



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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When all the people were baptized Jesus was also baptized and as He was praying, heaven opened.

Luke 3:21

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

Baptism of the Lord

January 12th, 2025 10:00 AM

Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

PRELUDE *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* **(MORECAMBE)**
arranged by Lani Smith

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *"You Have Put on Christ"* **(Hughes)**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Leader: The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Leader: Christ submits to John's baptism and frees us from slavery.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Leader: God's love is seen to the end of the world.

People: God has shown himself to us..

OPENING HYMN *"Lord, When You Came to Jordan"* **#71**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus



Little Town of Bethlehem

*Bethlehem, . . . Out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people
Israel.*

Matthew 2:6

Phillip Brooks wrote the lyrics to the beloved carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" after visiting Bethlehem. Brooks, pastor of a church in the United States, was so moved by his experience that he wrote this to his Sunday school students: "I remember . . . On Christmas Eve, when I was standing in the old church at Bethlehem, close to the spot where Jesus was born, when the whole church was ringing hour after hour with the splendid hymns of praise to God, how again and again it seemed as if I could hear voices that I knew will, telling each other of the 'Wonderful Night' of the Savior's birth."

In 1868, Brooks put his thoughts into a poem, and his church organist set it to music. The song spoke stillness and peace into the unsettling aftermath of the American Civil War: "O little town of Bethlehem / How still we see thee lie! / . . . The hope and fears of all the years / Are met in thee tonight."

Matthew wrote of our Savior's birth in Bethlehem in Matthew 2. When the "Magi from the east" (v.1) followed the star to Bethlehem (see Micah 5:2), "they were overjoyed" to find Jesus (Matthew 2:10)./

Today, as we celebrate Epiphany, we too need the glorious news of our Savior's birth. As the hymn reminds us, He came to cast out our sin and enter in" and "be born in us." In Him, we find peace.

From "Our Daily Bread", January 6, 2025



FOOD PANTRY

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.

Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant. Let us, then, with confidence approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ’s path of peace, but we build walls and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM **“This is Our Faith”** **(Ambrosetti)**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Isaiah 43:1-7 The Word of the Lord	OT Page 631 Thanks be to God
BOOK OF ACTS	Acts 8:14-17 The Word of the Lord	NT Page 118 Thanks be to God
GOSEPL	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 The Word of the Lord	NT Page 56 Thanks be to God

SERMON “John’s Example” Pastor Mike

*HYMN “Spirit” #319

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Supremacy of Christ – (Colossians 1:15-20)*
We believe that Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him, all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (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.

OFFERTORY “Children of the Heavenly Father” (TRYGGARE KANINGEN VARA)
arranged by James Pethel

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #356

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Baptized in the Jordan River” (Hofer/
Higginbotham)

POSTLUDE “To God Be the Glory” (TO GOD BE THE GLORY)
arranged by Lloyd Larson



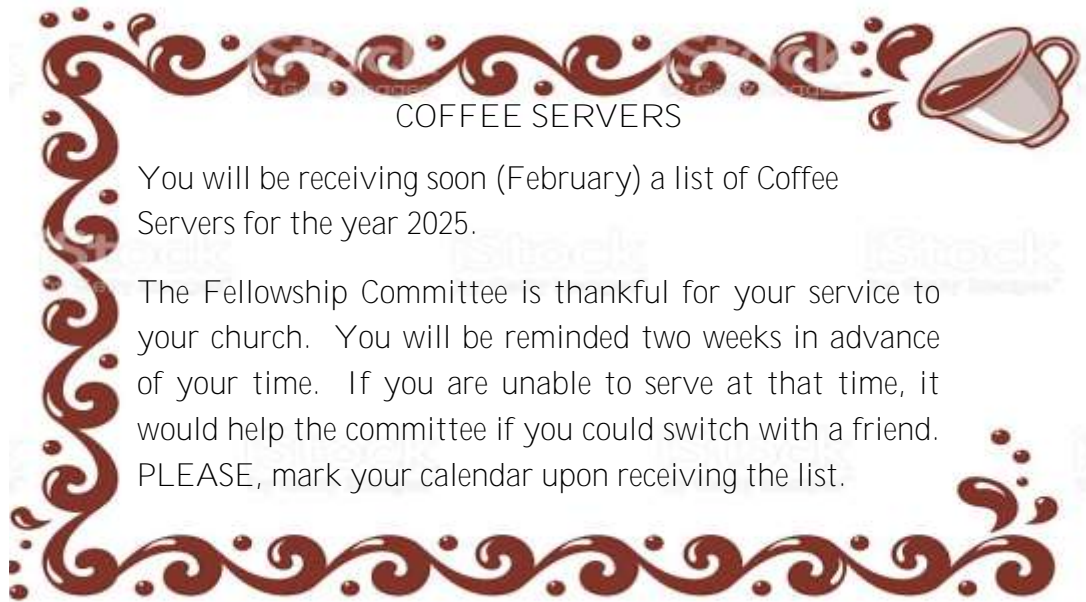
<u>Ushers for January</u>
12th
TBD
19th
TBD
26th
TBD



These Days for January, February, and March are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way outside the Boardroom.



