



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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I am sending you out as sheep among wolves.  
Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

Luke 10:16-17

### **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, July 6, 2025 10:00 AM  
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

† Lamentations 3:19-24

† Psalm 103:8-13

† Ephesians 3:14–21

PRELUDE

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Inspired by Hymn– “It is Well With My Soul”*

Leader: When peace like a river attends our way, or when sorrows like sea billows roll—

**People: Still, we will say, "It is well with my soul."**

Leader: Though trials may come and the earth may shake, our hope is not in what we see—

**People: For Christ has borne our sin and gives us peace.**

Leader: Let us not fear the storms of life, for our Savior walks with us still—

**People: He speaks to the waves, and they obey His will.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who brings calm to chaos, hope to despair, and joy to our hearts.

**People: Together, we lift our voices and declare: It is well, it is well with our souls.**



*Choosing the Better Part*

*Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.*

*Luke 10:42b*

*In daily living, many things distract us-telephones, emails, blaring televisions, even a loving spouse or a demanding child. As I write this on a Saturday afternoon, my minds drifts to what remains to be done before Sunday.*

*Jesus was friends with Martha. He often visited her home. On this occasion she wanted to provide for his comfort in the best way possible. So it was that she became distracted by her many tasks. She longed for Mary's assistance. Exasperated by Mary's devout listening at Jesus' feet, Martha complained aloud, Short of a direct rebuke, Jesus urged Martha to take note of Mary's choice.*

*I wonder if the better part for me today would be to join my wife in reading the day's mail and catching up on the ball games. Surely writing these devotions can wait another day. What is most important in your life this day?*

*From “These Days”, July 15, 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**

## OPENING HYMN

*“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*

#564

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY Inspired by Hymn “Jesus Love Me”

*Loving God, We thank You for the simple, powerful truth that Jesus loves us. Not because we are strong, but because we are Yours. Not because we always get it right, but because You are full of mercy and grace. Like children resting in Your care, we come to You with open hearts, trusting in Your promise, believing in Your love. Remind us today, in all we do and all we face, that we are never alone—for Jesus walks with us, holds us, and calls us beloved. Help us live in the light of that love, and share it freely with a world that longs to hear, “Yes, Jesus loves you—this we know.” In His holy name we pray, Amen.*

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION (Inspired by Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

Come, friends, to the fount of every blessing—the God who invites us to tune our hearts to sing His grace. But if we’re honest, we confess: our hearts are prone to wander. We chase after lesser things. We forget the One who saves. So let us return—to the One who sought us when we were strangers, to the Shepherd who welcomes us still. Let us come with open hearts, and confess our sin before God and one another

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Inspired by Hymn “Just As I Am”

*Just as we are, O God, we come before You— no pretense, no excuses, no hiding. We confess that we often come burdened by sin, bound by fear, distracted by the noise of the world. We bring hearts that are divided, minds that are cluttered, and hands that have not always served in love. You invite us to come, yet we turn away. You extend peace, yet we choose control. Forgive us, Lord. By Your grace, cleanse us, renew us, and reshape us. That we may rise again, freed, forgiven, and made whole in Christ.*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Inspired by Hymn “Just As I Am”

Hear the good news: Just as we are, we come—and just as we are, God receives us. Not because of who we are, but because of who Christ is. Not because we are worthy, but because He is full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed from guilt, and welcomed into grace. So lift up your hearts—for God has claimed you, cleansed you, and calls you His own.

**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

HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #276  
DEVOTION “Morning by Morning: Living on God’s Faith” Pastor Mike

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Lamentations 3:19-24	OT Page 720
	The Word of the Lord	Thanks be to God
PSALM	Psalms 108:8-13	OT Page 530
	The Word of the Lord	Thanks be to God
EPISTLE	Ephesians 3:14–21	NT Page 182
	The Word of the Lord	Thanks be to God

