



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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When all the people were baptized Jesus was also baptized and as He was praying, heaven opened.

Luke 3:21

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 January 11, 2026 10:00 AM
First Sunday After Epiphany
The Baptism of Jesus
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

- † Isaiah 42:1-9
† Acts 10:34-43
† Matthew 3:13-17

PRELUDE

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *“Baptize Us with Your Spirit, Lord“* **by F Bland Tucker**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today not because we have it all figured out, but because God is still at work among us. We come trusting the promises spoken long ago and fulfilled in Jesus Christ, God's Beloved.

Here, at the waters of grace, God calls us by name, claims us in love, and sends us into the world with hope.

So come— to worship the God who does a new thing, to listen for the Spirit's leading, and to be shaped not by force, but by faithfulness. Let us worship God.



Impatience

But we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience.

Romans 5:3

Dear Father, impatience is one of my faults. I am intolerant of delays at work, irritated when family members do not share my urgency, and restless in the face of inaction. Sometimes I impatiently decide You are not going to solve a problem, and I act outside Your will. I make ill-considered decisions and take reckless actions that endanger me physically and spiritually.

Father, I trust in You. I pray that Your inner peace will sustain me. My goal is neither the impatience of rash actions nor the inaction of passive resignation, but the endurance of a mature Christian who awaits Your will.

From “Prayers and Promises for Men”, Page 69

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.



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Stay Connected With Us

OPENING HYMN

“Lord, When You Came to Jordan”

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful and living God, you spoke your promises through the prophets, you fulfilled them in Jesus Christ, and you continue to call your people forward by the power of your Spirit. Open our hearts to recognize your work among us, even when it begins quietly. Give us patience to trust your timing, courage to follow where you lead, and humility to serve as Christ served. As we worship, shape us again as your beloved people, so that all we do may reflect your justice, mercy, and grace. Through Jesus Christ, the One in whom your promises find their fulfillment. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The God who calls us beloved also calls us to truth. Too often, we seek control instead of trust, certainty instead of discernment, and results instead of faithfulness. Yet God does not turn away from us. God meets us with grace, inviting us to lay down what burdens us and return to the path of life. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always recognize your work among us. We look for power where you offer presence. We seek quick results instead of faithful obedience. We cling to what is familiar rather than trusting where your Spirit is leading. Forgive us for the ways we resist change, for the times we act out of fear rather than faith, and for the moments we place our confidence in ourselves instead of in you.

Return us to the waters of grace. Remind us that we are your beloved— not because of what we have done, but because of who you are. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may follow Christ with humility, courage, and trust in your unfolding work. In Jesus’ name we pray.

(Silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God does not abandon the work of God’s hands. In Jesus Christ, the promises of God are fulfilled, and the mercy of God is made new. In baptism, we are named and claimed as beloved. In grace, we are forgiven and restored. In hope, we are sent forward again. Friends, 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

ANTHEM “Come and Praise the Lord” by John Carter

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 42:1-9 OT Page 630
The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 10:34-43 NT Page 120
The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17 NT Page 3
The Gospel of Jesus Thanks be to God

SERMON “God’s New Work: From Promise to Fulfillment” Pastor Mike

*HYMN “Spirit” #319

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.



Ushers for January
Jan 11th
Jan 18th
Jan 25th

The Per Capita for
2026 is \$46



These Days for January, February, and March are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way outside the Boardroom.



Our Daily Bread for December, January, and February is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom.

Upcoming Blood Drives For January



Wednesday, January 14th; Town of Augusta
Oriskany Falls, NY
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



To All Team/Committee Chairpersons
Treasurers and to
Whomever Else It Applies

All Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Wednesday, December 31st. If you would like to get them in earlier, that would be a big help to John. If you are a Treasurer and waiting for a bank statement, the deadline does not apply to you.
But please get them in as soon as possible.

