



**The First United Presbyterian
“Red Door” Church**

381 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 AM - Sunday, October 12, 2025

Fran Puffer, Liturgist

Jean Giuda, Director of Music/Musician

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Walton-Leavitt, Pastor

THE LITURGY

Order of Worship

*** - You are invited to stand.**

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SENTENCE OF MEDITATION

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

~Hebrews 11:1

PRELUDE

Theme from Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

GATHERING

WELCOME, everyone, to this time of worship. We are delighted to have you with us this morning! We are here to praise God and to enjoy one another's fellowship as we serve both God and our neighbor.

In-person worship is in the Sanctuary. Face masks available.

OR, join us online or by phone using Google Meet.

Every Sunday -- Same Link: meet.google.com/viu-hpxa-mjg

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For Joys & Concerns: Please put a note in the CHAT -- OR alert the Social Media Usher that you would like to share something before the Prayers of the People.

As always -- all are welcome. Invite a friend to join us!

See Calendar at end of the worship portion of this bulletin.

Let us now prepare our hearts for worship by listening to the Introit.

INTROIT

In His Time

Diane Ball

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive reading from Palm 66*)

Liturgist

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of God's name.

People: How awesome are your deeds, O God!
We sing praises to your name.

Leader: Even when God has tested us;
even when we have gone through fire and water:

People: God has brought us out to a spacious place.
Our God is an awesome God!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Call to Confession

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful.
Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray.
Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
We keep our distance from you -- for we are broken and sick with sin.
Yet you see us -- and cleanse us -- and make us whole.
Forgive us when we forget to return to you --
 have mercy when we fail to praise your name,
 and help us to exude the faith that makes us well.
And let all the people say: **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Your call has been answered.
 Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin.
 With glad hearts, return praise to God.

All are invited to sing Hymn No. 686 – God of Our Life

* GTG Hymn No. 686

God of Our Life

Kerr/Purday

**God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
 we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.**

**God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
 and faith's fair vision changes into sight.**

**God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.**

WORD

Please join me in reading our Prayer of Illumination. [PAUSE] Let us pray...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Liturgist

**These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight.
Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call through
 the power of your Holy Spirit -and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CONVERSATION with ALL GOD's CHILDREN

EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 (page 212/NT in pew Bibles)

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord. [PAUSE] **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION based on Luke 17:11-19 (page 80/NT in pew Bibles)

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from *The Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*)

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God,
 who proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
**People: Teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

* **GLORY TO GOD** (GTG No. 582, vs. 1)

Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
 and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
 and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Expecting Births: Kimmy & Ryan Alsheimer (*Pastor of ORPC*) twins due any day.

Health & wholeness: Clara P; John B; Karen J; Russ (*Deb F brother*); Mike (*Jo Ann's husband*); Harold (*Nadine's brother*); Teresa (*Morell's friend*); Tracy (*Elaine B's friend*); Alysa (*Larry's friend*); Kim/ Antoinette (*Barb's relative/ friend*); Stuart/Allen (*Brandie's relatives*); Emma (*Jan's friend*); Linda/Timothy/Bobby/Alfred/Billy & Son/ Meno/Shirley/ Michael (*Paul R's friends/ relatives*); Tim/Grady/Joel/ Peg/Tina/Paul (*Jones' friends/ relatives*); Grace (*Goble's grand-child*)

Homebound/Rehab/Managed Care: Judy C (*and Dick, her primary caregiver*)**Grieving:** All those who are missing loved ones.**Traveling mercies** for all those on the move this season – near and far.**In Presbytery:** First Pres Church, Stamford; Pastor Dawn Richards and the Session**In our community and country:**Violence in our country: Pray for victims, perpetrators – and solutions.Hate Speech: Change hearts of those who promote hate -- and comfort victims of it.Unhoused neighbors: All God's children both seen and unseen among us...**In the World:** Prayers for *shalom* – peace, justice, and healing in the world.Lives torn apart by hostilities: Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan and places in conflict.Climate change concerns and disasters, past and pending...World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*debts*) (*Glory pg. 35*)*[A time of silence may follow each intercession.]*

Let us pray.

We bless you, O God, for your power: in mighty deeds and tender mercies.
 We bless you, O God, for your watchful care: in places of exile and at home.
 We bless you, O God, for your healing presence: in sickness and in brokenness.

We pray to you for the needs of the world:
 for those enslaved by political, military, or social oppression...
 for those suffering from violence -- and illnesses we can prevent...
 for those at risk from famine, drought, and natural disasters...

We pray to you for the renewing of creation:
 for an end to harmful habits and willful ruin...
 for heightened care for species at risk...
 for more faithful stewardship among us toward earth's resources...

We pray to you for the cares of our community:
 for those who have lost jobs, homes -- and hope...
 for those who are hungry today -- and will be again tomorrow...
 for those troubled in mind, body, or spirit -- and for those recovering...

