



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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**We must learn
to live together
as brothers
or perish
together as fools.**
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

How good and pleasant it is when all God's people
live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

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

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 19th, 2025, 10:00 AM

Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

† Micah 6:6-8

† Galatians 3:23-29

† Matthew 22:34-40

PRELUDE *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* **Arr. by Stephen Nielson**

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *“I Will Joyfully Sing”* **(McDonald)**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: God of our ancestors and God of our dreams, we gather today to remember that you have created us all in your image and in your likeness

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: We remember how you spoke into the darkness and created light

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: We remember the ways you have delivered your people through trials and tribulations since the beginning of time, right up until this present moment

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: You have comforted us through the middle passage, racism, segregation, and unjust systems and structures

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.



Called to Believe

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:11

In John, turning water into wine is the first of Jesus' signs. In other Gospels, folks recognized Jesus earlier in his life, via angles, shepherds and kings, Simeon and Anna, John the Baptist in the womb, and the Jordan River.

Here the writer of the Gospel says, the “disciples believed him.” They were convicted enough about Jesus to be identified as his disciples. I wonder who they believed him to be before these events? Did they hope he was the Messiah before the wedding, and after the sign, they knew it to be so? Was their faith greater before or after the sign?

Later Jesus asks, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe” (20:29).

From “These Days”, January 18, 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.

Leader: God you have been the guiding light along the paths of hope and love leading toward a beloved community where all are equally seen and radically loved

People: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

Leader: We gather today remembering your presence amongst us and the call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you and our neighbors.

OPENING HYMN

“God of the Sparrow”

#272

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, we live in times of deep division, mistrust, and violence. Open our hearts and minds to your truth and renew our commitment to justice and peace, pursued through cooperation and love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we might accept that we are all members of the same human family, created in your image and likeness and that darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humbly approach God’s throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond with grateful service.

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 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (Turner)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 6:6-8 OT Page 631

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

EPISTLE Galatians 3:23-29 NT Page 178

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

GOSEPL Matthew 22:34-40 NT Page 24

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

SERMON "Love One Another – Know One Another" Pastor Mike

*HYMN "O For A World" #386

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD



Ushers for January

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.

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 "All Hail the Power (Medley)" Arr. by Don Wyrzten

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "Help Us Accept Each Other" #358

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Break Dividing Walls" (Ruis)

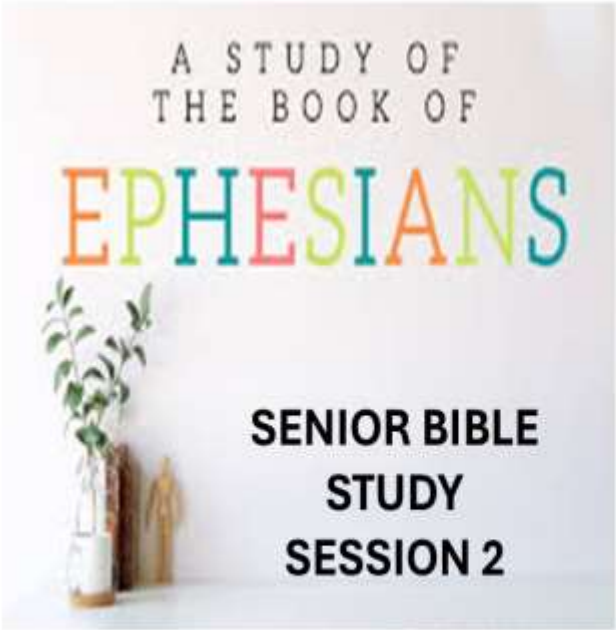
POSTLUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Arr. by Virginia Halberg



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



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

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| Jude Alexander (Mancarella’s great nephew) | Wendy Holtz |
| Kevin Bedford | Millie Johnson |
| Brody | Victor Johnson |
| Richard Brown | Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God) |
| Marty Canning | |
| Ed Cieslak (Friend of John Merritt) | Jean Kowalik |
| Pam Corrington | Florence LaRock |
| Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey’s Father) | Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn’s brother) |
| Elizabeth Coulby | Laurie Mudge |
| 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) | Judy Sweet |
| | Millicent Vidal |
| | Jan Whiting |



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

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| Chivon Winter (Friend of Jon Merritt) | Jayden Emerson |
| Drew Zebert | Jim Hotaling |

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 19th-Frank Kordziel

January 26th-Paul Mancarella

February 2nd-TBA

February 9th-TBA

Scripture Readers for January/February

January 19th-Barb Seaton

January 26th-Frank Kordziel

February 2nd-Barb Schwartz

February 9th-Pat Thorpe

Coffee Servers for January/February

January 19th-Paul and Chrissy Thompson

January 26th-Sandy Houseman & Barb Arnold

February 2nd-Nat & Melissa Smith

February 9th-Fellowship

Projection Team for January/February

January 19th-Trish Vrooman

January 26th-Dan Gwilt

February 2nd-Trish Vrooman

February 9th-Dan Gwilt



BIRTHDAY BASH

*You are invited to the Birthday Bash on Sunday, February 9th. The Birthday Bash gives us the opportunity to get together **an celebrate everyone's birthday on one day.** Please join us that day for cake, coffee and fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet in the auditorium for our wonderful dessert chefs!!*

