



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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**We must learn
to live together
as brothers
or perish
together as fools.**
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

How good and pleasant it is when all God's people
live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

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
 January 18, 2026 10:00 AM
 Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- † Isaiah 58:6-12
- † Galatians 3:23-29
- † Luke 4:16-21

PRELUDE *“Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child”* arr. by Marianne Kim

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *“May the Light of God Shine On Us Today”* by Price and Besig

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from many places, with many stories, but God meets us here. We come seeking comfort for our hearts and encouragement for our spirits. We come remembering those who dreamed of a better world and those who still carry the dream today. We come believing that God is at work in our community, in our relationships, and in our lives. Let us worship the God of justice and compassion, of healing and of hope.

OPENING HYMN *“God of the Sparrow”* #272

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

Holy God, You speak into our present moment with the urgency of love and the promise of hope. You give dreams to the prophets, visions to the young, wisdom to the old, and purpose to us all.



Faith and False Accusation
I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”

Nehemiah 6:9

Driven by powerful winds, the fire raged for days. The historian Tacitus describes a chaotic scene filled with screams and citizens running for their lives. In the end, nearly two-thirds of Rome had been destroyed. The Roman emperor Nero falsely accused believers in Jesus of starting the fire. He hated Christians and selected them to be the scapegoat for the disaster—one that was rumored to have been ordered by Nero himself!

Nehemiah also faced the blistering heat of false accusation. He’d been a servant to the king of Persia but had been allowed to return to Jerusalem with other Israelites to repair its walls (Nehemiah 2:1-10). When the wall was repaired, however, enemies accused the Jews of ‘planning to rebel’ and making Nehemiah ‘their king’ (6:6-NLT). How did they respond to false accusations? By declaring and living out their innocence (v.8), courageously standing in God’s power (v.11), and praying fervently to Him (v.14). Their enemies were ultimately ‘frightened and humiliated’ as they ‘realized [the wall reconstruction] had been done with the help of ...God’ (v.16 NLT).

At times, we’ll be falsely accused by others. But as God provides the strength we need, we can forgive our accusers and “live such good lives” that, though “they accuse [us] of doing wrong, they may see [our] good deeds and glorify God” 91 Peter 2:12).

From “Our Daily Bread”, January 18, 2026

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.



[HTTPS://WWW.ONEIDAPRESBYTERIANCHURCH.ORG/](https://www.oneidapresbyterianchurch.org/)

Stay Connected With Us

On this day we remember those who came before us, who sought not fame, but faithfulness, and who believed in a world made new by love. Help us to see those who hunger for belonging, those who struggle in silence, and those who carry burdens unseen. Help us to care for those who age among us, to walk with those touched by despair, and to serve those whom the world forgets.

Shape us into the Beloved Community - people of mercy, justice, courage, and peace. Through Jesus Christ, the One who makes all things new. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We come to worship to praise God, but also, we remember our own faults and problems. Let us now turn to God in confession together:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Holy God, You call us with urgency, but we confess that we often postpone Your work. You give us dreams of a world made new, but we confess that we settle for things as they are. You invite us to help bend the arc of history, but we confess that we shrink from the weight of the task.

Forgive our hesitation, our fear, and our complacency. Forgive the ways we have neglected the lonely, the aging, the grieving, and those who struggle in silence. Stir in us a deeper compassion and a more courageous love, that we may join You in the work of healing the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: God's grace is wider than our failures and deeper than our fears. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be God

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

#579

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"Lord, Can You Hear Us Praying?"

by Price and Besig

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Isaiah 58:6-12 The Word of the Lord	OT 647 Thanks be to God
EPISTLE	Galatians 3:23-29 The Word of the Lord	NT 178 Thanks be to God
GOSPEL	Luke 4:16-21 The Gospel of Jesus	NT 57 Thanks be to God

SERMON *“The Urgency of the Dream and the Bending of History”* Pastor Mike

***HYMN** *“O For a World”* #386

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*
(Ecumenical Version)

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen



Ushers for January
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



American
Red Cross

Wednesday, January 21st; Madison County Employees Building 5
Wampsville, NY
10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 22nd; First Presbyterian Church Cazenovia
Cazenovia, NY
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 23rd St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Oneida, NY.
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

LITANY OF JUSTICE, MERCY AND PEACE

Leader: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Isaiah and Amos,
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For a world where justice rolls down like waters,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For a world where swords are beaten into plowshares,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the brokenhearted to be bound up,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For captives to be set free and the oppressed to find relief,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For valleys of despair to be lifted and mountains of fear to be brought low,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For Beloved Community among neighbors, nations, and generations,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who age among us, for those who grieve, and for those who struggle with mental anguish,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those in danger of losing hope, and for every effort to prevent harm, preserve life, and protect dignity,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Make us repairers of the breach,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Make us restorers of streets to live in,
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY DINNER

HOT SOUP AND SANDWICHES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 5:00 – 6:30

PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF

ONEIDA

304 BROAD STREET

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

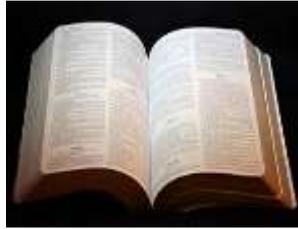
SEE PAUL MANCARELLA, KATHY NICHOLS OR PASTOR MIKE





Collection Assistants for January/February

January 18th-Leigh Silkowski
January 25th-Perry Tooker IV
February 1st-Barb Arnold
February 8th-Stepahnie Gwilt



Scripture Readers for January/February

January 18th-Frank Kordziel
January 25th-Paul Mancarella
February 1st-Barb Seaton
February 8th-Frank Kordziel



Coffee Servers for January/February

January 18th-Paul and Chrissy Thompson
January 25th-Barb & Jack Arnold
February 1st-Nat & Melissa Smith
February 8th-Fellowship



Projection Team for January/February

January 18th-Paul Mancarella
January 25th-Trish Vrooman
February 1st-Dan Gwilt
February 8th-Paul Mancarella



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

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.

