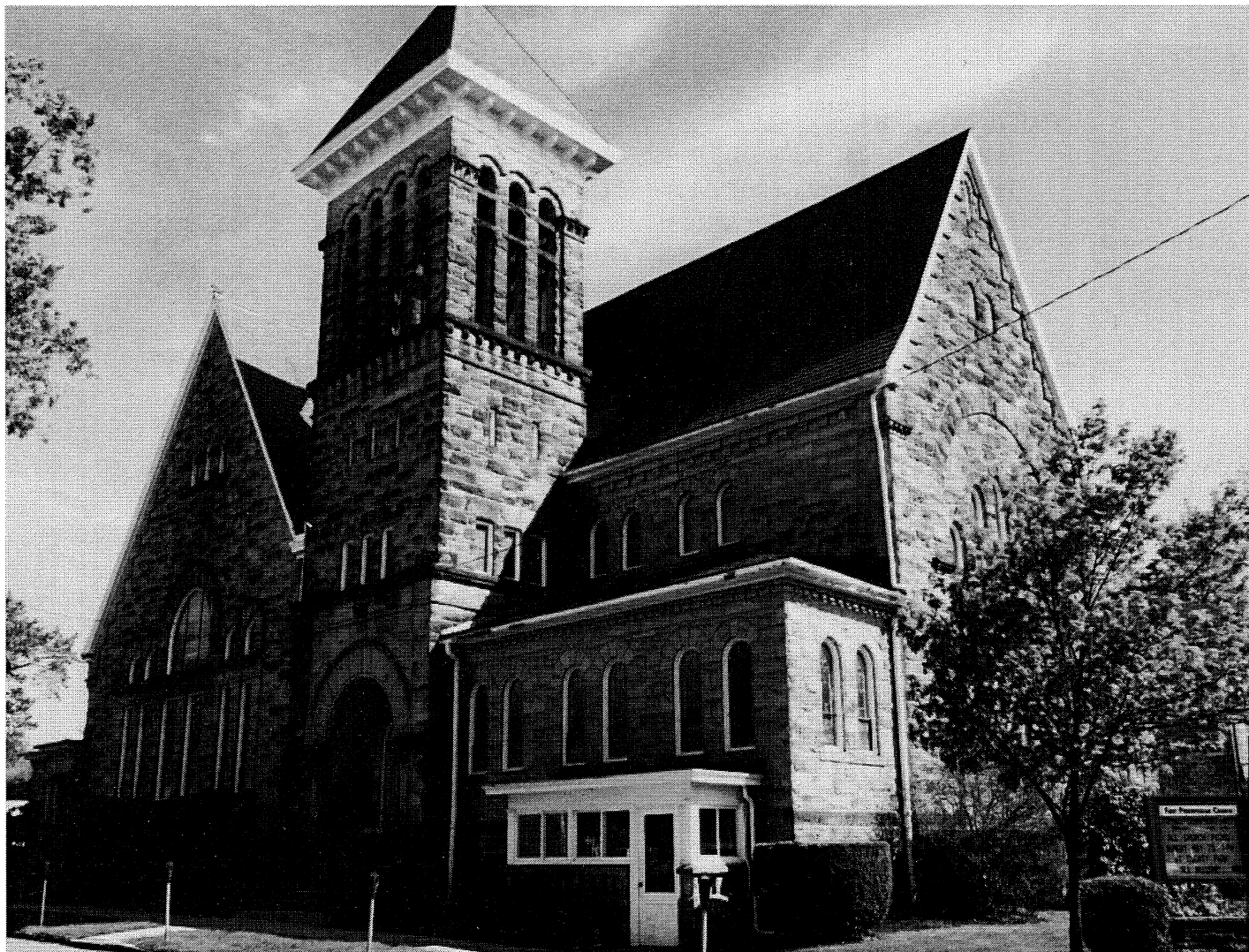


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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*14th Sunday After Pentecost  
September 14, 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)

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, John Joy

Prelude

*Cleansing Fountain*

Gilbert M. Martin

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

*To God Be the Glory*

Call to Worship

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
**That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**  
Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended.  
**God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,**  
for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them,  
**so we boldly come to make an offering of worship to the God of mercy,**  
who seeks and saves the lost.  
**Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!**

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

✦ Hymn No. 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Create in us clean hearts, O God, cast out any transgression you find there—ransack, renovate, redecorate! Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features and restore your original design. The old lamps are dim; bring new light into the darkness. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom, so the hearts you transform may rejoice. 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

John Joy

First Scripture

Psalm 14

(p. 495)

Second Scripture

1st Timothy 1:12-17

(p. 208)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Mercy"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

**Tuesday, September 16**

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

**Wednesday, September 17**

6:00 p.m. CE Team

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, September 18**

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle - Parlor

12:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle - Chapel

4:30 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell practice

5:30 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell practice

**Saturday, September 20**

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast—Social Hall



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

-There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on September 14th for the purpose of accepting a grant to enhance the engagement of children in corporate worship.

-There will be a Blessing of the Pets on Friday, September 19th at 5:30pm at the Aharrah Pavilion. There will be hot dogs and ice cream. Bring your pet (s) or a picture of your pet (s). Let's enjoy a time of fellowship!

-Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on 9/20/25 at 8:00a.m. in the Social Hall. Breakfast will be followed by speaker. For more information contact Bill Champion 814-221-0243.

## PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable  
Shirley McKinley  
Pauline Henry  
Jeff Deitz  
Mary Ann Lees  
Greg Rhoads  
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  
Kathy Meley  
Shawn Martin  
Clayton Hayden & family  
John McConnell  
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer  
Terry Wensel  
Kathy Lahr  
Nina Faust Joslin  
Mike Hiles  
Alec Booth  
Greg Nesbitt  
Barb Funk  
Brian Galbraith

## PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Terry  
Denny Hickman  
Elise Burns Pasles  
Darlene  
Sara Riggins  
Ralph Williams  
Sherrie Kapp  
Bernice Yockey  
Bill Burnworth  
Colleen Donovan  
Steve Payne  
Michelle Pyrich  
Nashir

### Bereaved: Remember the friends and family of:

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

Tim Fulton  
Clarion Health Care & Rehab  
999 Heidrick St.  
Clarion, Pa. 16214

We Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Kyrie

Matthew Armstrong

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant—Sally Hall

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Dale Wood

Congregational Meeting

**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 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](http://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](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:** 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:** Kathy Larimer  
**Time with Children:** Lector  
**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:** Tamalyn Goble, Amy Widmer, Monta Rader

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of her parents, by Carolyn McFarland.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

9/7/25

### Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$6,980.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$297.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$7,277.00</b>

### Weekly Donations

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$25.00
Men's Fellowship	\$920.00
Food Bags	\$1,100.00
Blessing Box	\$300.00
Rummage Sale	\$100.00
PMEF Distribution	\$17,873.10
	<b>\$20,318.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,595.10</b>

## NOTES: