

First Presbyterian Church
60 East Main Street
Oyster Bay, NY 11771



MISSION STATEMENT

With doors wide open, we welcome all to come and discover how God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other, our community, the world and with God.

With arms wide open, we welcome all who are looking for something more, who have questions, who want to make a difference as they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.

With hearts wide open, we welcome you.

~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~

The Presbyterian Times

60 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York 11771

The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey D. Prey, Pastor

November 2025



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ministers	The People of God
Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Drew Prey
Administrator	Cristina Harrison
Organist/Choir Director	Jessica Chen
Custodian	Manuel Denegri

OFFICERS

Clerk of Session	Cathy Hogg
President, Board of Trustees	Richard Kveton
Moderator, Board of Deacons	Pat Azmitia
Secretary of Deacons	David Harrison
Treasurer	Kristine Lalonde
Sunday School Superintendent	Cristina Harrison

SESSION

George Baker
Selina Collier
Heather Franciotti
Isa Gutierrez
Christopher Hogg
Deborah Hudak
Richard Kveton
Jerry Lalonde
Jennifer Newitt
Dan O'Hare
Mia Ramirez
Catherine Thomas

MINISTRIES

Church Support, House
Mission
House
Worship
Christian Education
Membership & Outreach
Church Support
Church Support
Worship
Membership & Outreach
Christian Education
Mission

BOARD OF DEACONS

Pat Azmitia
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MINISTRIES

Ushers
Coffee Hour
Helping Hands
Audiovisual
Sanctuary Care
Outreach
Special Events, Kitchen Care
Coffee Hour
Outreach
Greeters/Ushers
Coffee Hour
Outreach

Pastoral Care and Visiting (Holy Communion, prayer, spiritual counsel...): Jeff wants you to know that he is available for you when needed.

When you would like to share some time in Christian conversation and prayer with the pastor, please let him know. Jeff would welcome a visit with you.

Church Membership: If you are a newcomer to First Presbyterian Church, you are invited to consider church membership. Jeff welcomes the opportunity to receive you in Christian friendship. Please let him know when considering membership at the First Presbyterian.

The Presbyterian Times is a monthly publication (except in August) of the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay, New York. Items for inclusion should be received in the church office no later than the 20th of the month. All articles are welcome, but may be edited for length and content.

Editor & Publisher: Cristina Harrison

FROM JEFF'S DESK...

It's unfortunate that money has become such a negative word in the minds of people of faith. Money is, after all, a profoundly spiritual issue in that what we do with our money and possessions matters deeply to God.

In the Bible, 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

God's gifts are referred to as manifold — not just a few, but an abundant variety of spiritual and material gifts. Note that because they are "gifts," that doesn't mean they now belong to us. God does not transfer ownership but rather entrusts them to our care, meaning the question is not what do we want to do with these abundant gifts, but what does God want us to do with them? Clearly, what God wants is for us to practice good stewardship.

Merriam-Webster defines "stewardship" as "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." This is where faithful discipleship comes in. As disciples, we are accountable to God and we are responsible to care for, wisely manage and use God's gifts in support of others and all of creation. The good news is that in sharing what we've been given, we become part of something bigger than ourselves. In our giving, we participate in God's gracious love for the world and become the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors.

In this way, stewardship and a congregation's mission are connected. People of faith want to be part of a church that is making a difference. Stewardship gives them that opportunity.

As Henri Nouwen once said, "Asking people for money is giving them the opportunity to put their resources at the disposal of the kingdom." I would add that it's also an opportunity for people to grow in their faith.

May we all grow in our faith as we understand and exercise the discipline of faithful stewardship.

(From the PC(USA) website)

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2025

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

AMT. RECEIVED	AVG. MONTHLY EXPENSE	OVER/(UNDER)
\$49,246	\$27,650	\$21,596
YTD RECEIVED	YTD EXPENSE	OVER/(UNDER)
\$255,072	\$242,200	\$12,872

MISSION FUND SUMMARY

AMT. RECEIVED	AVG. MONTHLY PMT.	OVER/(UNDER)
\$1,210	\$1,800	(\$590)
YTD RECEIVED	YTD PMT.	OVER/(UNDER)
\$18,360	\$11,575	**

** MISSION DISBURSEMENTS ARE MADE QUARTERLY.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL

THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OYSTER BAY, NEW YORK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS BYLAWS, ARE CALLED TO MEET ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTING ELDERS AND DEACONS TO THREE-YEAR TERMS ON SESSION AND BOARD OF DEACONS AND VOTE TO CHANGE THE PASTOR'S TERMS OF CALL.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November...

