

First Presbyterian Church



*The 4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 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)

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Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Bill Champion

Prelude

A Festive Intrada
Joyful Bells

Cynthia Dobrinski

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

We are a holy tapestry of mystery and meaning,
a fine garment of divine blessing and human care,
a gentle weave of deep sighs and fervent prayers,
a piece of art woven with whispers and exclamation points.
We are God's tapestry —
Touched with mystery and filled with meaning.

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

✦ Hymn No. 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Amen.

✦ Silent Confession

✦ Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed and made whole.

Alleluia. Amen.

✦ 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. Gary Lyon

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

(p. 166)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12

(p. 4)

Organ Interlude

Hymn No. 824

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

From The Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to God’s self. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations! Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

A Simple Celebration

Joyful Bells

Kevin McChesney

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 172

Blest Are They

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The Festive Trumpet

Brian Glyncannon

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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.

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 Thursday.

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

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

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CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor:	Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector:	Cindy Stants
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. Gary Lyon
Lector:	Bill Champion
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:	Joey & Ashley Kunselman, Mary Swanger

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday School

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY 1/25/26

NOTES: