

## WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to provide hybrid and virtual worship services for this Sunday. Services are currently livestreamed on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion) in real time, then archived to our website and Facebook page.

At First Presbyterian Church our mission is to worship, grow, and serve as followers of Jesus. From our youngest to our oldest, we seek to worship God in our actions, grow in God's love, and serve God's people in our community and around the world. We hope that you will come join us so we may personally extend a warm welcome. If you have any questions or particular prayer needs, please feel free to contact the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For more information visit our website at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org).

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Radio Broadcast-WWCH 94.1 FM every third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org) or a phone app is available at [sermon.net](http://sermon.net) (look for First Presbyterian Church—Clarion.) You can also choose to listen to an audio version. Simply pick the option that works best for you. Videos of Sunday worship are also posted on our Facebook page (see above).

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## CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

**Pastor:** Rev. Rebecca Mihm  
**Organist:** Jean Mitrosky  
**Director of Music:** Bonnie Champion  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Nesbitt  
**Secretary:** Debra Owens  
**Sexton:** Mike Hetrick  
**Sound Engineer:** Josh Deitz  
**Video Engineer:** Dan Willy

### Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Kathy Larimer	Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman
Elaine Matticks	Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer
Pam Reid	Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants

### Deacons:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Bonnie Champion	Kim Lewis	Robin Cable
Marianne Reynolds	Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble
Mary Swanger	Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** Rev. Rebecca Mihm  
**Lector:** Kathy Larimer  
**Time with Children:** Debra Owens  
**Director of Music:** Bonnie Champion  
**Organist:** Jean Mitrosky  
**Sound Engineer:** Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp  
**Video Engineer:** Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt  
**Acolytes:** Gavin Kunselman, Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy  
**Ushers in Charge:** Mary Swanger, Amy Widmer, Lori Smith

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m. Bells      9:30 a.m. Choir  
 10:00 a.m. Worship  
 No Sunday School  
 No Confirmation Class  
 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

3/24/2024

<b>Weekly Contributions</b>	
Envelope Contributions	\$2,170.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$194.50
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,364.50</b>
<b>Weekly Donations</b>	
Food Bags	\$200.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$25.00
April Rent—Head Start	\$1,245.00
Caring Callers	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,690.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,054.50</b>

## NOTES:

# First Presbyterian Church



*Resurrection Sunday*  
*March 31, 2024*



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

# We Gather in God’s Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

## Resurrection Sunday

### Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Kathy Larimer

### Prelude

*My Lord, What a Morning*

Robert Lau

### Chiming of the Trinity

### Introit

*Because You Live, O Christ*

Shirley Erena Murray

### Call to Worship

Look! A sliver of light across the horizon—the miracle of a new day.

**See! The stone is rolled away, and the angel calls from within.**

Feel! The freedom of our souls and the wonder of the Messiah’s gift of new life.

**Hear! The hallelujahs as we declare to the world, “He has risen!”**

### ✦Hymn No. 233

*The Day of Resurrection!*

### ✦Call to Confession

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we can approach God in confidence. So, in faith and humility, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### ✦Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we refuse to hear it. You send us out to share your love. Forgive us when we do not carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Forgive us when we stand in its way. For you are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

### ✦Declaration of Forgiveness

The love of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

Friends, believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### ✦Gloria Patri

# We Share God’s Word

### Time with the Children

Debra Owens

### Prayer of Illumination

Kathy Larimer

### First Scripture

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

(p. 565)

### Second Scripture

John 20:1-18

(p. 114)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“A Change of Plans”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

## Organ Interlude

### ✦Hymn No. 232

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

# We Give Thanks to God

### ✦Affirmation of Faith

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26*

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

### Call for the Offering

### Offering and Offertory

*An Easter Fanfare*  
(Handbell Accompaniment)

Besig/Price

### ✦Doxology

### ✦Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

# We Go Forth to Serve

### ✦Hymn No. 238

*Thine Is the Glory*

### ✦Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*Trmpet Tune on The Day of Resurrection!*

Jason D. Payne

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### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

### POSTLUDE

Please remember at the close of the service, the Postlude is a time to silently reflect on God and the mission to which we are called. We ask that you please remain silent and seated until the music has ended.

We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

### GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

### Monday, April 1

5:15 p.m. Community Team, Sisterhood Room

### Tuesday, April 2

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Step Down Room

### Wednesday, April 3

1:00 p.m. Caring Callers, Ministry Central

4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting, Food Bag Room

6:00 p.m. CE Team Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Ministry Central

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Step Down Room

### Thursday, April 4

4:00 p.m. Seed to Supper Class, Social Hall

No Bell Choir practice

### Next Sunday, April 7

9:30 a.m. Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

## PRAYER LIST

Ruth Ann Minnich

Randy Cable

Margy Port

Don McCord

Rick Goble

Robin Cable

Shirley McKinley

All our homebound members

Mary Biser

Charlotte Hartman

Kenneth Daugherty, Jr.

Ben McKinley

David Mahle

Laurie Dickey

Rebecca Irwin

Anthony Louder

Pat Hargest

Michael McConnell

Alice Davis

Alexandra Sharrar

Dr. Shannon Penland

Mary Kay Arth

Tracey & Jody Hall

Mason Martin and family

Angelo Gehenio

Jeri Reddinger

Joe Amato

Tom Minich

Rob Summerville

Evie Renwick

### Bereaved

Louise Swarm Family

Doris Mintz Family

### Around the World

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

### Homebound Member of the Week

Gail Baptist

42 E. 8th Avenue

Clarion, PA 16214

Her birthday is April 7th

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you purchased Easter Flowers, please remember to take them home with you today after worship.

This is the last day to apply for the Roma Kline & Wayne L. Fulton Scholarship.

**Bell Choir Practice times are changing to accommodate church functions and the Music Director's availability.** Bell practice on April 11 will be as follows: 5:00 p.m. Joyful Bells, 6:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy. Please be sure to mark any changes on your personal calendars.

**Mission's Coat Project continues.** The coat rack is on the walkway between the Ramp Room and the CE Building. Coats hung on the rack are for anyone who needs a coat. If you need a coat, please take one. If you have a coat or two that are new or still in great shape, hang them on the rack so someone else may be blessed with their warmth. New or gently-used boots are also needed.

