



The "Red Door" Church
First United Presbyterian Church
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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10 AM - Sunday, July 13, 2025

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Jean Giuda, Director of Music/Musician
Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Walton-Leavitt, Pastor

THE LITURGY

Order of Worship

* - *You are invited to stand.*

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SENTENCES OF MEDITATION

"Love your neighbor. Expand your concept of neighbor. Repeat." ~Mike Fagans

PRELUDE (G363)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

John Darwall

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.

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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

Come Gracious Spirit Heavenly Love

Andrew Brewis

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive reading adapted from Luke 10:27-28*)

Liturgist

Leader: Love the Lord your God.

**People: We will -- with all our hearts, and with all our souls,
and with all our strength, and with all our minds!**

Leader: Love your neighbors as yourself.

**People: We will -- with all our hearts, and with all our souls,
and with all our strength, and with all our minds!**

Leader: Do this and you will live! **People: Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Let us pray.

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness.

Help us to walk in your footsteps -- so that we never lose our way.

Enable us to live and love in the way that you have taught us,

so that we can act in grace -- even with those who we consider our enemies.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. And let all the people say, **Amen.****All are invited to sing Hymn No. 410 – *God Is Calling through the Whisper****** GTG Hymn No. 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper* Bringle/Polish carol**

**God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
 through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
 Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
 God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?**

**God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
 through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
 Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
 God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?**

**God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
 through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
 Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
 God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!**

WORD**Please join me in reading our Prayer of Illumination. [PAUSE] *Let us pray...*****PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** *(in unison)*

Liturgist

**O God, as we receive your Word through your Holy Spirit,
 open our eyes to your justice -- open our ears to your judgment --
 and open our hearts to your love. Amen.**

CONVERSATION with ALL GOD's CHILDREN**OLD TESTAMENT:** Deuteronomy 30:9-14 *(page 185/OT in pew Bibles)*

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord. [PAUSE] ALL: Thanks be to God.**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** based Luke 10:25-37 *(page 71/NT in pew Bibles)**** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

Leader: 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.

**People: 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...**

Leader: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and

People: sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor...

* **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: Eliana (*Joan & Stan Fox's daughter*); Mike (*Jo Ann's husband*); Harold (*Nadine's brother*); Bob B (*Fran's brother*); Teresa (*Morell's friend*); Tracy (*Elaine B's friend*); Alysa (*Larry's friend*); Annya W (*Vivian's daughter*); Antoinette (*Barb's friend*); Stuart/Allen (*Brandie's relatives*); Emma (*Jan's friend*); Bobby/Alfred/Billy & Son/ Shirley/ Michael (*Paul R's friends/ relatives*); Jessica/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: Laurens PC, Pastor Jo Ann Aymar, and the Session
Margaretville-New Kingston PC, Pastor Amy Thompkins, and the Session

In our community and country:

Flooding in TX and NC - loss of lives, livelihoods and property on July 4th.

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: Eritrea, Ethiopia

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

[A time of silence may follow each intercession.]

Let us pray.

Holy God, your people come to pray for the world -- and all that is in it.

Free us, O God, to speak your word

in a world that needs to listen to you.

Greed has overtaken the land

and ambition has taken the place of the values you expect from us.

Iniquity has taken hold, making the rich richer and the poor poorer.

Give us your voice,
that your church can serve as shepherd,
guiding your people to your will for the world.

People: God of justice, work your will in our world.

Free us, O God, to tend to those who are weak and needy.
You always care especially for those abandoned or rejected;
for the sick, women, children, widows.

Give us eyes to recognize them in our midst:
people living with HIV/AIDS -- people without legal immigration documents --
people in abusive relationships --
and those who live in the shadows of fear and indifference.

Use us to deliver them, with your guiding help, from all that would harm or oppress.

People: God of impartiality, work your will in our world.

Free us, O God, from asking, "Who is our neighbor?"
Take pity on us, that we might show compassion.
Anoint us and bandage our wounds,
that we might do the same for those in need.
Carry us -- and give us strength to carry others.

People: God of compassion, work your will in our world.

We pray all this with the power of the Holy Spirit,
and the words that Jesus, our Wayshower, taught us, 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 No. 343 (vs. 1-4) *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* North/Sacred melodies

**Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**

**From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.**

**The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.**

MOMENT for MISSION: FSA's Back to School Supplies

Rebecca LaBarr

July's monthly mission emphasis supports Family Services Association's collection of Back-to-School items. Leave donated items outside the church office. For monetary donations, please put *FSA School Supplies* on the memo line.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

As a redeemed people, we live for giving thanks!
We understand that everything we do -- and everything we have --
comes from God, whose unconditional love lift us up each day.
Let us continue our thanksgiving with grateful hearts,
by giving of what God has provided.

OFFERTORY (*solo by Fran*) *It is No Secret*

Stewart Hamblen

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 offer these gifts to you, O God –
asking for your direction as we work each day
so that your kingdom of light becomes more and more of a reality in this world.
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. 203**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Colvin/Ghanaian folk

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. Refrain**

**These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. *Refrain***

SENDING

*** BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May God fill you with the knowledge of God's will.

May Jesus Christ, who has rescued you,
give you constant faith to speak the true word of the gospel.

And may the Holy Spirit guide you in wisdom and understanding,
so that the world can flower with the love of God.

Live a life that is worthy of the Lord.

Go out to act on -- and obey -- God's law to love neighbor as yourself!

Give joyful thanks to God through loving your neighbor -- through doing justice --
through speaking out -- and through defending those who are weak and oppressed.