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 19th-Januray 26th

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

Monday, January 20th
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21st
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 22nd
1:00 p.m. Seniors Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Connection Youth Group

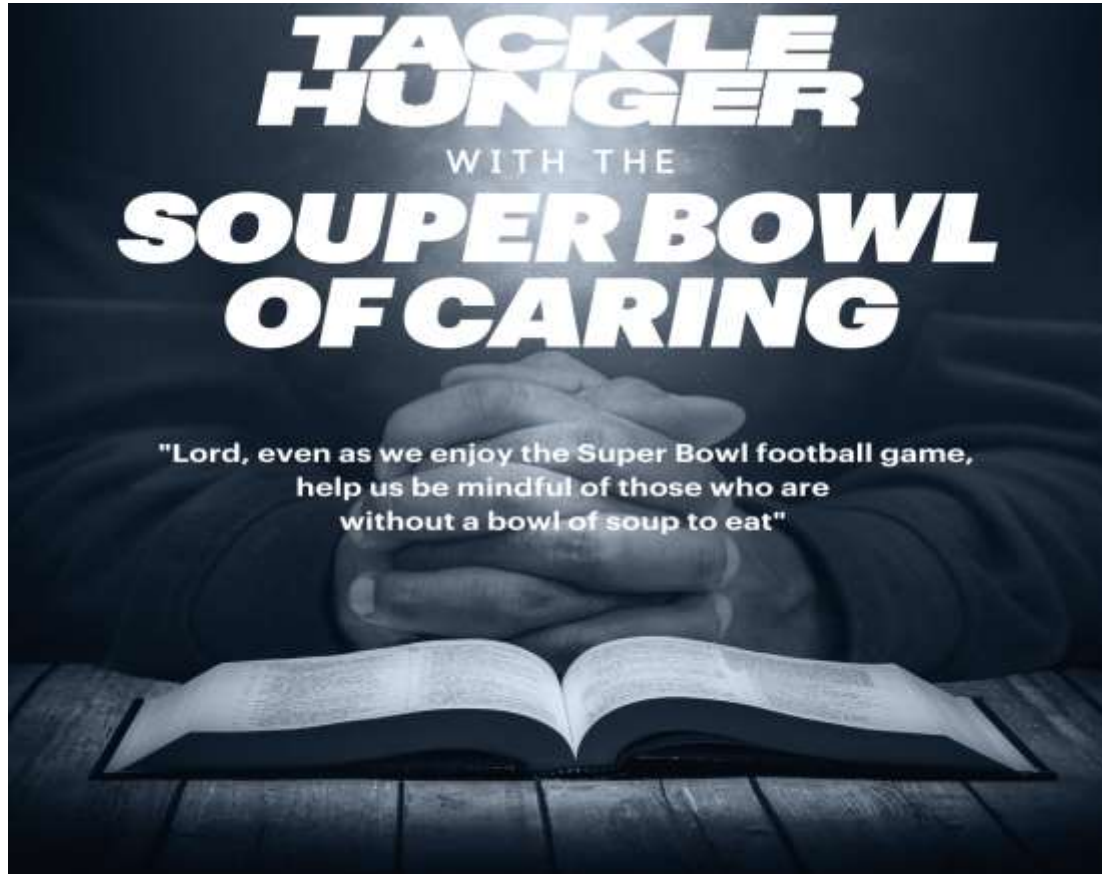
Thursday, January 23rd
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, January 24th

Saturday, January 25th

Sunday, January 26th
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Annual 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.

<u>ELDERS</u>		FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR: Sandy Glynn
<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. California Wild Fire victims
<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: 2025 Micah Grant Recipients



Upcoming Blood Drives January

Wednesday, January 22nd: Town of Augusta, 2470 N Rd.
Oriskany, NY.
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 23rd: First Presbyterian Church
Cazenovia, NY
1:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.

Friday, January 24th: St. Paul's United Methodeist Church
Oneida, NY.
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

California Wildfires



*God will cover you
with their feathers,
and under their wings
you will find refuge;
God's faithfulness will be
your shield and rampart.*
Psalm 91:4

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in response to the devastating fires in California, which authorities are calling a historic and deadly wildfire event. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by these catastrophic wildfires? — **Give. Act. Pray.**

GIVE: Gifts can be made **online** at pcusa.org/CAfires25, by **phone** at 800-728-7228, ext. 5885, or by **check** made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "PDA-CF25-BI" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



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!