\*HYMN “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” #280

DEVOTION “I Once Was Lost But Now Am Found” Pastor Mike

HYMN “How Great Thou Art” #467

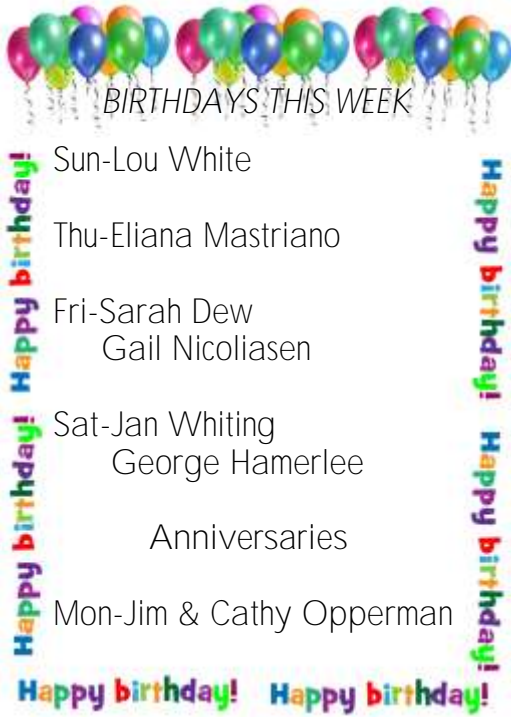
DEVOTION “Then Sings My Soul” Pastor Mike

\*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.*



*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**

## 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 Per Capita for  
2025 is \$46

*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

### 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

#### \*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 this time)**

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.

**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	Jim Chappell
Casey	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](mailto:bjseaton@usa.net) or call 315-225-9452 and let's work something out.

## COMMUNION HYMN "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

#505

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and loving God, We thank You for this holy meal, a taste of grace that strengthens our faith and binds us together as one body in Christ.

On this holiday weekend, as we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, remind us that true freedom is found in Christ— freedom to love, to serve, to forgive, and to live with purpose.

Having been nourished at Your table, send us out with renewed hearts— to be instruments of Your peace in a divided world, to seek justice for the oppressed, to care for our neighbors in need, and to live as citizens of Your kingdom above all. Keep us grounded in Your love, grateful for our blessings, and committed to following Jesus our Redeemer and our Lord. In His name we pray, Amen.

## \*CLOSING HYMN "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #542 (purple)

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(inspired by Hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again")*

As you go from this place, go with hearts encouraged and spirits strengthened. Care for one another, pray for one another, and trust that God goes with you— in joy and in sorrow, in strength and in weakness.

God be with you till we meet again: By His counsel guide, uphold you, With His arms securely fold you, And in His love forever keep you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

### 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.*



Collection Assistants for July

- July 6th-Paul Mancarella
- July 13th-Lucille Merriman
- July 20th Service at Cochran
- July 27th-Perry Tooker IV



Scripture Readers for July

- July 6th-Barb Seaton
- July 13th-Perry Tooker IV
- July 20th-Service at Cochran
- July 27th-Pat Thorpe



Coffee Servers for July

- July 6th-Lucille Merriman and Deb Owens
- July 13th-Phyllis Lighthall
- July 20th-No Coffee Service
- July 27th-John Merritt & Lou White



Projection Team for July

- July 6th-Dan Gwilt
- July 13th-Paul Mancarella
- July 20th-Service at Cochran
- July 27th-Dan Gwilt

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




# 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.



## Upcoming Blood Drives For June

Tuesday, July 8th: American Legion Post 230 Sherrill  
Sherrill, NY  
12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

**St. Agatha's Church**  
Canastota, NY  
1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 10th; Cazenovia American Legion  
Cazenovia, NY  
1:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 11th; St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
Oneida, NY  
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Munnsville Fire Department  
Munnsville, NY  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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!!!

*Thank you!*

FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
SUPPORT

Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your continued support of our baby bottle campaign. Did you know that this marks the 21<sup>st</sup> year of partnering with us on our mission for life?

I am so grateful for your commitment to life, because of you thousands of children are alive today, and many more are given the chance!

With gratitude,

Jackie Rosa  
Executive Director

**JULY**

**LIFE at ONEIDA**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

*Week of July 6th-July 13th*

Sunday, July 6th  
10 a.m. Worship  
Communion

Monday, July 7th

Tuesday, July 8th  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Activ8 HER  
(JWCC)

Wednesday, July 9th  
1:00 p.m. Seniors Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Connection Youth Group

Thursday, July 10th

Friday, July 11th

Saturday, July 12th

Sunday, July 13th  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Ice Cream Sundae Sunday

