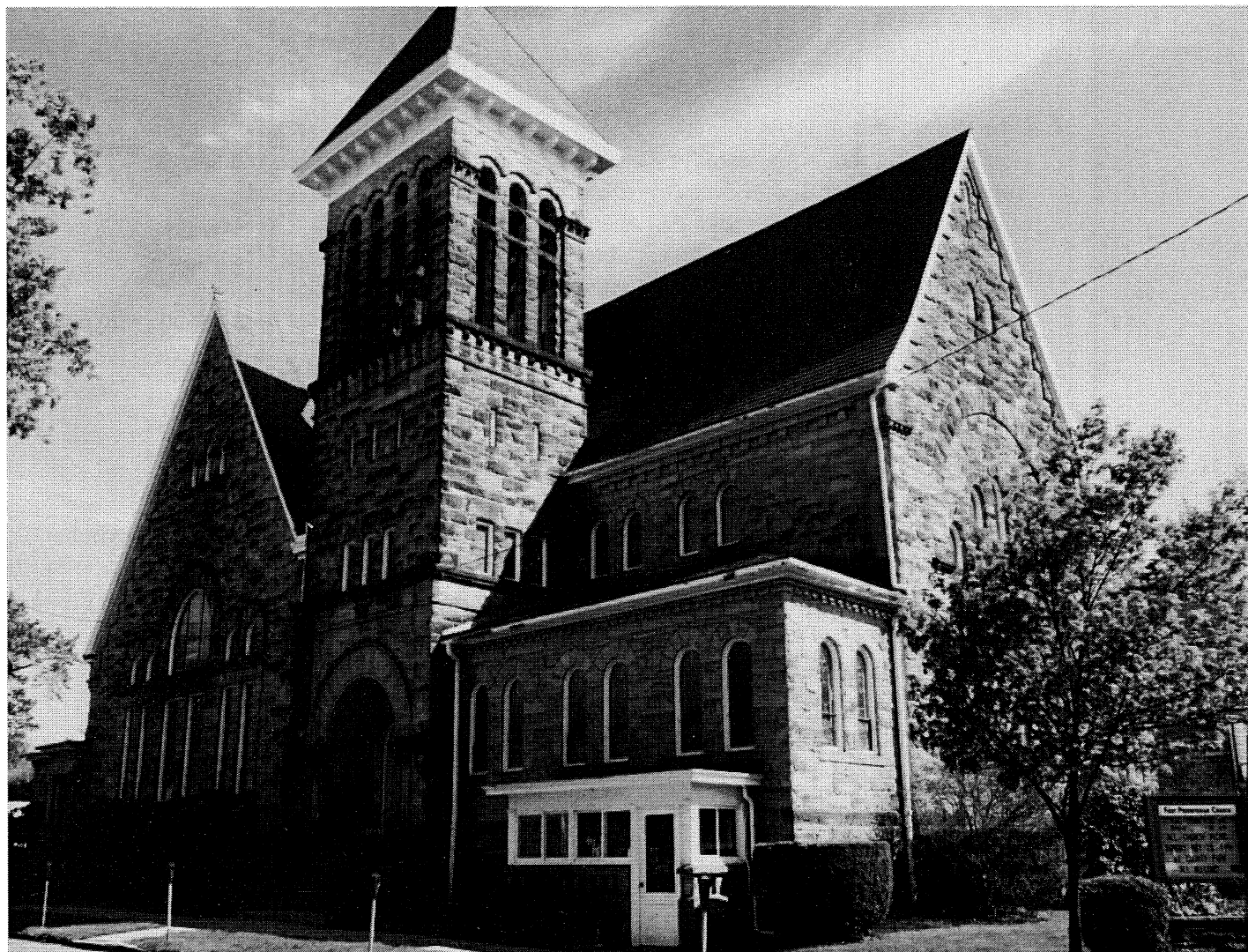


First Presbyterian Church



Rwanda Partnership Sunday
September 21, 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)

Rwanda Partnership Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Kathy Larimer

Prelude

Air

Johann Sebastian Bach

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Come All You People

Call to Worship

Remember, O people, the needs of the poor and the suffering of the downtrodden,
for God our Savior desires everyone to know the truth that they are loved.

God will raise the poor from the dust and make them sit with princes.

So let us offer supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone,
for the Lord is high above all nations, yet nothing is below God's notice.

**There is one God; and in Christ Jesus one mediator between God and humankind, who out of love
gave himself as a ransom.**

Praise the Lord!

✦ Hymn No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

✦ Call to Confession

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived out these commandments completely, let us now confess our sins to God, trust Christ our Savior and Lord.

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives—that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with conditions. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be the imitators of Christ in love and service. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, we know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace—in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

✦ Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Prayer of Illumination

Kathy Larimer

First Scripture

1st Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-13

(p. 174)

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

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.

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

Monday, September 22

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

Tuesday, September 23

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, September 24

6:30 p.m. Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Session—chapel

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 25

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

5:30 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell practice

Sunday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

_Today is Rwanda Partnership Sunday. The Presbytery of Gitarama (Rwanda's presbytery) and Kiskiminetas Presbytery (FPC Clarion's presbytery) will be using the same order of worship, meaning that we will read the same passages, say the same prayers, sing the same hymns, etc. Let us remember our partners and celebrate our partnership.

Grace and Peace,

Rebecca

_The Deacons are planning to once again celebrate an Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving on Friday, November 21. We are asking for volunteers to share the work and help us make this fellowship time a success. If you think you might be able to help, please sign the sheet in the ramp room. You will be contacted in November. Joy—The Deacons

_Next Sunday, 9/28/25, we will welcome Rev. Lisa Lyons to the pulpit.

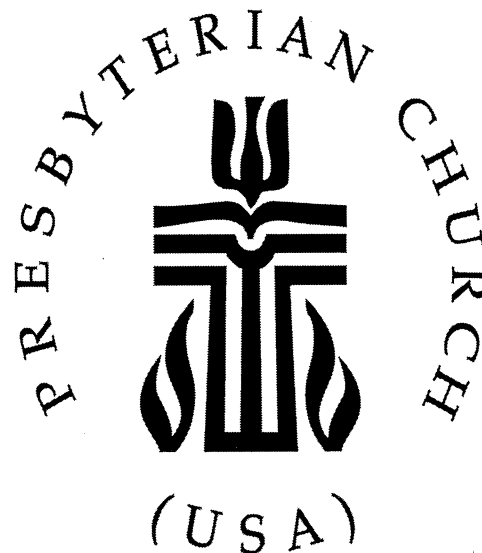
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PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Josh Deitz
Jim McConnell
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

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Brian Galbraith and family
Terry
Denny Hickman
Elise Burns Pasles
Darlene Hargenrader
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

Beverly Wentling
157 S. 5th Ave. Apt. 301
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Sermon

“Shrewd Dude”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦Hymn No. 697

Take My Life

We Give Thanks to God

Affirmation of Faith

1.1-1.3 Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

He Is Mine

Arr. By Hal Hopson

(Soloists) Jeff Kapp, Cindy Kapp, Elaine Matticks

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 658

God is So Good

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The Awakening

Edward Broughton

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 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: 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: Lee Seitz, Dave Larimer, Kim Lewis

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of his parents, Glenn and Emogene Slabe, by Glenn Beichner.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

9/14/25

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,820.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$95.00
Total Contributions	\$1,915.00

Weekly Donations

Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Food Bags	\$35.00
Caring Callers	\$25.00
	\$80.00

	\$1,995.00
Total	\$20,082.84

NOTES: