



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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# The Church At Worship

First Presbyterian Church of Oneida

**Sunday, June 1, 2025 10:00 AM**

**Ascension Sunday / Baccalaureate Sunday**

**Pastor Michael L. Yeoman**

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**



**Psalm 93**



**Ephesians 1:15-23**



**Luke 24:44-53**

## **PRELUDE**

***“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”***

**Organ Voluntary on "St. George's Windsor" Arr. by E. L. Ashford**

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

## **INTROIT**

***“Bind Us Together”***

**by Bob Gillman**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God, lift up your hearts! Today we celebrate the risen and ascended Christ—the One who was lifted up in glory and now reigns with grace at the right hand of God. Though he is exalted in heaven, he is not distant—he is present with us now. He calls us to be his witnesses, to carry his love to the ends of the earth.

Let us worship with joy, for Christ is alive, Christ is Lord, and Christ will come again!

## **OPENING HYMN**

***“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”***

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## *In The Evening*

*Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

*Psalm 141:2*

*Lord I have seen relationships dissolve because of a failure to communicate. The lack of an interchange of thoughts and information caused erosion in the friendly camaraderie.*

*I ask that you will help me to relate well with my family and associates. On a spiritual level, I pray that my heavenly communication keeps a clear line of sending and receiving messages from You. In this evening prayer, I want to evaluate my relationship with You. Lord, has the eternal importance of helping me realize my blessings and translating them into actions to share with others.*

*From “Prayers and Promises for Men”, Page 49*

## 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.



**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**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*God of heaven and earth, we celebrate the Christ who came to live as one of us. We celebrate the Christ who would stop at nothing – not even death – to proclaim God’s love for all people. We celebrate the Christ who rose from the dead to show there is no end to God’s love. And we celebrate the Christ who, in leaving this earth, entrusted to us the task of continuing the work. Amen.*

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

As Christ ascended, he did not rise to leave us behind— but to reign with mercy, to intercede for us, and to call us into his continuing work. Yet, how often have we forgotten his presence, denied his power, and ignored his calling. So let us come before our risen and reigning Lord, trusting in his grace, and seeking his renewal. Let us pray together.

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)**

Leader: Risen and ascended Lord, though we have heard your commission, to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth...

*People:...we confess that we often stand still, gazing into heaven, forgetting the work you have entrusted to our hands.*

Leader: You call us to lift our eyes in hope, yet we are weighed down by doubt, fear, and distraction.

*People: You send us out to be your presence in the world, yet we retreat, hesitant to speak, slow to act, and reluctant to love.*

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for our silence and our stillness, for our forgetfulness and our fear.

*People: Lift us up by your mercy. Clothe us with power from on high. Renew in us the joy of your salvation, and send us forth as witnesses to your reign. Amen.*

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: The same God who raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at the right hand of power has also raised us to new life with him. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and sent.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

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### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**



CHILDREN’S TIME

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM “Sing With Joy” by Donald Moore

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM	Psalm 93 The Word of the Lord	OT Page 519 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
EPISTLE	Ephesians 1:15-23 The Word of the Lord	NT Page 181 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
GOSPEL	Luke 24:44-53 The Gospel of Jesus	NT Page 85 <i>Thanks be to God</i>

SERMON “Still Rising” Pastor Mike

\*HYMN “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” #508

\*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



*These Days for April, May and June 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.*

The Per Capita for  
2025 is \$46

THANK YOU!!!!

Pat would like to thank everyone who paid their per capita for 2025



REMINDER!!!!!!!!!!

Starting this month the monthly Team Meetings will be held on the  
Second Sunday of the month.

## 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

*“Offertoire”*

by Léon Boëllmann (1885/86)

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you

*All: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*All: We lift them to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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

*All: Dying you destroyed our death.  
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 thistime)**

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 ANTHEM      “Remember Me”      by Aaron Adams and  
Stephen Andrews**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Risen and ascended Lord Jesus, we thank you for feeding us at your table— with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS**

Jude Alexander (Mancarella’s great nephew)	Becky Grasso
Fred Bavo (Jennawade’s Uncle)	Wendy Holtz
Kevin Bedford	Jim Hotaling
Brody	Victor Johnson
Richard Brown	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Marty Canning	
Ed Cieslak (Friend of John Merritt)	Jean Kowalik
Timothy Carver (Jen Bailey’s Father)	Florence LaRock
Elizabeth Coulby	Laurie Mudge
Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott’s sister)	Michelle Newman
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet’s sister)	Becky Nichols
Emeri Dryer (Maggie’s grand daughter)	Michael O’Bryan (Mike’s Brother in law)
Peggy Eastman	Mike Oot
John Ferguson	Tom Panasci
Robert Feldmann (Melinda’s Father)	Elli Pfluke
Linda Felix	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

**SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS**

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.