2026 COFFEE HOUSE

FEATURING 5 AREA PERFORMING GROUPS AND VOCALISTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD STARTING AT 6:30PM

HOSTED BY THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ONEIDA
304 Broad Street Oneida

AN EVENING OF GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

FREE ADMISSION

Refreshments served

An outreach of the Oneida Area Council of Churches

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

February—Birthday Bash

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

February 22nd-Lenten Lunch

March 1st-Lenten Lunch

March 8th-Lenten Lunch

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 18th-Jan 25th

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

Monday, January 19th

Tuesday, January 20th

Wednesday, January 21st
4:00 p.m. Connection

Thursday, January 22nd
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 23rd

Saturday, January 24th

Sunday, January 25th
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Annual 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!!



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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.

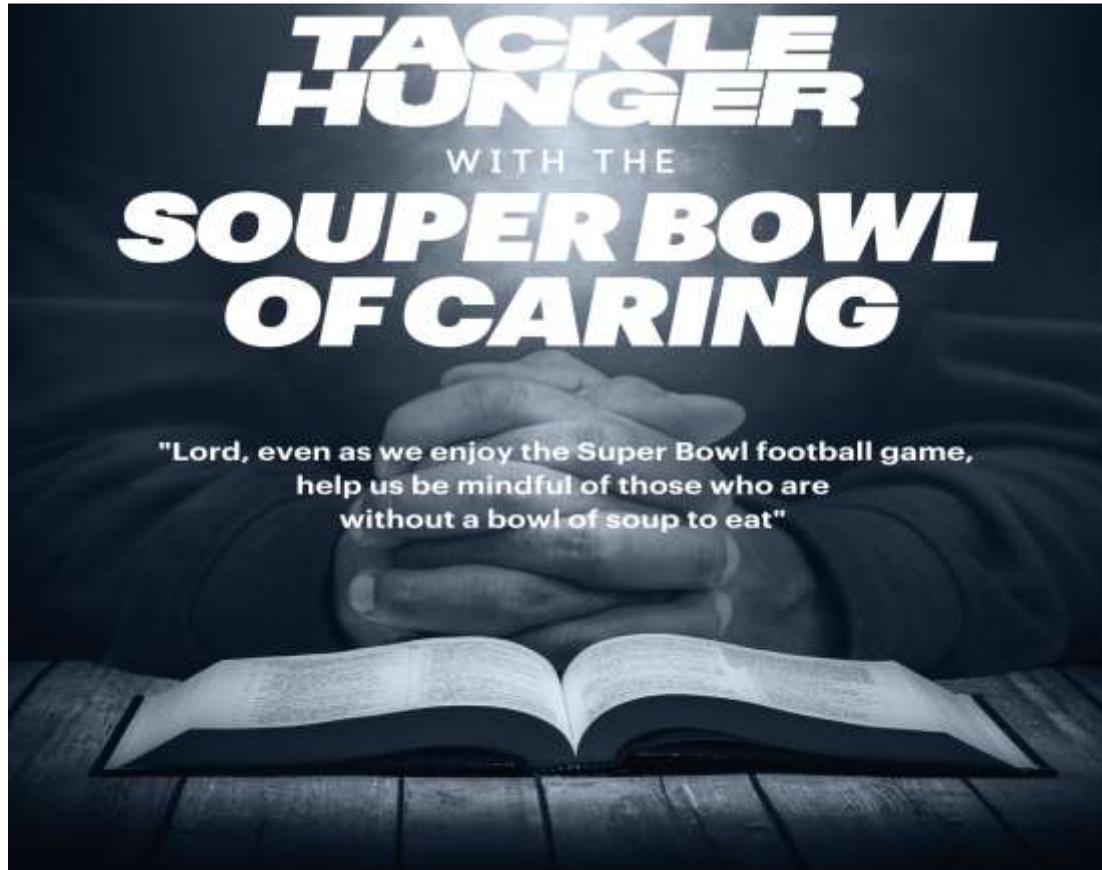
LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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
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	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Andy Froass	Dave Scribner
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Debbie Shaw
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Debrah Skellham
Becky Grasso	Brian Stites
Wendy Holtz	Millicent Vidal
Jim Hotaling	Jan Whiting

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.



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.



Baby bottles filled with change –
that's The Baby Bottle Campaign

It's a simple idea that provides thousands of dollars to save lives. Each year the money raised from the Campaign helps support those facing unplanned pregnancies and their babies through the ministry of Willow Network.

It's easy. Pick up a baby bottle from the table in the auditorium. The bottles will be available beginning in February. Fill it up with change (or dollars too!) and bring it back to the church.



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



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100's of beautiful dresses in all styles, colors and sizes.

Where: Janeth P. Whiting Community Center 211
Stone St. Oneida, NY 13421 (enter by the garage in
the church parking lot on Stone St .)

When: Friday, February 6 from 6-8
Saturday, February 7 from 10-2

Saturday: March 21 from 10-2



*And above all these put on
love, which binds everything
together in perfect harmony.*

COLOSSIANS 3:14

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