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 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 *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* #356

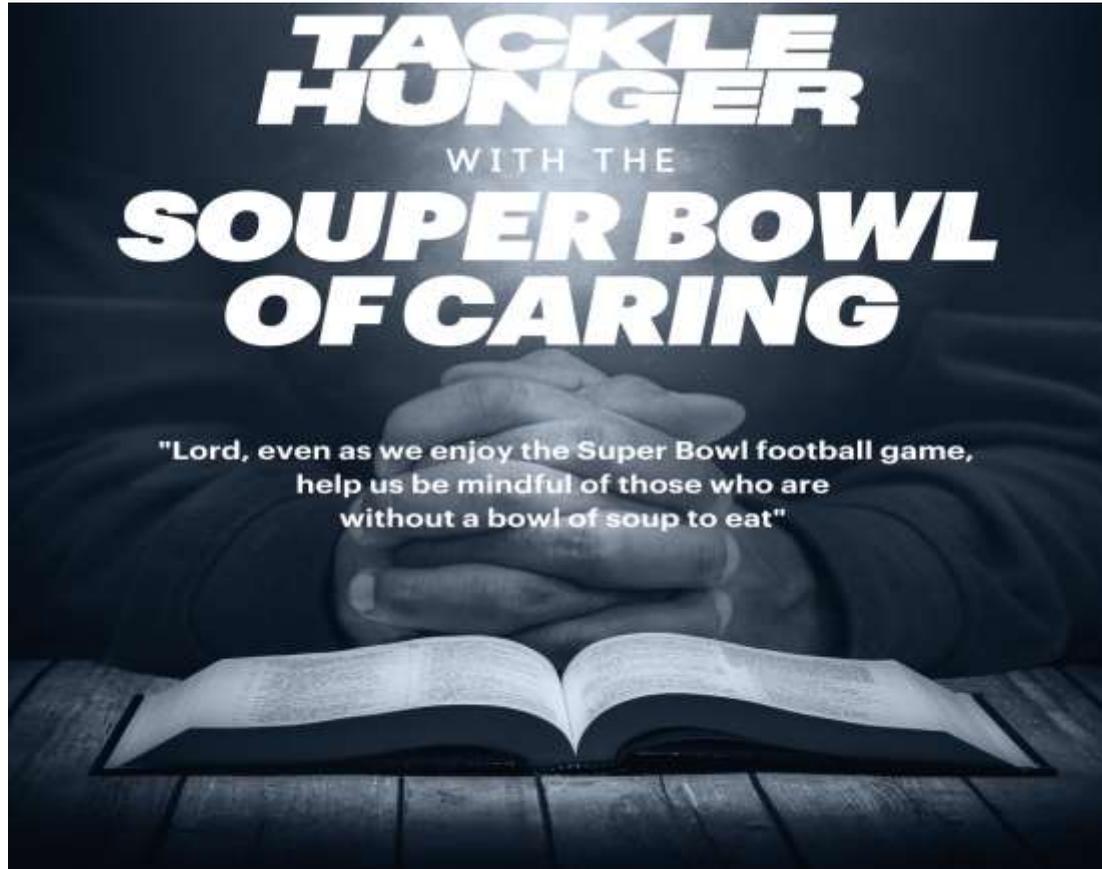
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Baptized in Water"* by Michael A Saward

POSTLUDE

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





Souper Bowl of Caring

Don't forget the special offering on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th. It is collected by the youth after the worship service at the exit locations.

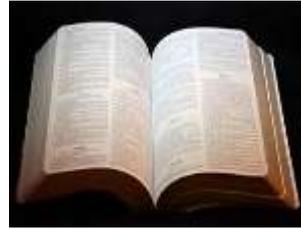
This Souper Bowl donation will go to the local food pantries to help feed the poor. If you want to contribute to the Souper Bowl and you won't be here on February 9th, you can put your donation in a yellow envelope (found in the pews) and put Souper Bowl on the outside.

