

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
November 20, 2011 · 10:00 AM

Audio Links are usually available by Monday morning.

[WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

[PRELUDE](#) *Allegro in d minor* Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Give thanks to God and bless his name.

Leader: For God's steadfast love endures forever

All: And his faithfulness for all generations.

*HYMN *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* No. 150

*CONFESSION OF SIN Leader: Jack Grow

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Ruler of all, on Sunday it's easy to say, "Jesus is Lord."

**It's easy to sing about you as our King and make
promises about being your servants.**

**It feels good to be among your people. But it's different
at school, at work, at home. Too often, we are ready
to try anything to get good grades or to gain success
or approval.**

**We ignore your rules to satisfy our own wishes. We
listen when friends tempt us to things we know are
selfish or unloving. Forgive us. Help us remember
that you are the King of our lives, every day of the
week, everywhere we go.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response *"Spirit of the Living God"* No. 322

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

[OLD TESTAMENT READING](#) Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!" OT Bible Page 623

[ANTHEM](#) *"Simple Praise"* Courtney and Martin

[GOSPEL READING](#)

"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

Matthew 25:31-46

NT Bible Page 22

[CHILDREN'S TALK](#)

(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

Pastor Sam

*HYMN *"Blessing and Honor"* No. 147

[SERMON](#) **"Learning to See"**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed

(Page 14 of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Song of Praise *"Come, Sing a Song of Harvest"* No. 558
(verses 3 & 4)

Invitation

[Offertory Music](#) *"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"* Johns

Prayer of Dedication

[SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS](#)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"O Worship the King"* No. 476

*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Pastor:God is good **People:All the time!**

[POSTLUDE](#) *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Johnson

Our Mission Statement: The First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love.

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care is available during our Services. The room is located on the first floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional **Quiet Room** for parents with small children.

Welcome Visitors to this branch of the family of God. Please leave us your contact information on the pink card that you will find in the pew rack. We pray that you feel at home here and find guidance and strength for your daily life. We invite you to make this church your home. Please share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship.

[WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & WEEKLY PRAYER LIST](#)

Ushers today are led by Ward Beeman. Nov 27: George Vickers

Our Worship Recorder is L Maginn. Nov 27: Sue Davidson

Greeters: Ann Hapanowicz, Joyce Caswell, Joanie Lewis.
Nov 27: The Lawton Family

Our Acolyte is Ryan Fish. Nov 27: Molly Lewis

After Church Coffee Break is held immediately after today's service in our parlor. Join us for treats & fellowship. Gail Tucker hosts. Nov 27: Candy Fay

Chancel Flowers are in loving memory of Robert & Delores Anderson from Bobbie, Amy & Maddie

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Jan & Rolf Brynildsen, Don Jones, Donna Jones, George Romleski, Lois Streiff, Anthony Streiff and The General Assembly, PC(USA)

[SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATION](#)

Beverage Break 11:00–11:15am · Church School 11:15–12:15pm

(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 205

Grades 4 – 7 Room 202

Grades 8 - 12..... Room 201

Video Class for Adults..... Choir Room

Relay for Life Thanksgiving Pie Sale in the Music hallway immediately after today's service.

Free Books and Cassette Tapes: Court Street Sanctuary Entrance. Help yourself 'til gone

Our Mission Committee will collect items today for the Thanksgiving Dinner served by the Rome Rescue Mission. Thanks to your contributions and participation in such events as the June Rummage Sale, our Mission Committee was able to donate \$1000 towards the Red Cross/Rescue Mission Basket Program and the Thanksgiving Day meal at the Mission.

Oneida Area Civic Chorale with our very own 1st Pres Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir: "Ring and Sing We Now of Christmas" / Sunday, Dec 04 / 4 PM at Oneida High School. Donation: \$10; Students 12 and under: Free. Tickets available from: Mark Maginn, Laurie Maginn, Valerie Wood, Ginny Semp, Faith Merrill, Sandy Taylor, Carol Lee, John Nethaway & Kim Nethaway

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 10:00 amWorship Service
 10:55 amChildren’s Choir
 11:00 amCoffee Break / Relay Buy A Pie
 11:15 amChurch School
 NoonYouth Choir
 Tone Chimes
 12:30 pmSacred Dance Choir
 7:00 pmThanksgiving Ecumenical Service
 Tues 10:00 amPrayer Shawl Ministry
 3:00 pmRescue Mission Cook
 6:30 pmBell Choir rehearses
 7:00 pmSerenity Circle
 7:30 pmSenior Choir
 Wed 9:00 amWednesday Morning Club
 NoonChurch Offices close for Holiday
 4:20 pmWelcome Hall Serve
 ThurHappy Thanksgiving

NEXT SUNDAY:...Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37

Warning! This Product May Cause Drowsiness
 First Sunday of Advent

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services at Trinity United Church of Christ 215 W. Court St. tonight at 7pm - Oneida Area Christian Churches Council Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Oneida tonight at 7:00 PM also.

Don’t forget that Cynthia is hosting a Thanksgiving meal at our church beginning at Noon! Sign up today – all are welcome!

Mark the date for our Annual Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday, Dec 11 at 4pm. Please invite family & friends!

Alternative Gifts Market: Give a gift to honor someone and bring hope to those in need. The Mission Committee presents Holiday Alternative Gift Market on Sundays from Nov 20 to Dec 18. Information is in the sanctuary and will be at Advent Day downstairs. Selections from: Alternative Gifts International, Heifer Project, Church World Service and Samaritan's Purse.

