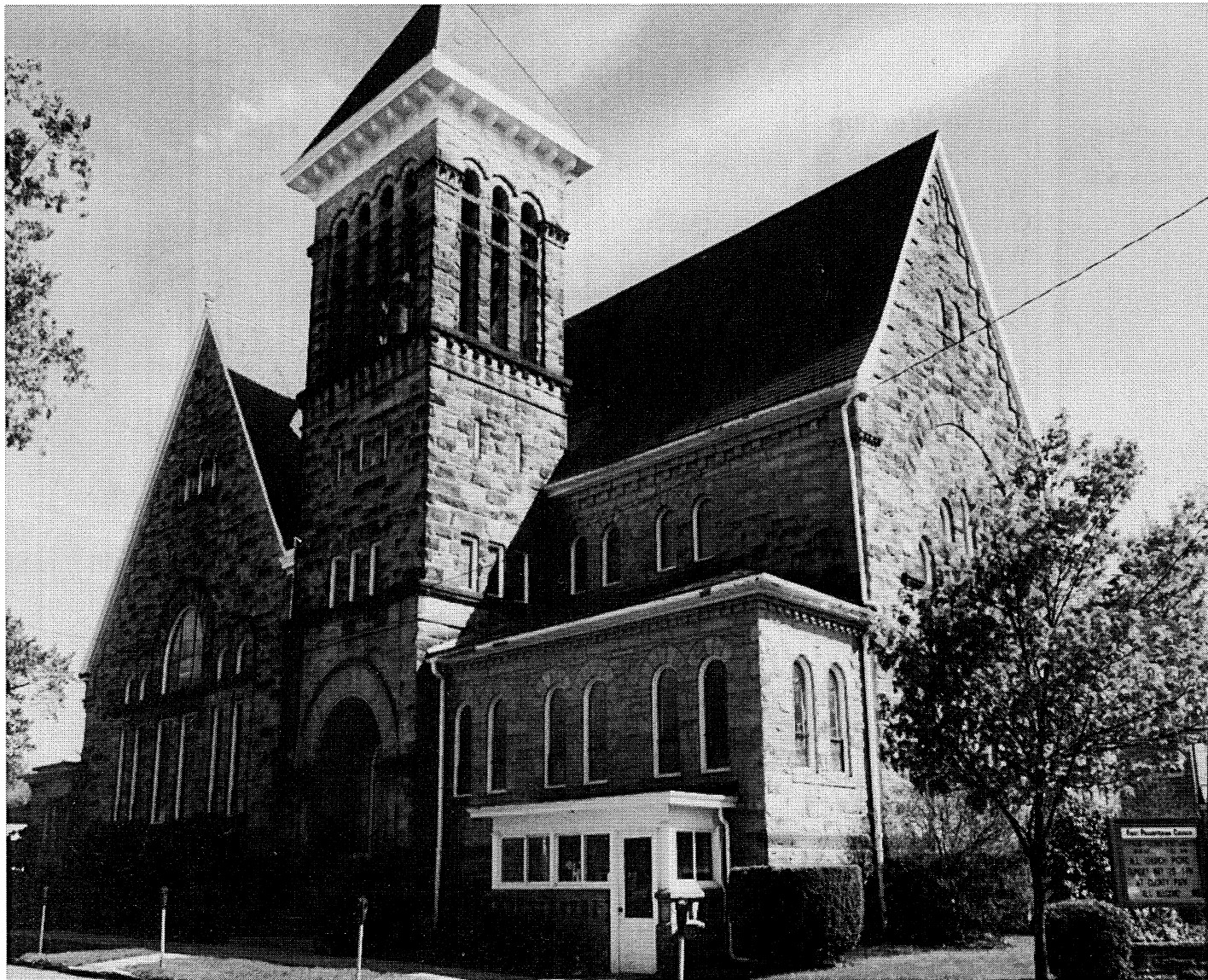


First Presbyterian Church



Children's Sunday
May 17, 2026



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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)

Youth Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Rebecca Mihm

Prelude

"The B-I-B-L-E"

All the Children

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

Chimes and Steel Tongue Drums

Introit

The Books of the Bible Song

All the Children

Eliana Starkey

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

Call to Worship

God loves us and has given us the Word to show us the way.

We rejoice.

God's Word comforts us and teaches us.

We rejoice.

Let us worship the God who loves us and never abandons us.

Let us worship the Lord.

