



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.

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

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**304 Broad Street**  
(corner of Broad and Stone)  
**Oneida, NY 13421**

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **HOURS:**

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For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and  
those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

#### **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 31, 2025 10:00 AM  
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

† Genesis 2:1-3, 15-17

† Ephesians 3:1-8

† Matthew 11:25-30

PRELUDE "Abide with Me" Arr. by Don Wyrzten

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Genesis 2 and Matthew 11)

Leader: Come, all who labor and are heavy-laden,  
**People: We come to find rest in Christ.**

Leader: Come, all who seek meaning and purpose in their work,  
**People: We come to serve the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: Come, for God invites us to lay down our burdens,  
**People: And take up the yoke of grace.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!  
**People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

HYMN SING #1 –CONGREGATION CHOICE



Asking For Directions

*For even here unto were ye called: Because Christ also suffered for us,  
leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.*

1 Peter 2:21

*Lord, I would rather drive in circles for an hour than stop for five minutes to ask for  
directions. Usually I end up with only some lost time, but on some occasions I've ended  
up in areas that I would normally avoid.*

*Sometimes I wander around spiritually too. Because I refuse to ask for directions, I find  
myself in places that I should avoid. Father, I pray that I may be willing to ask for Your  
guidance and follow it. Protect me from self-reliance and arrogance. Direct me to Your  
truth and help me act according to Your guidance.*

*From "Prayers and Promises For Men", page 59*

## 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 “~~Strom~~ 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 the giver of life, the source of our work, and the rest we long for. We thank You for the dignity of labor and the opportunities to serve others, yet we confess how easily we strive without stopping and chase things that do not last. Teach us the rhythm of work and Sabbath. Draw us to Jesus, who says, “Come to me, and I will give you rest,” and guide us to labor for what truly endures—acts of love, words of hope, and service that glorifies Your name. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

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

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Yet so often we carry our own loads, striving for what fades and forgetting the things that last. Let us lay down our burdens and come honestly before God, trusting in His mercy and grace.

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Merciful God, You created us for good work and blessed us with holy rest, but we confess that we often confuse our worth with our productivity. We strive for things that fade and forget to trust You for what lasts. Forgive us for restless hearts and anxious striving. Teach us to come to You for rest, to set aside pride and hurry, and to find our peace in Your grace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen..*

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

Hear the good news: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. “Friends, in Christ, you are forgiven, renewed, and set free to live in God’s peace.

**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

**HYMN SING #2 –CONGREGATION CHOICE**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**



OLD TESTAMENT	Genesis 2:1-3, 15- The Word of the Lord	OT Page 2 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
EPISTLE	Ephesians 3:1-8 The Word of the Lord	OT Page 181 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
GOSPEL	Matthew 1:25-30 The Gospel of Jesus	NT Page 1 <i>Thanks be to God</i>
SERMON	<i>“Created to Work, Called to Rest”</i> Pastor Mike	

\* HYMN SING #3 –CONGREGATION CHOICE

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



The Per Capita for  
2025 is \$46



*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 September, October, and November is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom.*

# **SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE**

AUGUST

**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**

*" O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

Arr. by Paul Taylor

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **\*HYMN SING #4 –CONGREGATION CHOICE**

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*"George Frideric Handel's Siciliana and Giga from Recorder*

*Sont in F major Op. 1, No. 11, HWV 369"*

(Barb Seaton on Flute)



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

Phyllis Little would like to thank everyone for the well wishes she received during her time in recovery. She is home and doing well and working hard in her long recovery.



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

**[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)**

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

The Outreach Team will be serving sandwiches in Higginbotham Park on Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM. This event is held annually in conjunction with the Oneida Area Council of Churches on the International Day of Overdoes Awareness. In addition to free lunches, attendees can get some valuable information on drug overdose awareness and even receive Narcan Training to learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer naloxone to reverse its effects.

We will be making sandwiches in the kitchen after the worship service and will assemble at the park by 12:30. Anyone interested can see a member of the Outreach Team – Paul Mancarella, Sue Kordziel, Kathy Nichols or Pastor Mike for more information.

**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      |
| Beal Hyland      | Rachel Mancarella |
| Gerry Przybylski |                   |

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.



