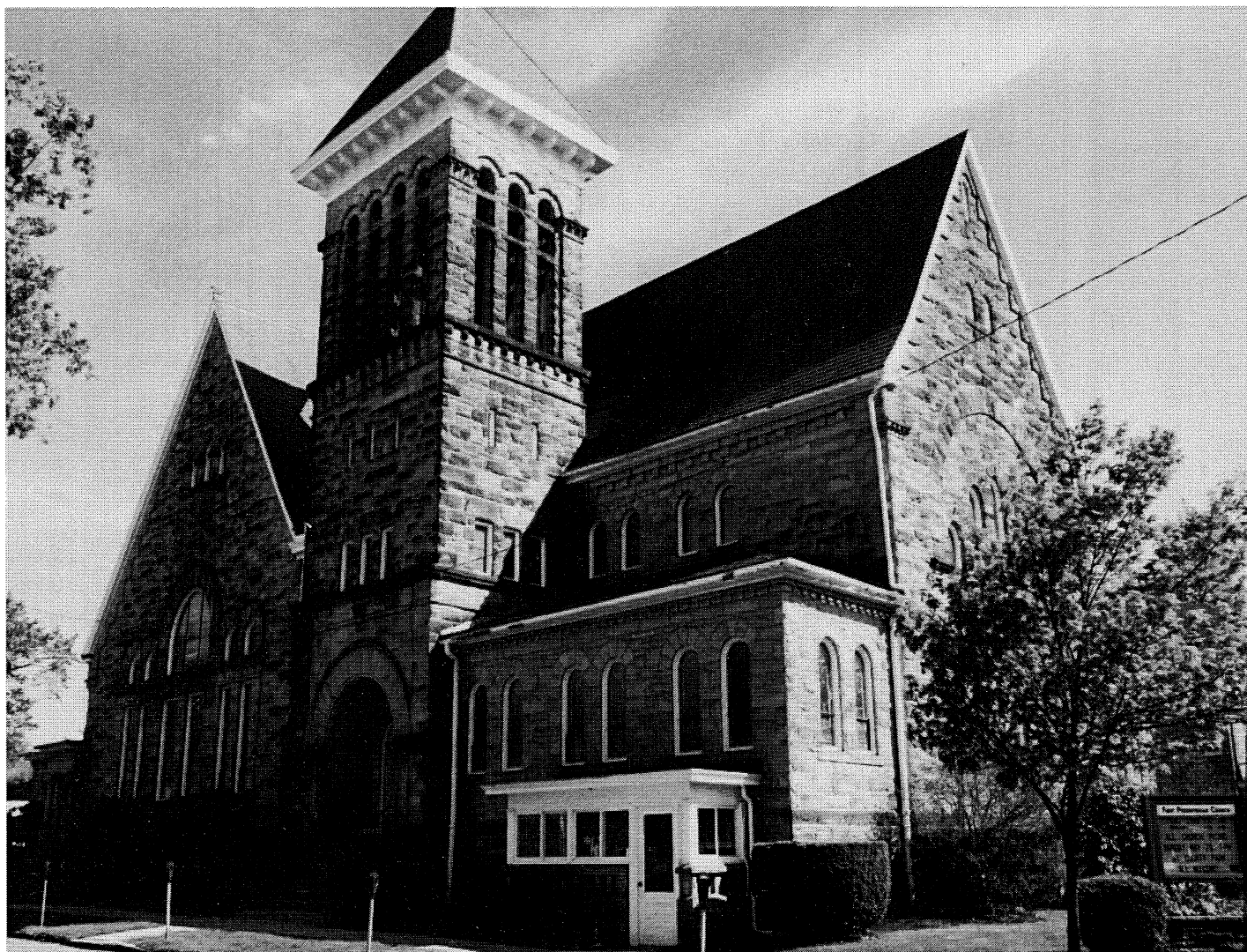


First Presbyterian Church



*12th Sunday After Pentecost
August 31, 2025*



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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)

12th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Jeff Deitz

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

Prelude

Follow Through
(soloist) Dana Solida

Chad Mattson, Jonathan Lowry,
Seth Mosley

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
Who delight in God's commandments,
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.
Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.
It is well with those who live in justice.
Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.
Let us praise the Lord!

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.

✠ Hymn No. 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ Gloria Patri

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

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Prayer of Illumination

Jeff Deitz

First Scripture

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

(p. 541)

Second Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14

(p. 77)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Motives, Manners, and Meals"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

Tuesday, September 2

8:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

10:30 a.m. Caring Callers

4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, September 7

10:00 a.m. Worship



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have put a name on the prayer list that no longer needs to be on that list, please inform the office.

Echoes of Joy and Joyful Bells will begin rehearsals on Sept. 4 at 5:00 and 6:00 respectfully. Please bring calendars so we can decide on dates to participate in worship.

Vocal Choir rehearsal will begin on Sept. 7 after worship and our first Sunday to participate in worship will be Sept. 14.

If anyone is interested in joining either the bell choir or vocal choir, please contact Bonnie before Sept. 4 or Sept. 7. Her number is 814-764-3886. Thank you.

"Taking Faith Home" will now be on the table in the Ramp Room by the bulletins. Please help yourself if you would like one.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Sept 1, 2025 for the Labor Day Holiday.

PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Margy Port
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Ruth Ann Minich
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Pat McConnell
Jill Siegel
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Josh Deitz
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
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Rev. Robin Sharp
Kathy Meley
Shawn Martin
Clayton Hayden & family
John McConnell
A 2-year-old with eye cancer
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer
Terry Wensel
Kathy Lahr
Carolyn McFarland's son,

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Mike
Nina Faust Joslin
Mike Hiles
Alec Booth
Greg Nesbitt
Barb Funk
Brian Galbraith
Terry
Denny Hickman
Elise Burns Pasles
Darlene
Sara Riggins
Ralph Williams
Jayden Siewicki
Jesse Siewicki
Logan Lutz
Lindsay Schmader
Sherrie Kapp
Bernice Yockey
Bill Burnsworth

Bereaved: Remember the friends and family of:

Charles Cauvel
Jennifer Eaker
Dan Stitt
Evie Renwick
Marcella Seitz
Margy Port

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

Homebound Member of the Week

Kay Fye
Purple Iris Personal Care
103 North 13th St. Rm. 2
Franklin, Pa. 16323
(Tamalyn Gobel's mother)

We Give Thanks to God

✦Affirmation of Faith 8.14 Theological Declaration of Barmen
As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory Fear Not Jeff Pardo, Paul Duncan,
(soloist) Dana Solida Riley Clemmons

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 735 I Need Thee Every Hour

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Lani Smith

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 thru Friday.

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 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman	Bill Champion
Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas
Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Kim Lewis	Robin Cable	Barb Beggs
Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble	Stacy Hoffman
Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Jeff Deitz
Time with Children: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
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
Ushers in Charge: Robin Cable, Lori Smith, Doug Bills

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, by Judy and Ron Montgomery.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

8/24

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,275.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$186.09</u>
Total Contributions	\$1,461.09

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$385.00
Rental Income-Head Start	\$1,245.00
Parking Permits	\$100.00
Donation Property	\$500.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Mission/School Supplies	\$50.00
Donation Music Fund	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$2,800.00
Total	\$4,261.09

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