1	All Saints Day	
2	Daylight Savings Time Ends	2:00 a.m.
	Memorial Sunday Communion Worship	10:00 a.m.
	C.E./Sunday School Meeting	11:30 a.m.
4	Election Day	
	Deacons	7:00 p.m.
5	House M.T. Meeting	7:00 p.m.
6	Life Enrichment Center Gala	7:00 p.m.
	<i>Honoring Cathy and Christopher Hogg)</i>	
8	Community Dinner	5:00 p.m.
9	Worship M.T. Meeting	11:30 a.m.
15	Presbtery Day at Northport	9:00 a.m.
16	Congregational Meeting	11:05 a.m.
	Holiday Fair Set-up	11:30 a.m.
17-21	Holiday Fair Set-up Week	
17	Session	7:30 p.m.
22	Holiday Fair	10:00 - 4:00 p.m.
23	Harvest Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Pageant Practice	11:30 a.m.
30	First Sunday of Advent/St. Andrew's Day	10:00 a.m.
	Communion Worship	
	Pageant Practice	11:30 a.m.

Coming up...

Hanging of the Greens - Advent Brunch	December 7
Pageant Practice	December 7
Pageant Practice	December 13
Community Dinner	December 13
Children's Christmas Pageant	December 14
Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 & 9:30	December 24

Time to **FALL BACK**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 2nd

Don't Forget to Set
Your Clocks Back

ONE HOUR



Community Meal

Meals are provided free of charge to guests of the Senior Center and
People Loving People Food Pantry.

November 8, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Contact Jerry Lalonde:

Email galalonde@aol.com

Text or call cell 516-297-7773

OR

Contact Selina Collier:

Email Selina_collier@fa.org

Call 516-759-1168

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OYSTER BAY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN LOCKER

The First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay is planning a Medical Equipment Loan Locker program.

We are now accepting donations of new or lightly used medical equipment such as walkers, walking canes, transfer chairs, wheelchairs, shower seats, crutches, commodes, knee scooters, and similar items.

We will be lending equipment to anyone in need at no charge.



Items can be dropped off at the church, located at

60 East Main St.

Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Donations for purchase of new equipment are welcome.

Any questions please call 516-922-5477



STEWARDSHIP

If God Is Real

Is there a God, or isn't there? If there is, and if I have made up my mind to that, then shouldn't I live as if I believe it? Shouldn't I adjust my actions to my beliefs?

Either God is, or God isn't. If God isn't, let's stop this nonsense called Church. What is the sense of wasting our money on keeping these buildings open if there is no God?

However, if there is a God—if we are really not alone in the universe, alone in this room—then doesn't it make sense that we start living and giving as if we believe it? Doesn't it make sense that we start putting God first in our life—as Jesus suggested—with our life, our money, and every fiber of our being?

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

SESSION NOTES

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay held a regular meeting on October 21, 2025.

CLERK'S REPORT: Cathy noted that Session needs to call the Annual Fall Congregational Meeting. Session called the meeting for November 16, 2025. It will be moderated by Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk Kate Jones-Calone, as Jeff has requested a change in the nature of his pastoral connection to this church. As first considered last Fall, new rules regarding mandated medical insurance for Installed Pastors have increased the cost to both congregations and individual pastors of that medical coverage. In order to realize a significant savings for both the church and Jeff and Barbara Prey, Jeff requests changing his status from an Installed Pastor to a Covenant Pastor under Presbytery rules. In order to make this change, the congregation must vote at a Congregational Meeting to dissolve the current pastoral relationship, and the Session needs to hire Jeff back on an annual basis as a Covenant Pastor, formerly known as Temporary Supply. This means the Session calls Jeff as Pastor, rather than the congregation.

After discussion the Session approved the following motion:

"At Jeff's request, the Session approved a motion to recommend to the congregation that by vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 16, 2025, it dissolve the current pastoral relationship between Pastor Jeff Prey and First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay of "Installed Pastor" as of December 31, 2025, with the understanding that the Session will hire Jeff back on an annual basis each January to December as a "Covenant Pastor." Nothing in the pastoral relationship or Jeff's duties will change, other than the fact that this will allow Jeff and his wife Barbara to enroll in Medicare for their medical insurance at significant savings to both the Church and to the Preys."

Jeff will circulate to the Session and then send to the congregation a letter regarding this vote so the congregation knows it will take place at the Congregational Meeting.