Serenity Circle will be wrapping up fund raising for GEMS-Girls Educational and Mentoring Services with a general collection this month and a raffle to be drawn at our Advent Day Celebration! Thank you all for generosity to date. We hope to purchase beds for children in need in upstate N.Y.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

For Our Sanctuary In Memory Or Honor Of Loved Ones

Our Nursery School has gladly taken over the sales our annual poinsettias and will use this opportunity as means to raise funds for their programs. For Your Convenience Let Us Order Flowers on Your Behalf from River Road Greenhouses in Marcy. Selections will be marked upon delivery so you are easily able to bring flowers home after Christmas Eve Worship. Make check payable to 1st Pres. Church. Submit Ticket below to office by MONDAY, NOV. 28

Of course you are welcome to select your arrangement. Submit Ticket below to office by Monday, December 05 & deliver plants by Friday, December 09 at Noon. Place the completed ticket below in the Offering Plate during Worship. You may also make your requests via the phone, website, email or directly at the Church Office.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

I would like you to order on my behalf.

- 4 ½“ branched in Red, Pink, White, Marble
- 6 ½” branched in Red, Pink, White, Marble
- 8” branched in Red, Pink, White
- 10” Patio Pot – Available Only in Red

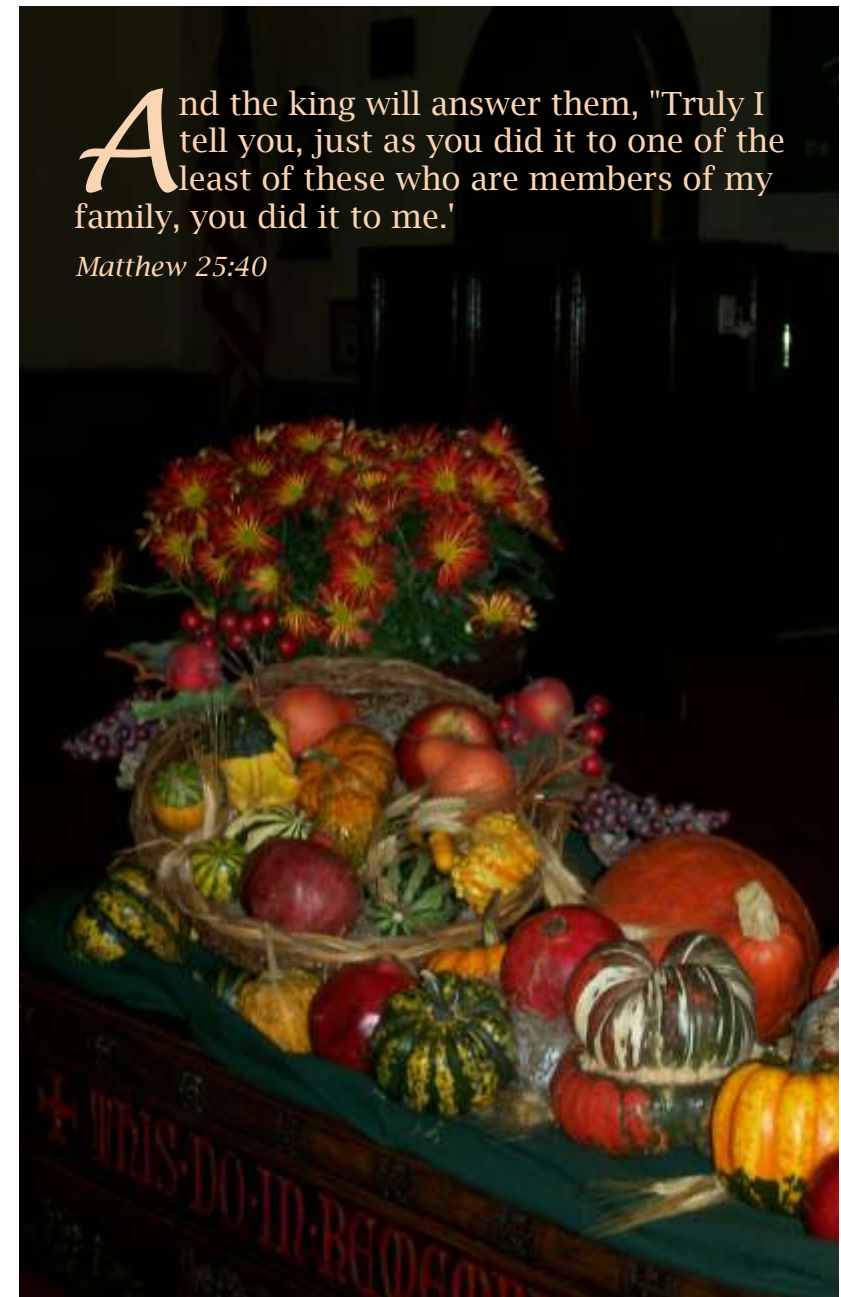
Pot Cover Choice: Red Gold

4 ½”-\$5.00 / 6 ½”-\$7.00 / 8”-\$20 / 10”-\$25

I will choose & deliver my own arrangement

In Memory of:

Requested by:



And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

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Happy Thanksgiving · Dick Lee Cornucopia