



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 have come to light a fire on the earth, and how I wish
it were already kindled!

Luke 12:49

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, August 10, 2025 10:00 AM
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



Psalm 107:1-9, 43



Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16



Luke 12:32-40

PRELUDE *“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”* Arr. by Todd Beaney
MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS
SPECIAL MUSIC Jenelle Patchin, Clarinetist
CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16)

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen. *People: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.*

Leader: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
People: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

*OPENING HYMN *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* #420



Driving On High Beam

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Father, when I am driving in the country late at night, I am thankful to have the brilliant high-beam headlights to warn me of deer that might wander onto the road. The focused, concentrated light gives me advance warning of any damagers ahead of me.

Dear Jesus, You gave our disciples the responsibility of living as lights to guide the lost to You. Let Your heavenly beams shine through my life to reveal You as the Savior of the world and to focus praise on the Father. Help me to be diligent in illuminating the marrow road that leads to heaven.

From “Prayers and Promises for Men”, Page 55

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you would like to buy school supplies to help local families that are in need it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop the supplies off in the auditorium marked School Supplies.

QUARTERS DONATIONS

Kathy Nichols would like to thank everyone who donated money to help people who are still suffering from the June storms. If you would still like to continue to help, please mark a pew envelope “~~S~~trum help”. Pat and Kathy will make sure that the money gets changed into quarters and gets to the families in need.



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**

Gracious God, You are our refuge in times of trouble and our joy in seasons of peace. In the midst of our striving and worrying, remind us that our worth is not measured by what we possess, but by the grace You have freely given in Jesus Christ. Teach us to be rich toward You—generous in love, bold in faith, and faithful in service. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds today, that we may receive Your Word with gladness and follow in the way of Christ, our Savior and Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

God calls us to faithfulness, not fear; to righteousness, not ritual; to lives that reflect the mercy we have received. Knowing that we have fallen short of God's hope for us, let us confess our sin and seek God's grace with honest and trusting hearts.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, You have called us to walk by faith, but we cling to what we can see and control. You offer us treasures that do not fade, but we chase after worldly gain. You ask for justice and compassion, but we offer empty words and half-hearted worship. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts toward heaven and teach us to live as citizens of Your kingdom. Help us to be ready—not with fear, but with hope—for the coming of Your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, hear this promise from our Lord: “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” God has not abandoned us but delights to forgive and renew. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live in faith.
ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be to the Father”

#579

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jenelle Patchin, Clarinetist

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM	Psalm 107:1-9, 43	OT Page 528
	The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>
EPISTLE	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	NT Page 212
	The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>
GOSPEL	Luke 12:32-40	NT Page 70
	The Gospel of Jesus	<i>Thanks be to God</i>

SERMON *“Do Not Be Afraid, Little Flock”* Pastor Mike

*HYMN *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* #438

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



These Days for July, August, and September are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way 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

AUGUST

10th-Jenelle Patchin

17th-Amanda Yeoman

**24th-Tess Slobzewski & Phil Marmelstien Vocal
Duet**

31st-Hymn Sing



PRAYER MISSION AUGUST - HOSPICE

The goal is to provide comfort care for persons facing the end of life.

The medical and staff members seek to bring symptoms of the illness under control. The care is most frequently administered in the patient's home but with the addition of the Siegenthaler Center, this hospice now has four units for more intensive care in a setting which is modern, bright, and attractive. There is a kitchen for residents to meet with their families and make or warm up a dinner prepared elsewhere. There are also lounge and recreational areas and various nursing care facilities.

In-home clients receive a visit from a nurse every two weeks with more frequent attention as necessary or requested. Other services are provided as requested, e.g. counseling for patient or family, and a visit from the chaplain. The patient is "captain of the ship" which means they receive the kind of care they desire as opposed to being in a less personal and medically driven environment.

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 *"Brethren We Have Met to Worship"*

Arr. by John Purifoy

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"*

#403

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SPECIAL MUSIC

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Paid It All"

Arr. by Mary McDonald



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

The Per Capita for
2025 is \$46



If you would like to help the victims of the Texas flood you can go to The Samaritan's Purse website and donate directly.

www.samaritanspurse.org

The Samaritan's purse funds go directly to the victims of the flood.

The next session meeting will be August 19th @ 6:30 p.m.

**The Fellowship Committee Cordially Invites You
To a Summer Picnic Sunday on
Sunday, August 17th following the
Service.
Menu; Pulled Pork Sliders, Watermelon, Salad,
Macaroni Salad, Lemon Ade, Iced Tea**

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Debra Skellham | Jim Chappell |
| Casey | Rachel Mancarella |

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 August

- August 10th-Frank Kordziel
- August 17th-Paul Mancarella
- August 24th-Lucille Merriman
- August 31st-Perry Tooker IV



Scripture Readers for August

- August 10th-Paul Mancarella
- August 17th-Perry Tooker IV
- August 24th-Lou White
- August 31st-Barb Seaton



Coffee Servers for August

- August 10th-Fellowship
- August 17th-Stephanie & Dan Gwilt
- August 24th-Becky Ewen & Michelle Yeoman
- August 31st-Kathy Nichols



Projection Team for August

- August 10th-Trish Vrooman
- August 17th Dan Gwilt
- August 24th-Paul Mancarella
- August 31st-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:**

- Dan Witchley
- Sandy Housman

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

Texas Flood victims and families

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones:

Zach Carpenter, Jason Murphy, Jack Sharkey, 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:

Westminster-Moriah-Olivet Presbyterian Church, Utica

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.

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

During the summer months there will be fans available at each entrance for your use. Please return them after the service.