We pray to you for the cares we hold this day:
 for patience in difficulty... for a renewal of commitment...
 for grace to forgive ourselves -- or another...

Heal us, we pray, in our dis-eases -- estrangements --
 and in the broken places of our lives.

May we return to you -- to creation -- and to community
 in joy and thanksgiving according to your grace.

Give your church fresh courage and bold vision in this changeful time,
 as we pray for the welfare of all people.

In the name of the one who came to heal and to save -- and taught us to pray, saying:

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.



* GTG Hymn No. 684

Faith Begins by Letting God

Daw/Gounod

**Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
 taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
 pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.**

**Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive
 so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
 not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.**

**Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
 sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
 till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.**

MOMENT for MISSION: Ethiopian Partnership (Presbytery)

Linda Allen

Next Sunday: Soup Lunch and Juni Brooks' presentation about 2024 trip to Ethiopia

Please mark all donations with *Ethiopian Partnership* on the memo line.Checks may be made payable to *First United Presbyterian*.**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

Practicing gratitude can change our lives as individuals --
and it can change our life as a congregation.

In the spirit of gratitude to God,

our giving is not reduced to ethical duty -- but is elevated to delight and joy.

As we offer to God these measured gifts -- let us also offer unmeasured praise.

ANTHEM (G192)*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

G. Kendrick

Tithe and Offering Options:Sanctuary: Offering plates are near the exit doors.

- U.S. Post to FUPC at 2 Walling Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820
- QR Code (Quick Response Code): This is our unique code →
- Vanco Mobile Faith app can be downloaded on your Smartphone. Type in "Oneonta" to find our church.
- Computer: Use this link to access our online giving portal without the Smartphone Vanco app: [FUPC Donation Page](#)
- Bill Pay: Use your bank's online bill pay system
- Electronic funds transfer: Set up from your savings or checking account

**PRAYER of DEDICATION of our GIFTS**

Let us pray.

Like the leper healed who returned to Jesus,
we praise and glorify your name, O God.

You have given us more than we could have imagined!

For tidings of joy -- for wholeness received -- for the gift of belonging, we thank you.

Make of us -- as well as these gifts -- offerings of good news to the poor --
hope to the hopeless -- and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem.

We ask all things in the name of Christ. And let all the people say: **Amen.**

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You!

People: And also with you!

Leader: All are invited to exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.

*** GTG No. 796 (vs. 1-2, 5) *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* Stuemfple/American folk**

**We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.**

**As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still with power to heal again.**

**We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.**

SENDING

*** BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May God keep watch over us -- and over all nations;
may Christ restore us, body and soul;
and may the Holy Spirit help us to remain faithful,
giving thanks to God our whole life long.

Practice the faith by practicing gratitude to God every day, in all circumstances --
for God is bringing us from death to life.

POSTLUDE (G49)

The God of Abraham Praise

Thomas Olivers

TODAY

Lectionary: Jer 29:1, 4-7 or 2 Kgs 5:1-3, 7-15c; Ps 111 or 66:1-12; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Lk 17:11-19

10 AM – Morning Worship.

11:00 AM – Hospitality Time in social hall (*weekly*)

11:15 AM – Church School in classrooms (*weekly*)

THIS WEEK

Monday – Office Closed-observance Columbus Day.

Tuesday - 6:00 - 7:30 PM – **Community Health Needs and Priorities Forum** hosted by Otsego County Dept of Health (DOH) at Morris Central School Cafeteria (65 West Street). RSVP Required.
Link: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/e8996a4529db44f0b96d1c85d7645ae3>
Open to All. For more information: Call Otsego County DOH at 607-547-4230.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM – FUPC

10:00 AM – ORPC

11:00 AM – Quakers

TUESDAYS 5:30 PM – ORPC Bible

7:00 PM – AA Big Book

WEDNESDAYS 5:45 PM – Bells

6:30 PM – Choir

FRIDAYS 6:30 PM AA (men's group)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: Gen 32:22-31 or Jer 31:27-34; Ps 121 or 119:97-104; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Lk 18:1-8

10 AM – Morning Worship including M4M from Juni Brooks, Chair of Presbytery's
Ethiopian Partnership Mission Team. Liturgist: Thais Burkhalter

11:00 AM – Hospitality Time in social hall (*weekly*)

11:15 AM – Church School in classrooms (*weekly*)

11:30 AM – Soup Lunch and Ethiopian Partnership Presentation in social hall.

To assist with Soup Lunch – contact Rebecca LaBarr.

Thursday, October 23rd

5:00 PM – Budget & Finance Committee meets for dinner at church followed by a
meeting with Rose Niles, our Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officer.
Session and members are welcome – please RSVP with Pastor Walton-Leavitt.

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