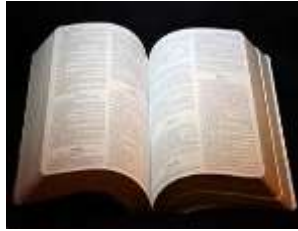
Collection Assistants for August/September

August 31st-Perry Tooker IV

September 7th-Randy Bonville

September 14th-Frank Kordziel

September 21st-Paul Mancarella



Scripture Readers for August/September

August 31st-Barb Seaton

September 7th-Frank Kordziel

September 14th-Pat Thorpe

September 21st-Paul Mancarella



Coffee Servers for August/September

August 31st-Kathy Nichols

September 7th-Becky & Bob Williams

September 14th-Jack & Barb Arnold

September 21st-Carol Miller and Janet Saraensky



Projection Team for August/September

August 31st-Trish Vrooman

September 7th-Dan Gwilt

September 14th-Paul Mancarella

September 21st-Trish Vrooman

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 Houseman

Penny Edwards

**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:**

First Presbyterian Church, Westernville



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 24th-August 31st*

Sunday, August 31st  
10 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 1st  
Labor Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2nd

Wednesday, September 3rd

Thursday, September 4th  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, September 5th

Saturday, September 6th

Sunday, September 7th  
10 a.m. Worship  
Communion





# 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	
Leigh Silkowski	

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 September



Tuesday, September 2nd; American Legion Post 230 Sherrill  
Sherrill, NY  
12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 5th; St. Paul’s United Method Chuch**  
Oneida, NY  
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Munnsville Fire Department  
Munnsville, NY.  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.





## PRAYER MISSION SEPTEMBER

Liberty Resources is one of Central New York's most diversified and trusted human service agencies. It was founded in 1978 by a concerned group of citizens who wished to develop community based services in Madison County. Providing residential and non-residential services to individuals and families, their present services include Mental Health; Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, families and youth involved in the child welfare system, domestic violence services; services to persons in recovery; and diversified case management services. Liberty Resources strives for excellence in all areas – as an employer, service provider, and a corporate citizen of the CNY community.

PEACE & GLOBAL

WITNESS OFFERING

(formerly Peacemaking Offering) will start on September 14th. Please support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church so that peace may abound throughout the world. As you contribute to the offering consider the difference your generosity can make.

Offering envelopes will be available in the pews.

## *Birthdays*

Sept. 2	Elizabeth Tooker, Austin Williams
Sept. 3	John Musgrove
Sept. 6	Carol Wells, Frank Kordziel
Sept. 8	Michelle Yeoman,
Sept. 13	Abram Colvin
Sept. 14	Ginny Drake
Sept. 16	Judy Parker
Sept. 22	Georgia Merritt
Sept. 23	Debbie Owens
Sept. 25	Joe Todd
Sept. 27	Ann Oot
Sept. 29	Benjamin Bailey, Matt Winchell
Sept. 30	Jim Opperman, John Merritt

## *Anniversaries*

Sept. 18	Bill and Donna Ausman
Sept. 20	Bob and Pam West
	Mike and Michelle Yeoman
Sept. 22	Chuck and Ginny Pendleton
	Brian and Kathy Gay





# 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2	3 <i>1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study</i>	4	5	6
7 <i>10 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>Choir Returns</i>	8 <i>6:30 p.m. Activ8 Her</i> <i>Bible Study (Manse)</i>	9	10 <i>1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study</i> <i>3 p.m. Connection</i>	11 <i>7 p.m. Choir Practice</i>	12	13
14 <i>10 am Worship</i> <i>11:15 a.m. Team Meetings</i>	15	16	17 <i>1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study</i> <i>3 p.m. Connection</i>	18 <i>7 p.m. Choir Practice</i>	19	20
21 <i>10 am Worship</i> <i>11:15 am Deacons Meeting</i>	22 <i>6:30 p.m. Activ8 Her</i> <i>Bible Study (Manse)</i>  <b>NEWSLETTER</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>	23	24 <i>1 p.m. Seniors Bible Study</i> <i>3 p.m. Connection</i>	25 <i>7 p.m. Choir Practice</i>	26	27
28 <i>10 am Worship</i>	29	30 <i>6:30 p.m. Session</i> <i>Meeting</i>				