



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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**304 Broad Street**  
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**Oneida, NY 13421**

#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **HOURS:**

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9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Jesus said. . . . I have not come to call the righteous  
but sinners to repentance

Luke 5:32

#### **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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 23, 2025 10:00 AM**

**Pastor Michael L. Yeoman**

## **WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**



**Isaiah 55:1-9**



**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**



**Luke 13:1-9**

**PRELUDE** *“Thy Loving Kindness with Jesus, Lover of My Soul”* Arr. By Carol  
Tornquist

### **MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**INTROIT** *“O God, We Worship Thee”* (Hopson)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters. Come to the wells.

**People:** *Our souls thirst for you, O God.*

Leader: We lift up our hands and call on your name

**People:** *Come, without money. Come without cost.*

Leader: Our lips sing praises, beholding your glory.

**People:** *Come, eat good. Come, feast upon true riches.*

Leader: Be filled with that which sustains you.

**People:** *Our souls are satisfied in you, O God. In the shadow of your wings,  
we sing with joy.*

**\*OPENING HYMN** *“Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation”* #516



*Sticking to It Together*

*My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.*

*Psalm 63:8*

*I love being outdoors and appreciate a good garden. I am a “stick it in the ground and see what happens” type of gardener, but I keep trying. Each season, I am challenged by unpredictable rainfall and temperature fluctuations-more or less, conditions seem to be either too hot or too cold. The deer wander through my garden with an interesting pruning style. But I keep at it in hopes of something beautiful emerging.*

*I am passionate about digging in the earth. I end up quite filthy by the end of the day. It's the kink of dirt that gets under my nails and on my clothes. It is hard to get off. I want my relationship with God to be this clingy. The symbiosis of my soul clinging to God and God's right hand upholding me seems that we stick to it, together.*

*From “These Days”, March 22, 2025*

## SAVE THE DATES

### LENTEN SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

The Fellowship Committee is hosting our Lenten Lunches on Sundays following service, March 9th through April 13th.

Luncheon will follow the service a free will offering is available to support the work of the fellowship team.

Menu includes: homemade soup, bread, beverage and dessert.

If you would like to volunteer to make soup, bring or bake bread, make a dessert or help out in the kitchen doing dishes; there will be sign up sheets for all of those opportunities.

#### March 23rd

Soup-Jennawade Skellham (Seafood Chowder)

Bread-Donna Ausman

Dessert-John Merritt

#### March 30th

Soup-John Merritt (Smokestack Lightning)

Bread-Ethel Abbott

Dessert-Cindy Young

#### April 6th

Soup-Leigh Silkowski (Italian Wedding Soup)

Bread-Jennawade Skellham

Dessert-Barb Arnold

#### April 13th

Soup-Barb Arnold (Chicken Soup)

Bread-John Merritt

Dessert-John Merritt

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*God of change, we come into this hour with holy expectations. As we travel on our journey of transformation this Lenten season, we know that you are with us. You walk beside us. Your presence surrounds us. Help us to bear fruit as we walk this road. Remind us that you will never leave us nor forsakes us, that your rod and your staff comfort us, that you have prepared a feast for us when all can come and eat. Keep us forever in the path as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God calls us to step more deeply into ourselves as we amend and awaken to who He desire us to be. Let us acknowledge our transgressions so that may prepare our hearts for change..

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Father God, we confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from seeing our missteps; Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit In a world full of spoiled and rotten produce, and systems designed to kill. We are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation. Amen*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace and mercy abounds. His everlasting arms embrace us. We are belived, affirmed,, and forgiven set free..

### 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

“God's Peace”

(White/Dawn/Adams)

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Isaiah 55:1-9 The Word of the Lord	OT Page 644 Thanks be to God
EPISTLE	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 The Word of the Lord	NT Page 161 Thanks be to God
GOSPEL	Luke 13:1-9 The Gospel of Jesus	NT Page 71 Thanks be to God
SERMON	“Why Suffering”	Pastor Mike
*HYMN	“To God Be the Glory”	#485
*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	“If Not For You”	George Harrison
*DOXOLOGY		#592



Ushers for <i>March</i>
23rd
TBA
30th
TBA



Thu-Jenifer Colvin



*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 March, April, May is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom.*





Baby bottles filled with change –  
that's The Baby Bottle Campaign

It's a simple idea that provides thousands of dollars to save lives. Each year the money raised from the Campaign helps support those facing unplanned pregnancies and their babies through the ministry of Willow Network.

It's easy. Pick up a baby bottle from the table in the auditorium. Fill it up with change (or dollars too!) and bring it back to the church by the end of March.



