

First Presbyterian Church



*4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026*



700 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214

814-226-8145

churchoffice@clarionfirstpresby.org

www.clarionfirstpresby.org

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)

4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Cindy Stants

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

Prelude

The Lord's My Shepherd

Mark Sedio

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

I Will Exalt My God, My King

Call to Worship

We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us, and so we find peace and give thanks.

The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.

Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy, we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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. 187**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

✠ **Call to Confession**

✠ **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious God, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so. In Jesus' 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

Time with the Children

Cindy Stants

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

1st Peter 2: 19-25

(pp. 233-234)

Second Scripture

Ezekiel 34: 7-15

(p. 803)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God, the True Shepherd"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

Hymn No. 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

11.2 Brief Confession of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.

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.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

The Lord's My Shepherd

Carl F. Mueller

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

Matthew McConnell

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, 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).

All rights reserved. All sheet music uploaded to our website (clarionfirstpresby.org) for use with this worship service has been reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net #A-727612 or reprinted with permission under Church Copyright License ® A-21963031, all rights reserved. Livestreamed music is with permission under CCLI Streaming Plus.

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. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Cindy Stants
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: Carolyn McFarland, Robin Cable, Jana Scovel, Aubrey Scovel

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Norma Kooman, by Pauline Henry.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

4/19/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$6,874.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$170.00
Per Capita	\$40.00
	\$7,084.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$300.00
Men's Fellowship	\$120.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$40.00
Christmas Joy	\$40.00
Pentecost	\$40.00
Christian Education	\$100.00
Presbyterian Disaster Aid	\$50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$25.00
	\$715.00

Total	\$7,799.00
--------------	-------------------

NOTES

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
Karen McMillen
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Emily Champion
Mark Willy
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Jenn Yockey
A young mother and child
Lynn Hefner
Archer Kunselman
John Kerr
Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Larry Jamison
Bill Peterson
Scott Apel

Around the World

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

**Homebound Member
of the Week**

Beverly Wentling
157 S. 5th Ave. Apt. 301
Clarion, Pa. 16214

Tuesday, April 28

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 30

5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice

5:30 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell Practice

Sunday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Handbell Practice

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School

—**SAVE THE DATE!** May 9th will be clean-up day at the church and manse grounds. 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Rain date will be May 16th.

—**Church office hours** are Mon. Wed. and Thurs. 9:00am-3:00pm.

Prayer Workshop—May 4th: If you've ever wanted to learn a different way of praying than your usual approach, this is your chance! On Monday, May 4th, at 7 PM, Deb Owens will be leading a workshop on prayer. She will talk about two types of prayer, and then we will have some shared time learning how to use them. Deb is in a Spiritual Formation class at the seminary. One of the assignments is teaching others about different forms of prayer. This workshop is open to anyone in our congregation who wishes to attend. Please use the sign-up sheet in the ramp room so we can have enough materials on hand for everyone.

Copyrights:

Prelude: "The Lord's My Shepherd" Contributors: Mark Sedio. Words and music © 1995 Lorenz Publishing Corporation. Livestreamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-727612, all rights reserved.

Introit: "I Will Exalt My God, My King ." Contributors: Mary Louise Bringle. Tet: Estrofa 2 tr. © 2011, GIA Publications, Inc. Livestreamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-727612, all rights reserved.

1st Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" From Glory to God #187. Words by Dorothy Thrupp, music by William Batchelder Bradbury. Arranged by Jim Arlov © Copyright 1992 by (Hinshaw Music.) Administered worldwide by the Fred Bock Publishing Group. All rights reserved. Livestreamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-727612, all rights reserved.

2nd Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" from Glory to God #802. Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10. Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish melody. Contributors: St. Columba, Henry Baker. Livestreamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-727612, all rights reserved.

Offertory: "The Lord's My Shepherd" Contributors: Carl F. Mueller. Words and music: © 1995 Lorenz Publishing Corp. Livestreamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A727612, all rights reserved.

3rd Hymn: "The Lord's My Shepherd" From Glory to God #801. Text: Scottish Psalter, 1650. Music: Jesse Seymore Irvine, 1872; Harm. T.C.L. Prichard, 1929. Music Harm. © 1929 Oxford University Press. Livestreamed with permission under CCLI Streaming Plus License™ A-21963031, all rights reserved.

Postlude: Postlude on "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" Contributors: Matthew McConnell. Tune: © 2018 Lorenz Corporation (admin. by Music Services) All rights reserved ASCAP Text: © 2018 Lorenz Corporation (admin. by Music Services) All rights reserved. ASCAP. Livestreamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-727612, all rights reserved.