# Our Graduates



## OUR GRADUATES—CLASS OF 2025

### ONEIDA HIGH SCHOOL

Evan Gwilt

### College graduates

Dylan Bartell

Ben Jenkins

### Physicians Assistant

Bryn Mancarella

### HELEN MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Liam Gwilt, Bryn Mancarella, Elizabeth Tooker**

### RYAN FUND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Brian Snider**

As you were lifted up in glory, you lift us up by your grace. Having shared in this holy meal, send us now into the world with courage and joy. Make us your witnesses, proclaiming your love, serving in your name, and trusting in your promise that you are with us always—to the very end of the age. In your powerful and glorious name we pray, Amen.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

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#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Go Now in Peace” (Nancy Price and Don Besig)*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.*

*God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.*

*Know he will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe.*

*Reach out to others, so all the world can see.*

*God will be here watching from above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

*Amen! Amen! Amen!*

#### POSTLUDE

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*

Organ Voluntary on "Austria" Arr. by E. L. Ashford

*Please consider staying a few minutes to listen to the beautiful postlude music provided by our wonderful accompanist Brian Snyder.*




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



ONEIDA AREA CIVIC CHORALE PRESENTS ....

# Let There be Peace

Sunday,  
June 1, 2025,  
4:00 pm  
Oneida High School  
Auditorium



100 Voices Directed by Mark Bunce, Accompanied by  
Jared McFarlin, Collaborative Pianist and Guest Musicians.


 \$10.00 Donation: Tickets Available from Chorale Members or scan the QR code to purchase tickets on Event Brite . Please visit our Facebook/Instagram pages or website ([www.oneidachorale.org](http://www.oneidachorale.org)) for further information and ticket outlets.

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TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

**THE ONEIDA AREA CIVIC CHORALE WILL PRESENT “LET THERE BE PEACE”, A SELECTION OF MUSIC FROM** Europe, Africa, and North America centering on peace in the world. The concert will be on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 4:00 PM at Oneida High School Auditorium, Seneca Street, Oneida. The 110 voice Chorale, a community chorus under the direction of Mark Bunce, will be accompanied by Jared McFarlin on piano and joined by guest musicians. Tickets for the concert are \$10 and are available from Chorale members, at the door, and on the Chorale Website through EventBrite. Please refer to the OACC website ([www.Oneidachorale.org](http://www.Oneidachorale.org)) or Facebook page for additional information.

ELDER		FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR: Mildred Johnson (Nancy James’ sister-in-law)
<u>CLASS OF 2025</u> Randy Bonville Frank Kordziel Lucille Merriman Pat Thorpe	<u>CLASS OF 2026</u> Paul Mancarella Perry Tooker IV	<b>SPECIAL CONCERNS:</b> 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  California Wild Fire victims
<u>CLASS OF 2027</u>		<b>PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:</b> 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:
DEACON		
<u>CLASS OF 2025</u> Sue Kordziel Rachel Mancarella John Merritt Kathy Nichols Jennawade Skellham Kristin Tooker Michelle Yeoman	<u>CLASS OF 2026</u>	<b>MISSION EMPHASIS:</b> Special Offerings of the PC(USA) (One Good Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, Pentecost, Peacemaking)
<u>CLASS OF 2027</u>		