Jeff will check with all employees on whether they have completed their required harassment trainings. Elders who have not yet completed the first module will report to Cathy once they have completed the module. The Christian Education team will determine training requirements for Sunday School teachers.

MODERATOR'S REPORT: Jeff reported with joy that on October 12, 2025 he performed the baptism of Shea Daniel Silva, born December 23, 2024 to Paige (Koster) Silva and David Silva.

CHURCH SUPPORT: The first stewardship letters on annual pledges and church support have gone out. Mia inquired about the feasibility of using a payment system like Zelle or Venmo for church pledges or donations. The team will look into this.

PRESBYTERY REPORT: There is a Presbytery Day on November 15 with a variety of workshops and other offerings, for any Elder interested in participating.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The committee is meeting and will present nominees for 2026 when they have completed their work.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: The committee has begun conducting annual reviews.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN ALL MINISTRY TEAMS!

Please contact one of the elders in charge if you are interested in joining that committee.

Ministry	Team
Christian Ed	Elders - Chris Hogg and Mia Ramirez
House	Elders - George Baker and Heather Franciotti
Worship	Elders - Isa Gutierrez and Jen Newitt
Church Support	Elders - George Baker, Richard Kveton and Jerry Lalonde
Mission	Elders - Selina Collier, Catherine Thomas and Clerk, Cathy Hogg
Membership & Outreach	Elders - Deb Hudak & Dan O'Hare

DEACON NOTES

The Deacons met on October 7, 2025.

Rally Day was well attended and everyone had a good time.

The Blood Drive was held on September 23rd. We only received 15 pints, and we need 25 to remain viable with the Blood Center, that day was also Rosh Hashanah, which may have contributed to the low turnout.

The Deacons voted to donate \$1,000 from the Deacons Fund to the Senior Center.

There will be a baptism on October 12th.

October 11th is the next Community Dinner.

We discussed the new attendees that we can add to our Deacon's lists.

Pat will be going off deacons this year, so we will need to have a volunteer to be the new moderator.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Christian Education continues to be abuzz with energy, both with our children and adults. The Sunday School program is well-attended with enthusiastic students and some creative and interesting teaching. For example, Steve Collier challenged his Junior High students to come up with their own version of the Ten Commandments. What a heartening and interesting result they came up with.

For Adults, both "Bookies" and "What Presbyterians Believe" are going strong. Our most recent discussion was on Halloween, where we concluded that fellowship among both adults and children was perhaps the most important outcome of the way Halloween is currently celebrated.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"A Gift from the Heart"



Pageant rehearsal schedule:

Sunday	11/ 23	after church	11:30
Sunday	11/ 30	after church	11:30
Sunday	12/ 7	after church	11:30
Saturday	12/13	Dress Rehearsal	9:45 – 12:00
Pageant Sunday	12/14	Final Rehearsal	8:45

PRESBYTERY *Day 2025*

**CONNECT, LEARN, AND
IMAGINE...TOGETHER!**

*Session 1: The Future
will be more Mixed,
Looped, and Augmented*

*Session 2: Innovation
and Acceleration*

*Session 3: Shaping an
Imaginative Future*

REGISTER TODAY: www.presbyteryofli.org

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2025
9:30AM - 3:30PM**

*First Presbyterian Church of Northport
330 Main Street, Northport*



Program led by
Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall
PC(USA) Office of Innovation

Who should come?

- Pastors
- Elders & Deacons
- Members
- Friends
- Anyone interested
in the future of
Christ's church!

HOLIDAY FAIR

November 22nd, 2025

10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

We are busy preparing for our re-imagined Holiday Fair
Featuring... Holiday Décor, Home Goods (from “Sanctuary” &
“Youngs Farm” among other quality donations) a Baked Goods Table and –
“the Silent Auction”.



Here is a list of some of the exciting offerings we have had in the past,
and hope to offer again,



☆ Florida Condos available for vacation stay ☆

☆ Guided Nature Walk in local preserve ☆ Gift Certificate to Area Eateries ☆

☆ Jewelry ☆ Sporting Collectibles ☆ Assorted Gift Baskets ☆

☆ Electronics ☆ Fashion Accessories ☆ Vintage/Designer Handbags ☆ Artwork ☆

☆ Round of Golf ☆ Professional Consulting ☆

☆ Tickets to a Sporting Event, Theater, Broadway Show, Concert ☆



And the list keeps growing!!!!

☆ Silent Auction ☆ Holiday Decorations ☆

☆ Baked Goods ☆ Shabby Chic ☆ Cafe ☆

☆ Home Décor ☆ Music & More ☆

“Many hands make light work”

Here's some ideas for how you can help...

