



The "Red Door" Church
First United Presbyterian Church
381 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
10 AM - Sunday, August 17, 2025

Christopher 'Kip' Wilson, Liturgist
Elder Jan Herrick, Guest Preacher
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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SENTENCES OF MEDITATION

"Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right."
~Max Lucado

PRELUDE (G724)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Mann/Maggs

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

By Phone: +1 301-857-2390 // PIN: 931 769 968#

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.

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| Let us now prepare our hearts for worship by listening to the Introit. |
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INTROIT (Madelyn W)

Simple Gifts

traditional Shaker

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive reading*)

Liturgist

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Creator God, You are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable. In this holy hour, we open our hearts to Your glorious presence. Bless us and guide us at this time of worship.

AMEN.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE: Psalm 80 (*selected verses*)

Leader: ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

Leader: ⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt;

People: You drove out the nations and planted it.

Leader: ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;

People: It took deep root and filled the land.

Leader: ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,

People: The mighty cedars with its branches;

Leader: ¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;

People: Have regard for this vine.

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| All are invited to sing Hymn No. 41 - <i>O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!</i> |
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* GTG No. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Grant/Kraus

O worship the King, all glorious above!

O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:

**Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come now to a time of confession. This is a time when we acknowledge our faults and failings as God's people. (*From Isaiah 40:27-28*) Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious and Glorious God, You created us and called us as your faithful people. But, we know that our lives are tainted by sin. We are stained by the things said and left unsaid, by what we have done or left undone, and by our thoughts and thoughtlessness. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to change who we are, and guide us in what we shall be. Bless us with your holy presence as we offer our silent confessions to you.
(time of silent prayer)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE / DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Remember always that the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

By our faith in the saving death and resurrection of the Lord, we know that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Liturgist

O God, by your spirit, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do. Silence in us, any voice but your own that we may hear your Word for us today. Amen

CONVERSATION with ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Listen for the Word of God from Luke, chapter 12.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 12:49-56 *(page 75/NT in pew Bibles)*

Liturgist

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION based Isaiah 5:1-7 *(page 634/OT in pew Bibles)*

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION based Hebrews 11:29-12:2 *(page 226/NT in pew Bibles)*

Message: ***Forsaking All, I Trust Him***

*** AFFIRMATION of FAITH** *(GTG pg. 35)*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** 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 in November.

Health & wholeness: Harold (*Nadine's brother*); Bob B (*Fran's brother*); Teresa (*Morell's friend*); Tracy (*Elaine B's friend*); Alysa/Loretta (*Larry's friends*); Mike (*Jo Ann's husband*); Eliana (*Fox's daughter*); Antoinette (*Barb's 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/Joe/ 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, Nichols; Pastor George Budine, and the Session

In our community and country:

Hate Speech: Change hearts of those who promote hate -- and comfort victims of it.

Gun Violence in our country: Pray for victims, perpetrators – and solutions.

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: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) (*Glory pg. 35*)

[A time of silence may follow each intercession.]

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You made all things in your wisdom, and through your love you have called us and saved us. Keep us as one in faith and service, proclaiming the good news to the world. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for the whole of creation believing that goodness and mercy will prevail over evil; that injustice and wrongdoing will be set right, and that love will conquer hate.

Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear Our Prayer.

We pray that your Holy Spirit will guide the leaders of nations towards paths of peace and reconciliation. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear Our Prayer.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust;

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear Our Prayer.

Merciful God, we lift up to you all poor and neglected people of the world: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have no one to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear Our Prayer.

We ask for your special blessing upon those named in our time of Joys and Concerns and also upon those we silently lift up in our hearts. Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear Our Prayer.

Bless us with your Holy Spirit as we pray together these familiar words...

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 No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm/Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. (Refrain)

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness

to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

**Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

MISSION EMPHASIS: World Central Kitchen (WCK)

August's monthly mission emphasis is World Central Kitchen which supports communities in times of crisis. Please mark all donations with *World Central Kitchen* on the memo line.

Checks may be made payable to *First United Presbyterian*.

Tour WCK field kitchen at <https://wck.org/en-us/news/tour-field-kitchen-florida-milton>

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation to Offering: (*from Revelation 22:13*)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Let us now offer our financial gifts to continue the ministry of this church as witnesses of God's glory and might.