✦ Call to Confession

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

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you have given us your Word but we seek advice elsewhere. You have given us a love letter, but we seek comforts in the world. You have shown us the way, but we act like we have no guide. Forgive us. Help us to look to you and your Word where we will find life, liberty, and love. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

✦ Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Psalms 119: 97-105

(pp. 568-569)

Second Scripture

2nd Timothy 3: 14-17

(p. 213)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Puppets: Read The Book

The Teens

Act 1—Read the Map; Song—*We're Gonna Read The Bible*

Act 2—Read the Manual; Song—*I Want It God's Way*

Act 3—Read the Love Letter; Song—*So Happy In Jesus*

"Yes, Jesus Loves Me" with chimes and steel tongue drums

All Children

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Larger Catechism 7.114

The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation. But the Spirit of God, bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very word of God.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Puppets: "Paying Your Tithe"

Nathan Myers

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Deep and Wide" with boomwackers

The Teens

Aliza Deitz
Andrew Scovel
Austin Myers
Clara Stants
Dean Stants
Emma Willy
Eva Kunselman
Gavin Kunselman

Grace Kunselman
Jeremy Willy
Kennedy Schmader
Logan Myers
Nathan Myers
Nathan Scovel
Olivia Schmader
Sawyer Kunselman

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.

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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 YouTube channel.

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, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

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

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at www.clarionfirstpresby.org or a phone app is available at 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: Ann Brooks
Secretary: Cindy Kapp
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>	<u>Class of 2028:</u>
Norma Kooman	Bill Champion	John Joy
Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas	Marianne Reynolds
Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer	Tammy Slike

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>	<u>Class of 2028:</u>
Robin Cable	Barb Beggs	Carolyn McFarland
Mary Swanger	Stacy Hoffman	Glenn Beichner
Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder	Joyce Alberta

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: The Teens
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes: Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy, Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion, Logan Myers

Ushers in Charge: Mary Swanger, Glenn Beichner, Lee Seitz

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Vesta and Richard Moore, by Carolyn McFarland.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship—Children's Service

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

5/10/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,070.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$47.00
Total	\$2,117.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$35.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$125.00
Total	\$2,297.00

NOTES

Monday, May 18

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle – Cindy Stants' Home

Tuesday, May 19

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

6:00 p.m. CE Team Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, May 21

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle—Marilyn's House

12:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle—Chapel

Saturday, May 23

10:00 a.m. Worship - Decorating for Pentecost

Sunday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship —Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

___ **Graduates** from High School and College (December 2025 and May/June 2026) will be recognized for their accomplishments during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 31, 2026. Be sure to complete the included form and submit it to the office no later than May 26, 2026. We would love to recognize all graduates, so please respond so that no one is left out.

___ **Roma Kline & Wayne L. Fulton Scholarship Fund** applications are now available in the church office and on the resources page of our website. The Fulton Scholarship is available to church members and children of church members who are full time students pursuing a bachelors or associate degree at an accredited college or university; both first year and subsequent year students. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher in high school or during their previous year of enrollment. Applicants are eligible to receive this scholarship twice. The Deadline is June 21, 2026.

—Donations to the **Fulton Scholarship Fund** are always accepted. Please make checks payable to “The Presbyterian Foundation,” designate Fulton Scholarship Fund on the notation line and send to the church office.

—**Our summer services need special music.** That won't happen without YOU! If you would like to sing a solo, sing a duet, or play an instrument I would love to put you on the schedule. Call me and volunteer for a Sunday. I know there are hidden talents out there! Why not add your name to a Sunday of your choice. Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Bonnie (814) 227-4302.

—**Members whose children** wish to attend Camp Lambec, contact the Mission Committee by May 31st for a scholarship.

PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Dorothy Jean Foreman
Isaac Solida
All our homebound members

Mary Biser
Charlotte Hartman
Ben McKinley
Anthony Louder
Pat Hargest
Alexandra Sharrar
Mary Kay Arth
Mason Martin and family
Rob Summerville
Cori
Chuck Reninger
Kay Caller
Amy Benhoff
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Shawn Martin
John McConnell
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Terry
Darlene Hargenrader
Bernice Yockey
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Emily Champion
Mark Willy
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)
A young mother and child

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Lynn Hefner
Archer Kunselman
Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Larry Jamison
Bill Peterson
Scott Apel
James Eaker
Gigi
Dave Williams
Kami (3 year old at Children's)

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US Military
Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

**Homebound Member
of the Week**

Dorothy Jean Foreman
Clarion Health Care & Rehab
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Clarion, Pa. 16214