Our Daily Bread for December, January, and February is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom.



COFFEE SERVERS

You will be receiving soon (February) a list of Coffee Servers for the year 2025.

The Fellowship Committee is thankful for your service to your church. You will be reminded two weeks in advance of your time. If you are unable to serve at that time, it would help the committee if you could switch with a friend. PLEASE, mark your calendar upon receiving the list.

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



The Deacons and Karing Kitchen are helping to provide 12 Food Sense units for the Rome, NY. Food Sense program. Our church raised \$246 to help give relief for

families struggling at this time of the year Thank you all for your generosity.

ALL HELPING HANDS ARE APPRECIATED

THE MUSIC & WORSHIP TEAM

IS LOOKING FOR HELP TAKING DOWN

THE SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

FOLLOWING TODAY'S WORSHIP



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

The Per Capita for
2025 is \$46

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

- Jude Alexander (Mancarella’s great nephew)

Kevin Bedford

Brody

Richard Brown

Marty Canning

Ed Cieslak (Friend of John Merritt)

Pam Corrington

Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey’s Father)

Elizabeth Coulby

Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott’s sister)

Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet’s sister)

Peggy Eastman

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)
- Wendy Holtz

Millie Johnson

Victor Johnson

Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)

Jean Kowalik

Florence LaRock

Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn’s brother)

Susan Mudge

Michelle Newman

Becky Nichols

Michael O’Bryan (Mike’s Brother in law)

Mike Oot

Audrey Opperman (Cathy’s Mother-in-law)

Tom Panasci

Elli Pfluke

Dan & Claudia Rayome

Debbie Shaw

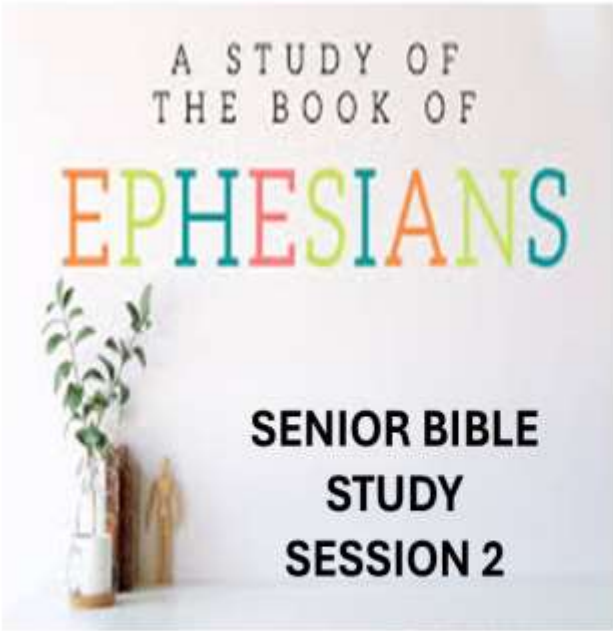
Brian Stites

Sue

Judy Sweet

Millicent Vidal

Jan Whiting



Join us each Wednesday beginning
January 8th 2025 through
January 22nd at 1:00 PM

SECOND HALF OF BIBLE STUDY
STARTED BEFORE ADVENT

Janeth P. Whiting Community Center
211 Stone Street, Oneida, NY

An outreach of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida



FLOWER MEMORIALS

There is a calendar hanging on the bulletin board to the right of Mike’s office. If you would like to donate a flower arrangement on Sunday morning in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the date you would like to do it. Then call John in the office 363-7590 by the Tuesday before that Sunday so that he can print the memorial in the bulletin.

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

- Chivon Winter (Friend of Jon Merritt)

Drew Zebert
- Jayden Emerson
- 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.



Collection Assistants for January/February

January 12th-TBD

January 19th-Frank Kordziel

January 26th-Paul Mancarella

February 2nd-TBA



Scripture Readers for January/February

January 12th-Perry Tooker IV

January 19th-Barb Seaton

January 26th-Frank Kordziel

February 2nd-TBA



Coffee Servers for January/February

January 12th-Ethel Abbott & Fellowship

January 19th-Paul and Chrissy Thompson

January 26th-Sandy Houseman & Barb Arnold

February 2nd-Nat & Melissa Smith



Projection Team for January/February

January 12th-Dan Gwilt

January 19th-Trish Vrooman

January 26th-Dan Gwilt

February 2nd-Trish Vrooman



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2025 Annual meeting will be held on January the 26th.

There will be refreshments available for the meeting, which will take place in the auditorium following the service. Coffee, Tea, and water will be available.

We hope to see you there.

ONEIDA AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

COFFEE HOUSE

The Oneida Area Council of Churches Coffee House will be held on Friday January 24th in the Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and admission is FREE! There will be desserts, hot chocolate and live music.



The First Presbyterian Church of Oneida is very appreciative of the officers who have just finished their service; Janet Sarensky, Sharon Warren. Thank you all for your unique talents that you have brought to leading this church through the years!