OFFERTORY (Oliver W)

Menuet in G

Bach

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.

We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, the generosity of your grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and truth, and your steadfast love for all. 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. 829**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Palmer/Mason

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!**

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,

my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

SENDING

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

This time of worship has drawn to a close. As we head out into the world... Let your mantra be "Forsaking All, I Trust Him".

May the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, love of God, the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide in you now and forever. Go in Peace.

POSTLUDE (G634)

To God Be the Glory

Doane/Schrader

TODAY

Lectionary: Isa 5:1-7 or Jer 23:23-29; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 or 82; Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

10 AM – Morning Worship led by Elder Jan Herrick is an active member and a Lay Pastor with the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church. She completed her Commissioned Ruling Elder training through the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in 2008. Since then, she has frequently filled pulpit supply needs throughout the area.

Jan is married to Seth (35 years) and has two adult children, Burke and Monika. She retired from her career as an Environmental Health & Safety Officer at SUNY Cobleskill in 2022. Now, she fills her time with swimming, kayaking, and curling (yep, that's how she met Cynthia).

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

1:00 to 3:00 PM - Swart-Wilcox House Summer Sunday Series, Wilcox Ave, Oneonta.

Free. Lawn chairs recommended. Focus: *Teaching of Ononadaga Chief Paul Waterman* by Patrick McElligott

THIS WEEK

Summer Food Program runs Monday thru Friday, August 22 with lunches (made at

FUPC) delivered to Greater Plains School & Wilber Park Pool for children thru 18 years. Adult lunches delivered to 78 Water Street.

Volunteer for Kitchen Crew: 8:30 - 10:30 AM
and/or Delivery Crew: 10:30 AM - 12 noon

For more info, contact Rebecca M. at 607-353-2198 or matthews@charitiesccdo.org

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

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: Jer 1:4-10 or Isa 58:9b-14; Ps 71:1-6 or 103:1-8; Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

10 AM – Morning Worship led by Rev. Bruce Helstrom is a Chaplain with Helios Care, a Hospice services provider. He is also a Pastor serving the Meridale Community Church, formerly Meridale Presbyterian. He enjoys walking with his dog Toby and being a grandfather to four beautiful children (ages 8 to 14) most of whom live in this area- and one in Germany. Liturgist: Thais Burkhalter

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

1:00 to 3:00 PM - Swart-Wilcox House Summer Sunday Series, Wilcox Ave, Oneonta. Free. Lawn chairs recommended. Focus: *Back to Campus* by Mark Simpson

Tuesday, August 26th – 1:30 PM – Chain Gang meet in social hall.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: Jer 2:4-13 or Prov 25:6-7; Ps 81:1,10-16 or 112; Heb 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

10 AM – Combined Worship with First Pres led by Rev. Mark Montfort in our Sanctuary. Liturgist: Rebecca LaBarr

1:00 to 3:00 PM - Swart-Wilcox House Summer Sunday Series, Wilcox Ave, Oneonta. Free. Lawn chairs recommended. Focus: *Victorian Toys of the Wilcox Children* by Diane Hamblin

Monday, September 1st – Office Closed in observance of Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 3rd – 7:00 PM – Choir begins in Music Room. Join the choir to lift a joyful noise! For more info, call Jean at 607-435-6681.

Oliver Wilson's Eagle Scout Project is to put new signs on the Walling Ave. side and at the driveway entrance with landscaping around them. This project requires donations to obtain the materials to create and install the signs. Please mark all donations with *Eagle Scout Project*. Make checks payable to *FUPC*. Unused funds remain with our church.

Redeem bottles and cans to support our church: Take yours to Northern Eagle Redemption Center on Railroad Ave. (next to The Depot restaurant) – and tell them the money goes to the “Red Door” Church. Hours: 9 AM to 4 PM Tuesday thru Saturday. Phone: 607-432-0400

Please notify Chad Anderson, Clerk of Session at 651-497-5341 / anderscl@gmail.com
OR Carol Sprague, Office Administrator, at 607-432-7520 or reddoorchurch@stny.rr.com
in case of illness or need of pastoral care.

Rev. Cynthia Walton-Leavitt will be on vacation until September 3rd.