



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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For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm
therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of
slavery

Galations 5:1

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

Sunday, June 29, 2024 10:00 AM

Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14



Galatians 5:1, 13-25



Luke 9:51-62

PRELUDE

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, who set His face toward Jerusalem with love and purpose.

People: We come to follow Christ who calls with grace and leads us in faith.

Leader: When the road is hard and the journey long, the Spirit strengthens our steps and renews our resolve.

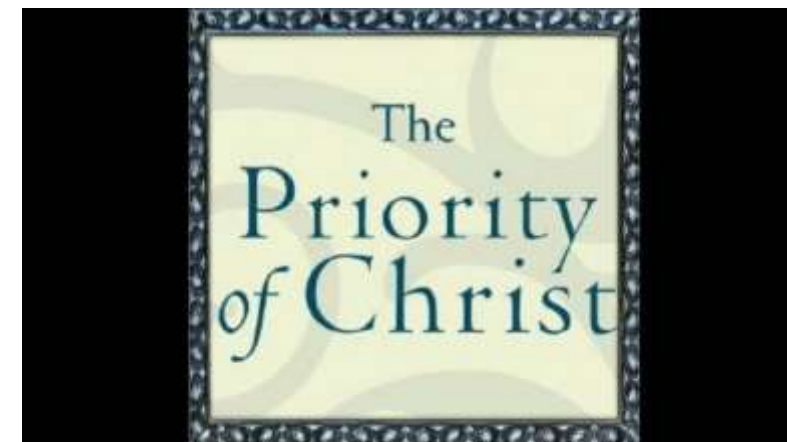
People The One who calls us is faithful—and He will do it.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with hearts open, feet ready, and lives dedicated to His glory. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

#563



Christ Our Priority

Jesus replied, “. . . That is why I have come.”

Mark 1:38

“May we invite you to be the main speaker in our nationwide church leadership conference” After Jose read the invitation from the renowned organization, he replied, “Please let me pray about it first.” Later, when he turned down the offer, he told a friend, “I know God was calling me to editorial work on a mission’s project, and the speaking engagement would take time and energy away from that. I said no so I can do what God wants me to do.”

What God wants me to do-That was Jose’s priority and what determined his decision. Jesus also made God’s purpose His priority. The morning after healing many in Capernaum who were sick and demon-possessed, Jesus went to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:32-35). The disciples came, saying, “Everyone is looking for you!” (v. 37). Some of those seeking Him were likely requesting healing Christ, however, didn’t allow urgency or His sudden popularity to determine what He’d do next. “Let us go . . . To the nearby villages,” He said, “so I can preach there also. That is why I have come” (v.38). Jesus followed His priority-a ministry that covered the rest of Galilee, and one that included preaching (v.39).

How may we know God’s purpose for us? We can approach Him in prayer, be led by His wisdom found in the Scriptures, and seek counsel from people who uphold His ways. Let’s spend our life doing what God wants us to do.

From “Our Daily Bread”, June 26, 2025

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**

Faithful God, you have called us to walk in the footsteps of Your Son, to set our faces toward love, justice, and truth—even when the road is hard. We gather today not because we are strong, but because You are. Not because we are worthy, but because Your grace invites us. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on this time of worship. Renew our resolve, rekindle our courage, and remind us that the One who calls us is faithful—and will do it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we lose heart on the journey, when we turn back instead of pressing on, when we trade cross-shaped dedication for comfort and ease, God invites us not to hide—but to come home. Let us come before the Lord with honest hearts, trusting that mercy meets us and grace restores us.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, You call us to walk with Spirit-fueled determination, yet we are quick to grow weary. You call us to live with cross-shaped dedication, but we often choose the easy path. We confess that fear holds us back, distractions pull us off course, and self-interest clouds our vision. Forgive us for the times we've hesitated when You asked us to go. Forgive us for the promises we've made but failed to keep. Set our faces once again toward the way of Christ. By Your Spirit, strengthen our steps and renew our hearts, that we may follow You with courage, humility, and joy. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God blesses us, again and again, despite the times that we mess up, despite us ignoring God. Friends, know and believe the good news of the Gospel: in 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Worship & Praise Medley”* arr. by Mickelson
Barb Seaton, Flute

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	OT Page 489
	The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>
EPISTLE	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	NT Page 151
	The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>
GOSPEL	Luke 9:51-62	NT Page 103
	The Gospel of Jesus	<i>Thanks be to God</i>

SERMON *“No Turning Back”* **Pastor Mike**

***HYMN** *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”* **#562**

***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



These Days for April, May and June are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hallway outside the Boardroom.

Our Daily Bread for June, July, and August is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

JUNE

29th-Barb Seaton

JULY

6th-Hymn Sing

13th-Stephanie Gwilt & John Merritt

20th- Service at Cochran

27th-Patricia Durante and Barb Seaton

AUGUST

3rd-Hymn Sing

10th-TBD

17th-TBD

24th-TBD

31st-TBD



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

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "My Country Tis Of Thee"

#561

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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.