POSTLUDE (G265)

Jesus Shall Reign where'er the Sun

att John Hatton

TODAY

Lectionary: Deut 30:9-14 or Amos 7:7-14; Ps 25:1-10 or 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

10 AM Morning Worship.

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

1:00 to 3:00 PM - Swart-Wilcox House Summer Series, Wilcox Ave, Oneonta. Free. Lawn chairs recommended. Focus: Bright Hill Poets

3:00 PM – Presbytery Service to celebrate CRE

Amy Tompkins commissioned to particular service as pastor of Margaretville-New Kingston PC (at Margaretville PC, 171 Orchard St.). Reception to follow.

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)

THIS WEEK

Monday - 10:30 AM – CCAL Class book club meet in Blue Room.

Summer Food Program runs thru Friday, August 22 with “Grab & Go” 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 – 10:30am and/or Delivery Crew: 10:30am – 12 noon
For more info, contact Rebecca M. at 607-353-2198 or rmatthews@charitiesccdo.org

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: Genesis 18:1-10a or Amos 8:1-12; Ps 15 or 52; Col 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

10 AM - Morning Worship. Liturgist: Jim Mullaney

1:00 to 3:00 PM - Swart-Wilcox House Summer Series, Wilcox Ave, Oneonta. Free.
Lawn chairs reminder. Focus: *Otsego Medal of Honor Recipients* by Frank Antonucci

Summer Institute of Theology at Hartwick College (*new name for HSIT*) to be held from July 27th to August 1st. Brochures and registration forms are available outside church offices on "For the Taking" cabinet. For more information, contact Pastor Walton-Leavitt.

Courses meet for one hour each day Monday -- Friday

Topics this year include:

- Introduction courses in: Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Worship, Christian Theology, Preaching
- The Art of Preaching Resurrection
- Death, Dying, Grief, and Lament

Seminars (one meeting, 2.5-hours) Monday – Thursday (afternoons and evenings)

Topics this year include:

- How Can the Church Change and Shift? – with Greg Garis, Monday @ 2:30
- Immigrants & Refugees in the Bible and Today – with Cynthia Walton-Leavitt, Tuesday @ 2:30
- Pronouns and the Name of God
- Wives and Mothers of Old Testament Kings
- The Council of Nicaea: What Happened 1700 Years Ago?
- Christian Nationalism
- Church Finances
- The Supreme Court: What Are Those 9 People Doing?
- Christian Imagination in the World of Harry Potter

Our Christian Enrichment Fund is not a financial aid program -- but an incentive -- to provide our church family (regardless of age or income) an opportunity to go to programs like summer camp, a mission trip, or the Summer Institute of Theology at Hartwick College (*new name for HSIT*). For more info about this Fund, contact Pastor Walton-Leavitt.

Let's work together to encourage each other to grow in God's love!

Oliver Wilson's Eagle Scout Project for the FUPC has been approved by the Boy Scout Council. My project is to put in a new sign next to Walling Ave and Main Street. The plan is to create landscaping around the sign and repair other signs on church property. I will work with the Buildings & Grounds Committee and Session throughout this project. Thank you for your feedback on the sign options.

This project will require donations to obtain the materials needed to create and install the signs and landscaping. All donations should be marked *Eagle Scout Project* on memo line. Checks should be made payable to *FUPC*. Any leftover funds from this project will be donated to 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.

Please notify Pastor Walton-Leavitt at 607-242-8184 (cell) or cynuff@aya.yale.edu
OR Carol Sprague, Office Administrator, at 607-432-7520 or reddoorchurch@stny.rr.com
in case of illness or need of pastoral care.

A Moment for Mission on Sunday, July 13, 2025

By Rebecca LaBarr at First United Presbyterian Church, Oneonta, New York



The Family Service Association has been an important part of the community since 1909. Their mission is to support individual and family strengths and to assist residents in meeting their own needs. This year, they are combining two projects, The Back-to-School Project and The Clothing Guild Project.

The Back-to-School Project has been offered to families for over 20 years. In 2024, they helped 256 children, a total of 115 families, by providing new school supplies and hygiene packets. The project is open to all families, regardless of income or where they live. In addition to Back-to-School supplies, hygiene packets containing deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap and laundry detergent are given to each family.

The Clothing Guild Project will be open to all eligible school age children from Pre-K to 5th grade. Eligible students can receive new sneakers, socks and underwear for back to school, and during the winter may receive snow pants and boots to participate in outdoor activities. In years past, The Clothing Guild has only served Oneonta City School children but based upon current needs they are expanding to serve other districts throughout the county.

The projects will run from August 25-29, 2025, so we ask all donations to be in before that. Below is a list of supplies that are needed if you wish to go shopping. Please drop your items in the box outside the church office before August 20th.

FSA is asking for financial donations of any amount to assist in funding these projects. If you wish to make a financial donation, checks may be made payable to *First United Presbyterian Church* with *FSA Back to School* on the memo line.

We look forward to working with the community to continue providing area students with new school supplies, hygiene products and Clothing Guild items. Thank You for your generosity.



School Supplies being collected:

Backpacks	3/5 subject notebooks	Expo markers
Colored pencils	Clorox wipes	Markers
Composition notebooks	Sandwich bags & gallon bags	Pens / Pencils
Crayons	Sketch books	Glue sticks
Erasers	Flash drives	Folders

Sneakers for boys/girls (*new or gently used sneakers, all sizes requested*)

Hygiene Supplies: Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Laundry soap, dental floss