either an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert. The deadline for sign-ups is January 28. **Please place the filled out form in the offering plate.***

Name(s): _____

Please check one:

Couple, or single and guest

☐ Single

☐ Check if you'd like to be a host

Tel- _____

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And the best time to call you _____

Birthdays

Jan. 1	Sharon Warren
Jan. 3	Courtney Schneider
Jan. 5	Karen Sarensky
Jan. 8	Beverly Vineall
Jan. 10	Samuel Mastriano
Jan. 13	Claire Fox, Kim Fox
Jan. 14	Donna Stewart
Jan. 15	Donna Laurin, Heather Carroll
Jan. 16	Phyllis Harvey, Bronte Hilgenberg
Jan. 18	Jon Musgrove
Jan. 20	Loyal Canning, Don Miller
Jan. 21	Sue Grabow, Stephanie Thompson, Heidi Schneider
Jan. 22	Matthew Froass
Jan. 23	Dolores Young, Christopher Joslyn Jr.
Jan. 27	Linda Bailey, Leif Nicolaisen
Jan. 29	Kristen Talbot

Anniversaries

Jan. 4	Bob and Linda Butler
Jan. 13	Steve and Bev Orzechowski
Jan. 14	Doug Rosekrans & Joyce Helms