### *From the Choir Director*

As I finish up my first year here at OFPC, my next task is to schedule special talent presentations for the summer months when the choir is taking a well-deserved break! "Special Talents" is not restricted to music; in addition to singing and playing an instrument, there are many ways to praise God: liturgical dance, ASL interpretation of favorite hymns or worship songs, a poem or short literary work that speaks to the wonder of your faith, etc. Being a part of the church service as a young musician was the best experience to allow me to grow in skill as well as overcoming stage fright. It's a great opportunity for up-and-coming students to share, families can get together as well. No one is too young or too old, or not accomplished enough to share. There is also no requirement to be "good" at what you do--just the desire to give back to the Lord a part of the wondrous gifts He has given you. Bryan is available to accompany, rehearsals will be set up, and if there is any interest in putting together the No-Commitment Choir, that is definitely a possibility! Perhaps we can pull out the handbells and put something together with just a couple of practices! I have lots of suggestions and ideas, so please talk to me after services, email me at [bjseaton@usa.net](mailto:bjseaton@usa.net) or call 315-225-9452 and let's work something out.



### Upcoming Blood Drives For May

Thursday, June 5th: Cazenovia American Legion  
Cazenovia, NY  
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 6th; St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
Oneida, NY  
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Just a reminder from the deacons

The first Sunday of the month is the loose change collection. If you have any loose change laying around the house bring it in and put it in the collection plate. That change will go to help feeding local families and stocking local food pantries.

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.

**ONEIDA  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

**GRATEFULLY  
WELCOMES**

**THE  
MASTER'S  
TOUCH  
CHORALE**

**JUNE 7TH 3PM  
242 MAIN ST.  
ONEIDA**



**COME CELEBRATE  
OUR GOD'S  
SENDING OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT!**



***LIFE at ONEIDA  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN***

*Week of June 1st-June 8th*

Sunday, June 1st  
10 a.m. Worship  
Communion  
Baccalaureate Sunday

Monday, June 2nd

Tuesday, June 3rd

Wednesday, June 4th  
1:00 p.m. Seniors Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Connection Youth Group

Thursday, June 5th  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, June 6th

Saturday, June 7th  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship  
(JWCC)

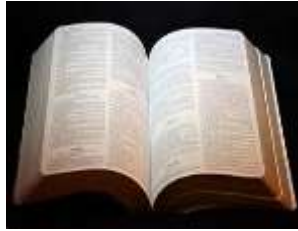
Sunday, June 8th  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Team Meetings





#### Collection Assistants for June

June 1st-Randy Bonville  
June 8th-Lucille Merriman  
June 15th-Paul Mancarella  
June 22nd-Randy Bonville



#### Scripture Readers for June

June 1st-Barbara Schwartz  
June 8th-Paul Mancarella  
June 15th-Perry Tooker IV  
June 22nd-Lou White



#### Coffee Servers for June

June 1st-Joy and Dylan Bartell  
June 8th-Carol Miller and Janet Sarensky  
June 15th-Doug & Rose Lockwood  
June 22nd-Ian and Michele Farwell



#### Projection Team for June

June 1st-Paul Mancarella  
June 8th-Trish Vrooman  
June 15th-Dan Gwilt  
June 22nd-Paul Mancarella



### **PRAYER MISSION JUNE Gideons' International**

The Gideons' International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices. To date, they have placed 1.9 billion Scriptures and are on their way to 2 billion with your support. Follow them on that journey, as The Gideons' partner with churches anywhere, to reach the unreached everywhere. Please pray for them and learn more about how you can help at <http://www.gideons.org>

### **LAST DAY OF CHOIR**

June 22nd will be the last day of choir until September. To show the congregation's appreciation for the lovely music that the choir brings each week, Fellowship will be holding a brunch that day following the service. The menu will include : Pork Sliders, Tossed Salad, Pasta salad, and watermelon. Tea, Coffee, and Lemonade will be available.

We hope to see you there!!!





2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 a.m. Worship Communion <b>Baccalaureate Sunday</b>	2	3	4 1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	5 7 p.m. Choir Practice	6	7 5:30-8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship
8 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Team Meetings	9 6:00 –8:00 p.m Activ8 Her (manse)	10	11 1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	12 7 p.m. Choir Practice	13	14
15 10 a.m. Worship  <b>Father’s Day</b>	16	17	18 1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	19 7 p.m. Choir Practice	20	21 5:30-8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship
22 10 a.m. Worship Last Day of Choir 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Brunch Deacons meeting	23 6:00 –8:00 p.m Activ8 Her (manse)  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 6:30 p.m. Session meeting	25 1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	26	27	28
29 10 a.m. Worship	30					