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

Mike Yeoman

Pat Thorpe

Barb Seaton

John Merritt

Jennawade Skellham

Brian Snyder

Frank Kordziel



LIFE at ONEIDA

Week of January 12th-January 19th

Sunday, January 12th
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 13th

Tuesday, January 14th

Wednesday, January 15th
1:00 p.m. Seniors Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Connection Youth Group

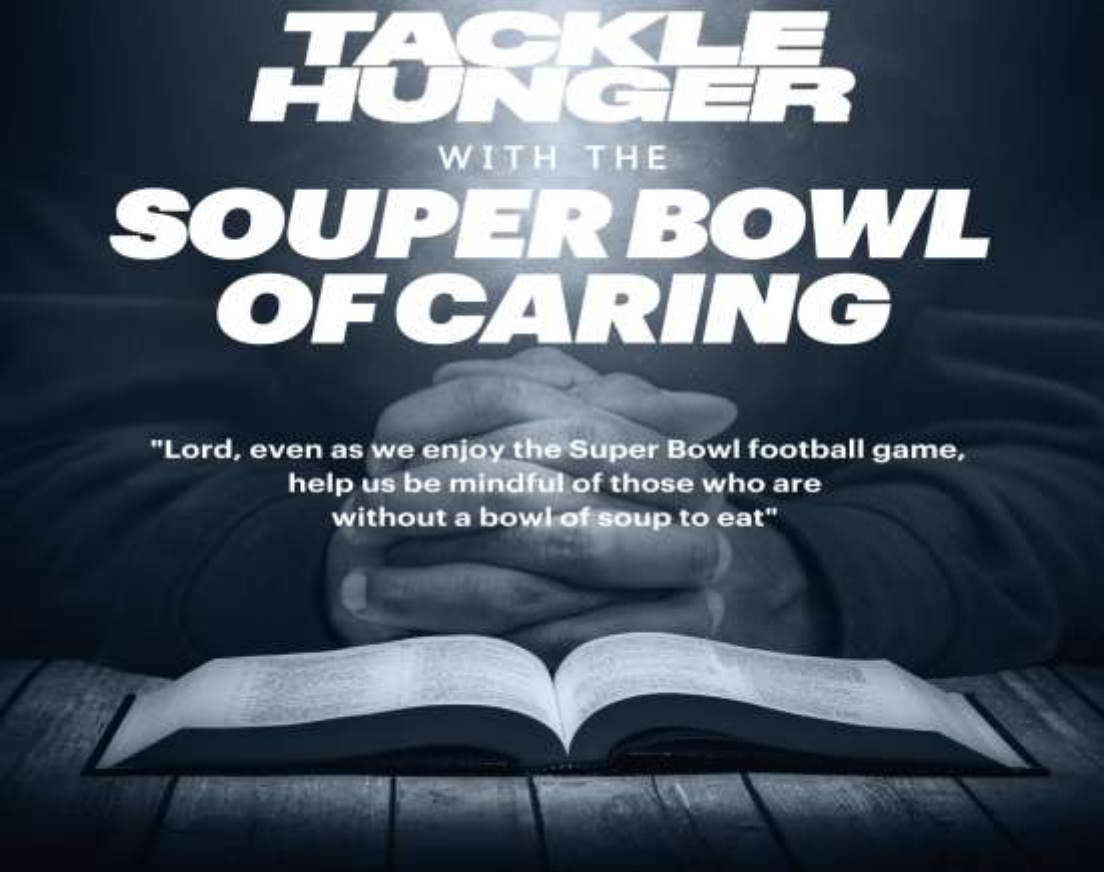
Thursday, January 16th
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, January 17th

Saturday, January 18th

Sunday, January 19th
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Deacons Meeting





Souper Bowl of Caring

Don't forget the special offering on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th. It is collected by the youth after the worship service at the exit locations.

This Souper Bowl donation will go to the local food pantries to help feed the poor. If you want to contribute to the Souper Bowl and you won't be here on February 9th, you can put your donation in a yellow envelope (found in the pews) and put Souper Bowl on the outside.

ELDERSThis is a heading for the Elders section, located at the top of the table. It is centered and uses a bold, black font.		FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:
<u>CLASS OF 2024</u> Randy Bonville Frank Kordziel Lucille Merriman Pat Thorpe	<u>CLASS OF 2025</u>	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. Israel and all victims of terrorism All victims of recent Hurricanes.
<u>DEACONS</u>		PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Zach Carpenter, Jason Murphy, Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Peter Thompson, Dylan McClelland, Sean Fuller Jr. Those serving in combat zones:
<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 <u>CLASS OF 2026</u>	 MISSION EMPHASIS: The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Presbytery Leader-Stated Clerk, and Staff of The Presbytery of Utica



Upcoming Blood Drives January

Thursday, January 16th: Oneida YMCA
Oneida, NY.
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Madison County Employee Building 5
Wampsville, NY
10:00 a.m.-3:30p.m.

Friday, January 17th: Munnsville Fire Department
Munnsville, NY.
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

To All Team/Committee Chairpersons
Treasurers and to
Whomever Else It Applies

All Annual Reports are due in the Church Office as soon as you can get them in. 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.

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.



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.



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!