The Per Capita for
2025 is \$46



Our Graduates




LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Debra Skellham
Casey

Jim Chappell
Kaitlyn Peryer


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.


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. Brian 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 or call 315-225-9452 and let's work something out.

TALK SAVES LIVES: AN INTRODUCTION TO SUICIDE PREVENTION

Talk Saves Lives is the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's leading education program on suicide prevention, covering the scope of the issue, warning signs, risk factors, and proven prevention strategies.

 Monday, July 21, 2025
10:00-12:00 pm

 Oneida Public Library
459 Main St, Oneida

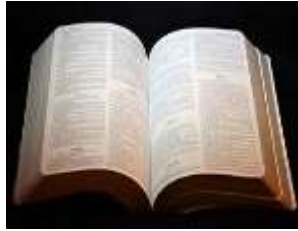
 This session is 45-60 minutes and will be followed by a brief discussion of suicide prevention.

 Contact Us
315.697.3947



Please call or scan QR code to register for this free training.





Collection Assistants for June/July

June 29th-Frank Kordziel

July 6th-Paul Mancarella

July 13th-Lucille Merriman

July 20th Service at Cochran

Scripture Readers for June/July

June 29th-Frank Kordziel

July 6th-Barb Seaton

July 13th-Perry Tooker IV

July 20th-Service at Cochran

Coffee Servers for June/July

June 29th-Leigh and Joe Silkowski

July 6th-Lucille Merriman and Deb Owens

July 13th-Phyllis Lighthall

July 20th-No Coffee Service

Projection Team for June/July

June 29th-Trish Vrooman

July 6th-Dan Gwilt

July 13th-Paul Mancarella

July 20th-Service at Cochran

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:
Mildred Johnson (Wife of long time church
member Victor Johnson Jr. Lt. Col US Army
Retired)**

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

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:

Niccols Memorial Presbyterian Church, Old
Forge



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>

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to join us for an Ice Cream Sundae in the auditorium following service on July 13th!!!!!!



Toppings and bananas are available for you to maximize your Sundae Sunday pleasure!!!



Upcoming Blood Drives For June

Monday, June 30th: Cazenovia Public Library
Oneida, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 3rd; American Legion
Sylvan Beach, NY
10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



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!



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.



LIFE at ONEIDA
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of June 29th-July 6th

Sunday, June 29th
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 30th

Tuesday, July 1st

Wednesday, July 2nd
1:00 p.m. Seniors Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Connection Youth Group

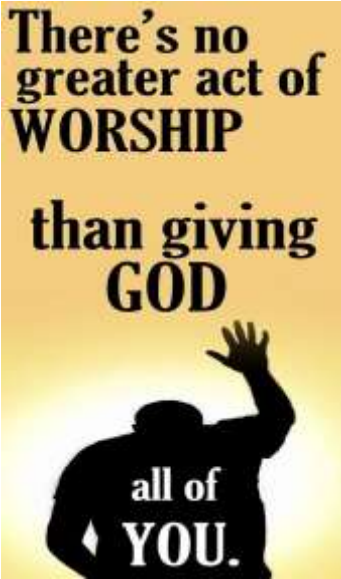
Thursday, July 3rd

Friday, July 4th
Office Closed

Saturday, July 5th
6:00-8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship
(JWCC)

Sunday, July 6th
10 a.m. Worship





Birthdays

July 2	<i>Elli Pfluke</i>
July 4	<i>Don Dew, Myrtle Smith</i>
July 6	<i>Lou White</i>
July 7	<i>Jim Sweet</i>
July 10	<i>Eliana Mastriano</i>
July 11	<i>Sarah Dew, Gail Nicolaisen</i>
July 12	<i>Jan Whiting, George Hammerle</i>
July 19	<i>Jessica Coulter, Bob Williams</i>
July 26	<i>Alexander Tooker</i>
July 27	<i>Sierra Bloom</i>

Anniversaries

July 12	<i>Jim and Cathy Opperman</i>
July 21	<i>Amanda and Joe Burdick</i>



JULY

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>6:30 p.m. Youth Group Boy Scouts</i>	3	4 Office Closed 	5 6:00-8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship (JWCC)
6 <i>10 a.m. Worship Communion</i>	7 6:00-8:00 p.m. Activ8 HER (JWCC)	8	9 <i>6:30 p.m. Youth Group Boy Scouts</i>	10	11	12
13 <i>10 a.m. Worship</i>	14	15	16 <i>6:30 p.m. Youth Group Boy Scouts</i>	17	18	19 6:00-8:00 p.m. Restoration Fellowship (JWCC)
20 <i>10 a.m. Service @ Cochran</i>	21 6:00-8:00 p.m. Activ8 HER (JWCC)	22	23 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Group</i>	24	25	26
27 <i>10 a.m. Worship</i>	28	29	30 <i>1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Boy Scouts</i>	31		