<u>ELDERS</u>		FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:
<p><u>CLASS OF 2026</u> Barb Arnold Sue Kordziel Paul Mancarella Carol Miller Kathy Nichols Perry Tooker IV</p>	<p><u>CLASS OF 2027</u> Stephanie Gwilt</p> <p><u>CLASS OF 2028</u> Leigh Silkowski</p>	<p>SPECIAL CONCERNS: All first responders, nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals.</p> <p>All victims and survivors of gun violence.</p> <p>The Citizens of Ukraine</p> <p>Pray for those who are serving overseas and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.</p> <p>Israel and all victims of terrorism</p> <p>PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: 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.</p> <p>Those serving in combat zones:</p>
<u>DEACONS</u>		
<p><u>CLASS OF 2026</u> Becky Ewen Frank Kordziel Rachel Mancarella Kristin Tooker Michelle Yeoman</p>	<p><u>CLASS OF 2027</u></p>	
		
		<p>MISSION EMPHASIS: Local Food Pantries</p>



Collection Assistants for January/February

January 11th-Kathy Nichols
January 18th-Leigh Silkowski
January 25th-Perry Tooker IV
February 1st-Barb Arnold



Scripture Readers for January/February

January 11th-Perry Tooker IV
January 18th-Frank Kordziel
January 25th-Paul Mancarella
February 1st-Barb Seaton



Coffee Servers for January/February

January 11th-Ethel Abbott & Sue Kordziel
January 18th-Paul and Chrissy Thompson
January 25th-Barb & Jack Arnold
February 1st-Nat & Melissa Smith



Projection Team for January/February

January 11th-Dan Gwilt
January 18th-Paul Mancarella
January 25th-Trish Vrooman
February 1st-Dan Gwilt



The First Presbyterian Church of Oneida is very appreciative of the officers who have just finished their service; John Merritt, Jennawade Skellham, Randy Bonville, and Lucille Merriman. Thank you all for your unique talents that you have brought to leading this church



On behalf of the staff, thank you very much for your Christmas gifts

Mike Yeoman

Pat Thorpe

Barb Seaton

John Merritt

Jennawade Skellham

Brian Snyder

Frank Kordziel



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

February—Birthday Bash

February 8th— Fellowship will provide Coffee, Tea and soft drinks

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

Chairpersons for 2026 Teams

Christian Education	Sue Kordziel	
Fellowship (Co-Chairs)	Barb Arnold	Carol Miller
Finance and Stewardship	Paul Mancarella	
Missions	Kathy Nichols	
Music and Worship	Stephanie Gwilt	
Nominating	Perry Tooker IV	
Technology	Paul Mancarella	
Personnel	Leigh Silkowski	
Property and Maintenance	Perry Tooker IV	
Outreach (Co-Chairs)	Paul Mancarella	Kathy Nichols



LIFE at ONEIDA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of Jan 11th—Jan 18th

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

Monday, January 12th

Tuesday, January 13th

Wednesday, January 14th
1:00 p.m. Seniors Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Connection

Thursday, January 15th
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds
Sensibly (JWCC)

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, January 16th

Saturday, January 17th

Sunday, January 18th
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Deacons Meeting





BIRTHDAY BASH

You are invited to the Birthday Bash on Sunday, February 8th. The Birthday Bash gives us the opportunity to get together an celebrate everyone's birthday on one day. Please join us that day for cake, coffee and fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet in the auditorium for our wonderful dessert chefs!!



Music and Worship would like to thank everyone who purchased poinsettias for the sanctuary. You can pick up your poinsettias anytime after the Sunday night service. Your flowers will have your name on them.

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 Annual meeting will be held on January the 25th.

There will be refreshments available for the meeting, which will take place in the auditorium following the service. Coffee, Tea, and water will be available.

We hope to see you there.



FLOWER MEMORIALS

There is a calendar hanging on the bulletin board to the right of Mike's office. If you would like to donate a flower arrangement on Sunday morning in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the date you would like to do it. Then call John in the office 363-7590 by the Tuesday before that Sunday so that he can print the memorial in the bulletin.



COFFEE SERVERS

You will be receiving soon (February) a list of Coffee Servers for the year 2026.

The Fellowship Committee is thankful for your service to your church. You will be reminded two weeks in advance of your time. If you are unable to serve at that time, it would help the committee if you could switch with a friend. PLEASE, mark your calendar upon receiving the list.

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.



Prayer shawls

Prayer shawls are available for anyone who needs a little extra comforting and support. They are stitched by church members.

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.

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Myron Thurston	Tim Berquist
Mike Borchardt	

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.