LIFE at ONEIDA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of August 10th-August 17th

Sunday, August 10th
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 11th

Tuesday, August 12th

Wednesday, August 13th
1:00 p.m. Seniors Bible Study

Thursday, August 14th

Friday, August 15th

Saturday, August 16th

Sunday, August 17th
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Picnic



Newly Elected Elders and Deacons Look Forward with Faith

With hearts full of gratitude and hope, we are thrilled to announce that the congregation unanimously approved our newly elected Ruling Elders and Deacons during the congregational meeting held on July 27th. This moment marks not just a vote of confidence, but a joyful affirmation of the Spirit’s movement among us.

Ruling Elders	Deacons
Barb Arnold	Becky Ewen
Stephanie Gwilt	Frank Kordziel
Sue Kordziel	Laura Reckentine
Carol Miller	
Kathy Nichols	

These individuals have graciously responded to God’s call to serve, lead, and care for the church in this next season. As they step into their roles, they do so with vision, humility, and a deep love for this congregation. They are not looking in the rearview mirror of the past—but through the windshield ahead, with hope and anticipation for what God is doing in our midst and where God is leading us.

We offer a heartfelt **thank you to the Nominating Committee—Lucille Merriman, Perry Tooker IV, Kristen Tooker, Barb Arnold, and Becky Ewen**—for their prayerful discernment and faithful work. The Holy Spirit was clearly at work through their efforts, bringing forth new leaders who are energized, ready, and committed to the mission and ministry of our church.

We also give deep thanks to those officers whose terms are now concluding. **Elders Pat Thorpe, Frank Kordziel, Randy Bonville and Lucille Merriman and Deacons Kathy Nichols, Sue Kordziel, John Merritt and Jennawade Skellham.** Their faithful service, steadfast leadership, and dedication to Christ’s work have been a blessing to our entire congregation. You have helped guide our church through seasons of both challenge and joy, and your legacy of faith will continue to shape our path forward.

We will be running as a new leadership model from September through December where the current Session and Board of Deacons will continue to fulfill their terms and working alongside new officers to offer mentorship and guidance and smooth transitioning. Please keep our incoming officers in your prayers as they prepare to be ordained and installed. May they feel the full support of this church family and the empowering grace of the One who calls and equips.

Thanks be to God for the gift of these servant leaders!



Aspire

1 night – 3 hours Just for Women
An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music

Author & Bible Teacher
BARB ROOSE



Comedy by
DORIE MCLEMORE



Music by
LINDSAY McCAUL



**SUNDAY,
OCT. 5, 2025**

**CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
3644 WARNERS RD.
SYRACUSE, NY 13209

5:00PM SHOW
4:30PM PANEL TIME
4:00PM DOORS OPEN

**Come early and join us for
a 15 minute panel time with
all 3 ladies based on
Colossians 2:6-7 called
“Deeply Rooted”**

ADVANCE TICKETS
General Admission – \$30
VIP/Reserved – \$40
Group tickets for 10 or more – \$25
VIP/Reserved Groups for 10 or more – \$35
Group sales call 480-812-1100

VIP/Reserved includes reserved seats
and a snack bag

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100** or online at:
ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com

We hope you can join us as we celebrate 10 years with ASPIRE!



More Than Bricks — A Testament of Faith."

news about First Presbyterian CHURCH OF ONEIDA’s upcoming “much needed” Exterior masonry repair project.

As we see in many older buildings and churches in this city, over time, weather and age are taking a toll on our exterior masonry.

After obtaining professional analysis, Session has approved the first phase of a proposed four-year project to repair the exterior while ensuring that the church remains safe, sound, and protected from further deterioration.

Lupini Construction from Utica is the contractor that the Session has approved for this project. This firm has an outstanding portfolio of similar work performed for churches, colleges and universities and government buildings throughout New York State.

SCOPE OF WORK – Phase 1

Phase one of the project is slated to begin this fall and focus mainly on the front of the church and the chimneys, The approved proposal for this phase is replacement of spalled brick, repointing of deteriorated and missing brick, and power washing, It will also address the deteriorating condition of the chimneys which could cause serious building damage if water conditions brought these down.

SCOPE OF WORK - Fall, 2026

Work will continue in the Fall, 2026 on the Stone Street side of the church with replacement of spalled brick, repointing of deteriorated and/or missing mortar joints, power washing stone band, and additional replacement of spalled brick within the entire elevation.

SCOPE OF WORK - Fall, 2027

Lupini Construction plans to continue this project into the Fall of 2027 with minimal disruption to our operations and ministries.

This work will include work similar to that done within the other phases such replacement of spalled brick, repointing of deteriorated and/or missing mortar joints, power washing stone band, and additional replacement of spalled brick within the entire elevation

SCOPE OF WORK- Fall, 2028

The final phase of this project will entail work to the rear entrance side of the church That work would primarily involve replacing designated spalled brick within the elevation, repointing and/or repairing deteriorated mortar joints, and power washing the organics off the brick below the window sills.

ADDITIONAL WORK DATE TBD

The session is also considering an additional option proposed for restoration of the front steps to include installing sealant with water weeps.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT GREATLY APPRECIATED

Phase 1 alone of this is project is expected cost approximately \$83,000.

The entire 4-year restoration project will require an investment of approximately \$220,000.

We still have some remaining funds from our previous capital campaign, and we will practice faithful stewardship by also allocating a portion of our investment resources. In addition, we are seeking and welcome contributions from individuals who feel called to support this. If you have any questions about how you can contribute to this project, please see our treasurer, Frank Kordziel.



Upcoming Blood Drives For August

Friday, August 15th; Sherrill Community Action Center
Sherrill, NY
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.