Can you help set-up, prepare, and/or help “run the show” on Saturday?



Do you have gifts you received and never used, or things you had and not used?



Can you make gift a basket or two?



Did you get a gift card and have not used it; maybe you just don't shop there. Donate it, we can add it to a basket.



Can you distribute flyers and posters?



Do you have time to bake... Our Bake table needs cookies, pies, cakes, cupcakes, and brownies anything you like to bake.



Bring friends and family.



HOLIDAY FAIR



**We need people to make either Harvest Vegetable Soup or Chili for the luncheon
Recipes can be found at this link:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bfDf8oruvAtIejimMtYjkwUMaxyaDUy/view?usp=sharing>

or scan the QR code below

or pick up a recipe from Jen Newitt at church.

**Please email Jen at Jennifer_newitt@fa.org to let her know if you are able
to help make either one. Thanks!**



***Calling all bakers
The Bake Table Needs You!***

❖ *Homemade Cakes* ❖
❖ *Pies* ❖ *Cookies* ❖
❖ *Brownies* ❖ *Cupcakes* ❖

For more information Call
Janet LaRotonda
(516) 776-2257

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

*We will be celebrating our Presbyterian Scottish Heritage on
Saint Andrews Day, Sunday, November 30th.*

On August 17, 1560, reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first reformed Confession of Faith written in the English language to the parliament of Scotland. "The Scots Confession", as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. This is the birth of the Church of Scotland, and we - Presbyterians - became a new denomination of Christians.

We will celebrate our heritage in descent from the Church of Scotland. Part of our worship service litany, will come from "The Scots Confession" and Church of Scotland, and we will have special Scottish Music.

To be part of the Day:

- *Wear your kilts or tartans, plaids in a pinch (you may know the difference - all tartans are plaids, but not all plaids are tartans) or other Celtic patterns*
- *Invite or Bring a friend, coworker or neighbour of Scottish descent to church*
- *Come & Enjoy the "The Ceilidh" (Scottish Celebration) at our Fellowship.*
- *Share a favourite Scottish food, treat, or recipe.*

"Aye Yours"...

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected on the First Sunday each month or anytime and delivered to local food pantries.

These are the most asked for items:

Pasta, Pasta sauce, Diced Canned Tomatoes

Boxed rice mixes

Canned Beans, Stews, Soups & Chili

Peanut Butter, Jelly or Jam

Coffee & Tea

Mac & Cheese 2 pound or smaller bags of Rice

Canned Vegetables - low sodium preferred

Cereal & Oatmeal

Kids' Snacks

Gatorade Juice Boxes

The People's Pantry, 123 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Accepting donations on Wednesdays from 12:00-6:00 and Fridays from 9:00-1:00

Shopping: Senior Wednesdays 2:30-3:00; Community Shopping

Wednesdays 3:00-6:00 & Fridays 10:00-12:00

To volunteer, go their website at <https://peoplelovingpeople.net/volunteer-form>

North Shore Community Church Food Pantry, 209 South St, Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Accepting donations at church office (on the corner) on Thursday and Friday between 10:00-3:00, or Saturday morning at the back door of the church between 9:00-10:00.

Shopping: The Pantry is open for shopping every Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00

NOSH Food Pantry/North Shore Soup Kitchen

NOSH is currently accepting donations of non-perishable food at its new permanent home:

15 Hill Street, Glen Cove

weekdays between 9:00-1:00 (closed Wednesday and weekends)

North Shore Soup Kitchen has re-opened and is accepting donations for its food pantry at First Baptist Church, 7 Continental Place, Glen Cove, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 – 12:00

Mimi Mernin's Food Pantry, Village Church, Bayville, 9 Mountain Avenue, Bayville, NY

Donations may be left in a bin at the back of the Church which is emptied daily.

516-628-2737

Thanks for helping us to help our neighbors!
The Mission Outreach Ministry Team

November...

2 Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time
Communion Memorial Sunday

Scripture: Revelation 11:15-17
Revelation 19:6-16

Sermon: "Hallelujah"

16 Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Congregational Meeting

Scripture: Job 19:23-27
1 John 3:1-3

Sermon: "My Redeemer Lives"

9 Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 15:51-53

Sermon: "We Shall Be Changed"

23 Christ the King

Scripture: Isaiah 41:10-14
Romans 8:31-39

Sermon: "If God Be For Us"

30 First Sunday of Advent Communion
St. Andrew's Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5
Luke 2:25-32

Sermon: "Comfort Ye, My People"



Happy Thanksgiving!