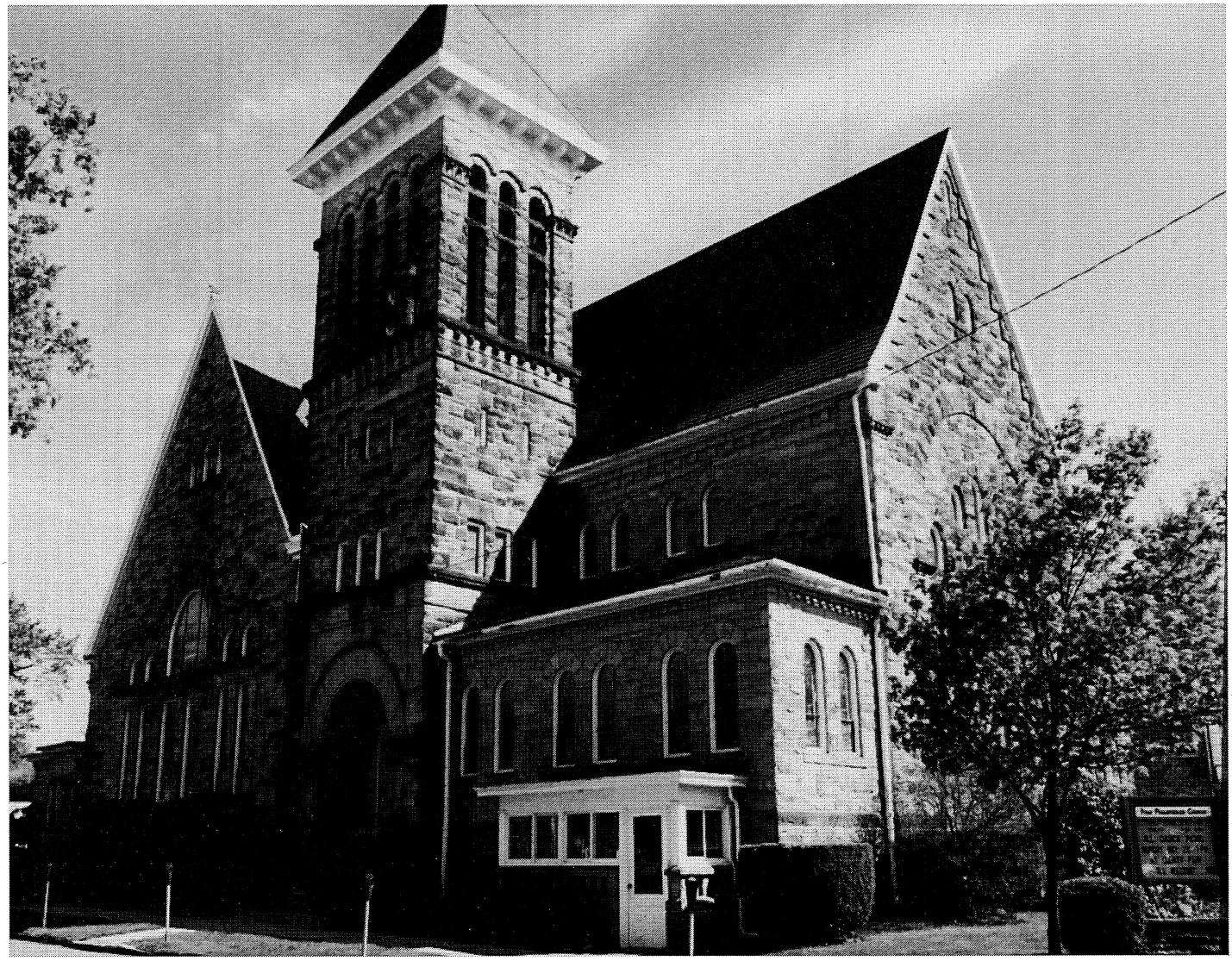
First Presbyterian Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 25th, 2026
Reformation Sunday



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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)

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements Lector, John Joy

Procession of the Banners *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!*

Call to Worship

God is our dwelling place:

God gathers us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

God is our dwelling place:

God gathers us into community with all people to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

God is our dwelling place:

God gathers us into community with all creation to live in harmony, to grow and thrive.

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

✟Hymn No. 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

✟Call to Confession

✟Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of love, your commandments are so simple: love God and love our neighbor. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from you. 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 Kara Willy

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Matthew 22: 34-46 (p. 25)

Second Scripture Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18 (p. 106)

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

Sermon "God and Us" Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✟Hymn No. 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

We Give Thanks To God

✟Affirmation of Faith 10.7 The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps the orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory *One Step He Leads* Pepper Choplin

✟Doxology

✟ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth To Serve

✟Hymn No. 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

✟Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Foundation* Bonnie Barrett

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, 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).

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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:

Class of 2026	Class of 2027:	Class of 2028:
Norma Kooman	Bill Champion	John Joy
Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas	Marianne Reynolds
Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer	Tammy Slike

Deacons:

Class of 2026:	Class of 2027:	Class of 2028:
Robin Cable	Barb Beggs	Carolyn McFarland
Mary Swanger	Stacy Hoffman	Glenn Beichner
Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder	Joyce Alberta

Worship Notes

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Organist:	Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer:	Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer:	Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes:	Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion, Logan Myers, Grace Kunselman, Kennedy Schmader, Dean Stants

Ushers in Charge: Robin Cable, Amy Widmer, Carolyn McFarland, Steve Rivera

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Pauline Henry, by Jim & Pat McConnell.

Today's Schedule

8:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal/Banner Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School—CE Building
11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.	Lunch at Eagle Commons

Weekly Deposit Summary 10/18/26

Weekly Contributions	
Envelope Contributions	$1,115.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	$255.00
	$1,370.00
Weekly Donations	
Food Bags	$300.00
Men's Fellowship	$20.00
Blessing Box	$200.00
Caring Callers	$25.00
Funeral Services Donations	$150.00
AA Donation	$60.00
	$755.00
Total	**$2,125.00**

This Week at First Presby

Tuesday, October 27

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, October 28

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meeting-Sisterhood Rm.
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting-Chapel
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, October 29

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

Sunday, November 1

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

Announcements

Calling all Cantata Singers!

We will have our first cantata read thru next Sunday, Nov. 1 following our worship service (11:00). I know this is early to begin, but Dec. 20th will be here before you know it. If you cannot make it for this first rehearsal, please let me know so that a book can be saved for you. Can't wait!! Bonnie Champion

The Fellowship Team cordially invites you to join us at Eagle Commons for brunch today. You can join us either after church at 11:00 or after Sunday School at noon.
Cost for the all-you-can-eat brunch is $12.50. The Fellowship Team will pay for any children who are coming with their families.

Announcements (Continued)

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Prayer List

Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Ron Montgomery
Jim McConnell
Jean Mitrosky
Molly Giering and family
Pam Reid
Ruth Ann Minich
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
Don Neiderriter
Shawn Martin
John McConnell
Alec Booth
Darlene Hargenrader
Bernice Yockey
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Mark Willy
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)
Lynn Hefner
Archer Kunselman
Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Gigi

Prayer List (Continued)

Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman
Cynthia Copenhaver
Melissa McNutt
Dale Wentling
Galen Shirey
Terry

Around the World

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

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

Jill Siegel

Homebound Member of the Week

Gail Baptist
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