**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*      **#81**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

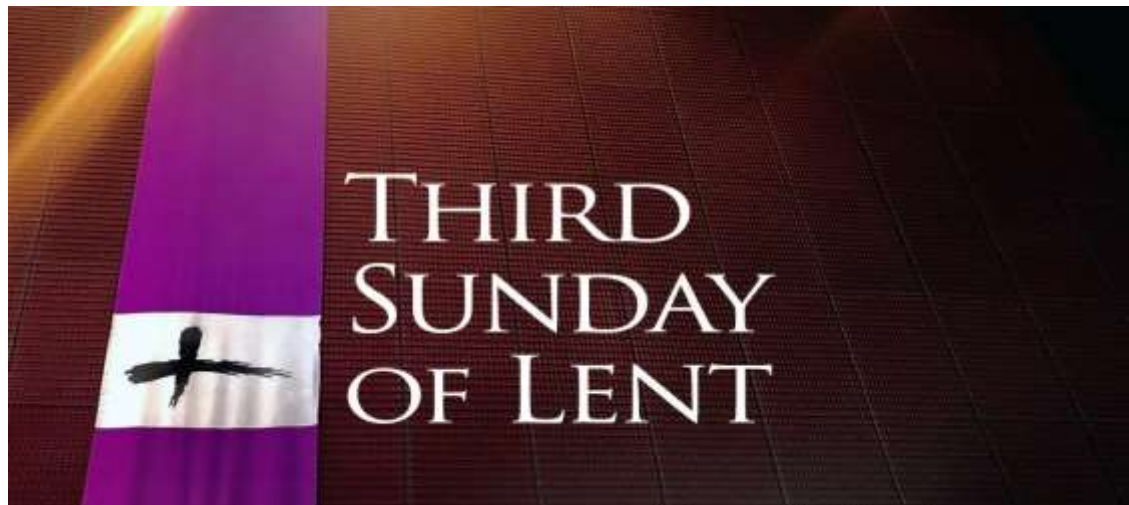
**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *“Glory Be To The Father”*      **(Avery & Marsh)**

**POSTLUDE**      *“There is a Balm in Gilead”*      **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





**PRAYER MISSION MARCH**

Mars Hill Network 102.9 FM - It is the mission of the Mars Hill Broadcasting Co., Inc. to provide the public, through its radio broadcasting and public relations functions, such a clear expression of the message, mission and character of Jesus Christ that the following results will be consistently achieved:

Salvation of the lost and nurture of the saved.

Traditional Christian families built up in faith and life experience to become mature witnesses of the grace of God, and Biblically effective contributors to the benefit of society.

Ministry of Bible-teaching local churches reinforced, and churches at large confronted by the Spirit of God and revived.

Unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and unity in the Body of Christ.

**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.

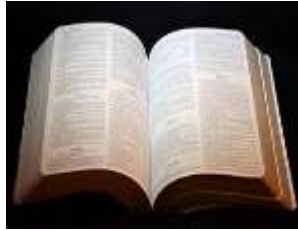
**LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS**

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| Jude Alexander (Mancarella’s great nephew) | Millie Johnson                               |
| Fred Bavo (Jennawade’s Uncle)              | Victor Johnson                               |
| Kevin Bedford                              | Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God) |
| Brody                                      |  |
| Richard Brown                              | Jean Kowalik                                 |
| Marty Canning                              | Florence LaRock                              |
| Ed Cieslak (Friend of John Merritt)        | Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn’s brother)        |
| Pam Corrington                             | Laurie Mudge                                 |
| Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey’s Father)       | Michelle Newman                              |
| Elizabeth Coulby                           | Becky Nichols                                |
| Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott’s sister)        | Michael O’Bryan (Mike’s Brother in law)      |
| Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet’s sister)             | Mike Oot                                     |
| Emeri Dryer (Maggie’s grand daughter)      | Audrey Opperman (Cathy’s Mother-in-law)      |
| Peggy Eastman                              | Tom Panasci                                  |
| John Ferguson                              | Elli Pfluke                                  |
| Robert Feldmann (Melinda’s Father)         | Dan & Claudia Rayome                         |
| Jillian Felt                               | Debbie Shaw                                  |
| Andy Froass                                | Brian Stites                                 |
| Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt’s Father)      | Millicent Vidal                              |
| Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson’s Mom)        | Jan Whiting                                  |
| Becky Grasso                               |  |
| Wendy Holtz                                |  |
| Jim Hotaling                               |  |

**SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS**

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Kristen Lippert Martin | Sharon Pierce                 |
| Cindi Gregory          | Susan O’Bryan (Mike’s sister) |
| Pam Corrigan           | Michelle Newman               |

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 March/April

March 23rd-Paul Mancarella

March 30th-Lucille Merriman

April 6th-Perry Tooker IV

April 13th-Randy Bonville

#### Scripture Readers for March/April

March 23rd-Pat Thorpe

March 30th-Lou White

April 6th-Barb Schwartz

April 13th-Paul Mancarella

#### Coffee Servers for March/April

March 23rd-Donna & Bill Ausman

March 30th-Lou White & Rachel Mancarella

April 6th-Randy & Cindy Bonville

April 13th-Ethel Abbott & Janet Sarensky

#### Projection Team for March/April

March 23rd-Dan Gwilt

March 30th-Paul Mancarella

April 6th-Trish Vrooman

April 13th-Dan Gwilt



## **ANNUAL LOVE TREE CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON**

The Love Tree is all set up. Under the Tree there are wicker baskets. There are papers in the wicker baskets on what to use to create a basket for a family in need.

Pink for a family of 1-2, yellow for a family of 3-5, and blue for a family of 6 or more. If you are unable to create a basket yourself but would like to help in creating a basket feel free to donate food items that consist of but not limited to:

Potatoes boxed or fresh

Stuffing

Canned vegetables

Canned or fresh fruit

Canned ham

Bread item

Desert item

Peanut butter

Jelly

Soup

Easter treats

You may also make monetary donations to the Deacons, memo: love tree.

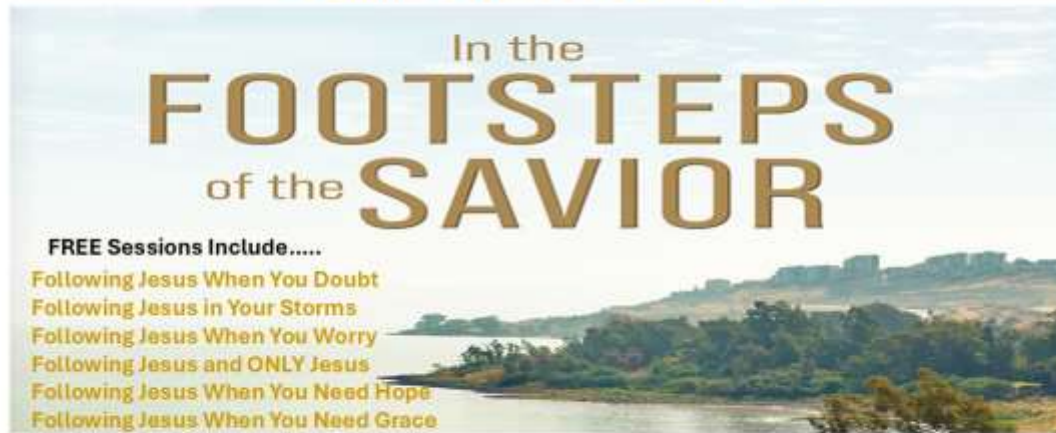
All donations are to be in by the end of service on March 24, Palm Sunday.

Thank you

Any questions, please call the church office at 315-363-7590.



SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY NEW WEDNESDAY LENT SERIES  
Beginning WED. FEB 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM



The Janeth P. Whiting Community Center – 211 Stone Street, Oneida, NY  
A Ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Oneida \* 315-363-7590

**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**

### SAVE THE DATE!!

The spaghetti dinner for the Nicaragua Medical Mission Team will be on Saturday April 5th from 4 pm to 7 pm, in the auditorium.

Adults \$12, Kids 5-12 \$6. Kids under 5 eat free. Takeout is available.

Menu: Spaghetti w/meatball or sausage, bread and butter, salad, dessert. All proceeds benefit Enrich Missions visit their website at [www.enrichmissions.org](http://www.enrichmissions.org)



## ***LIFE at ONEIDA***

*Week of March 23rd-March 30th*

Sunday, March 23rd  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Lenten Lunch

Monday, March 24th  
6:30 p.m. Activ8Her BS (JWCC)

Tuesday, March 25th

Wednesday, March 26th  
1:00 p.m. Seniors Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Connection Youth Group

Thursday, March 27th  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, March 28th

Saturday, March 29th

Sunday, March 30th  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Lenten Lunch



Annual Fundraiser for  
NICNY – CNY MEDICAL MISSION TO NICARAGUA



SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

From 4:00 to 7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Oneida

304 Broad St. Oneida

100% of proceeds support the medical mission  
providing medicine, clothes, food and love to  
those in need in Nicaragua

BOTTLE AND CAN DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Adults \$12 Children 6-12 \$6 Under 6 Free

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2025

Randy Bonville  
Frank Kordziel  
Lucille Merriman  
Pat Thorpe

CLASS OF 2026

Paul Mancarella  
Perry Tooker IV

CLASS OF 2027

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025

Sue Kordziel  
Rachel Mancarella  
John Merritt  
Kathy Nichols  
Jennawade Skellham  
Kristin Tooker  
Michelle Yeoman

CLASS OF 2026

CLASS OF 2027

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

Michael (Alicia Lippert's  
brother)

Frieda Phoenix  
Jerome DeVaul Sr.  
Robert Sayles

**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

**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:



**MISSION EMPHASIS:**





## Upcoming Blood Drives February

Wednesday, March 26th: Town of Augusta, 2470 N Road  
Oriskany, NY  
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 28th: Morrisville Community Church  
Morrisville, NY  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



### NO COMMITMENT CHOIR BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

OFPC Choir Director Barb Seaton is inviting anyone and everyone to join the "No Commitment Choir" to present a beautiful and simple anthem during Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday services on April 13<sup>th</sup> and/or 20<sup>th</sup>. There are no auditions, no age limits, and all abilities are welcome.

There will be short (10 minutes) optional rehearsals on Sundays beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning service in the choir room—come to one or more to learn the tune. Adults, Seniors, Teens, Children—all are welcome!

There will be music available for those who read, and just the words for those who don't. Please talk to Barb for more information. ♪ ♪ ♪



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.

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!

