

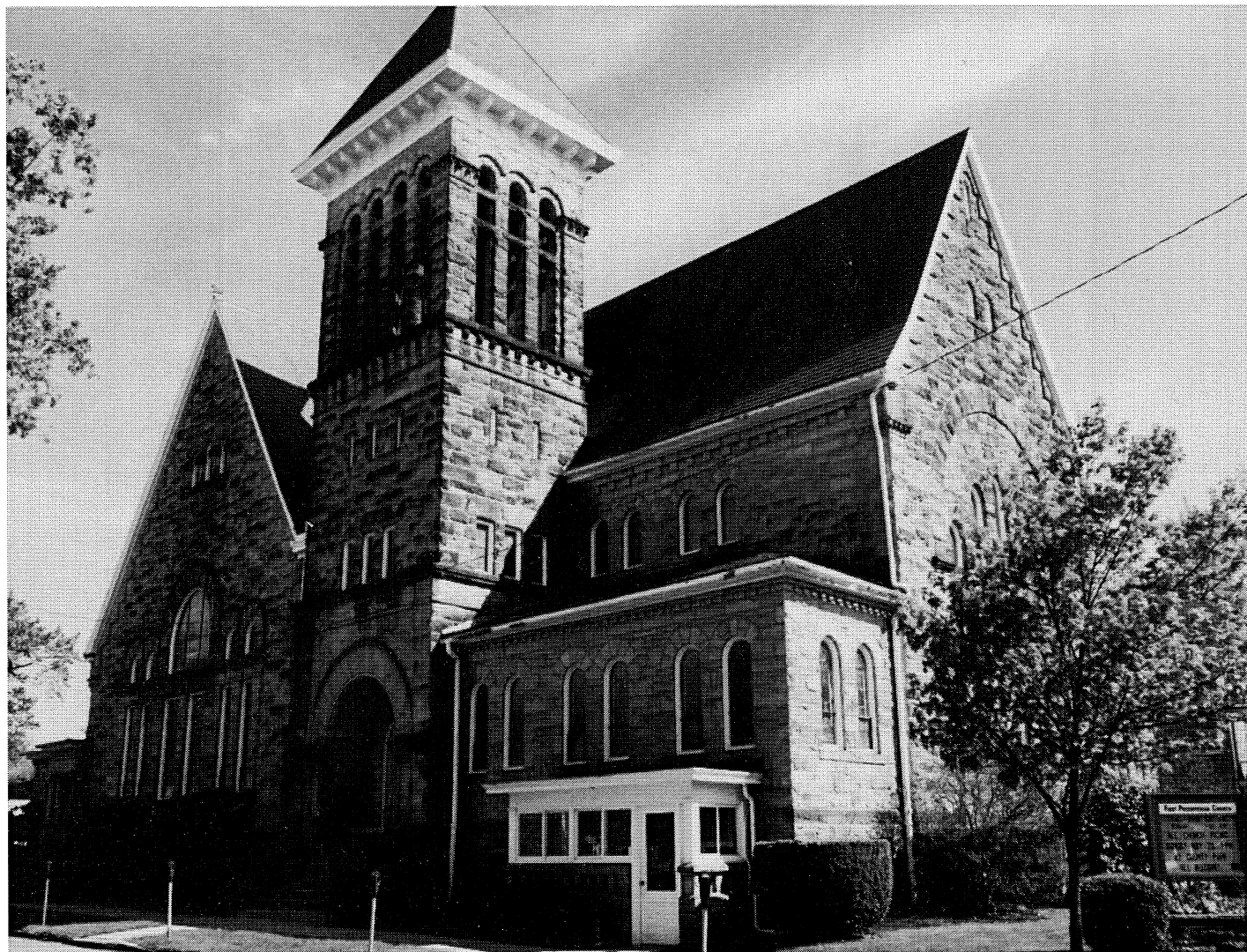
First Presbyterian Church



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024



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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, Robin Cable

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

Prelude

Lord Jesus, My Life, My Light

J. S. Bach, arr. Lani Smith

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

O God, You Are My God

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

Call to Worship

Lord Jesus, here we are to worship and praise you.

Lord, you clothe the lilies, you feed the birds of the sky.

You lead the lambs to pasture.

Lord Jesus, here we are to worship and praise you.

You lead the deer to the waterside.

You multiplied loaves and fishes,

And changed water into wine.

Here, now, change and transform our lives.

Remind us, Lord Jesus, that when we live in you,

We are new people—new beings—filled with your love!

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

✦ Hymn No. 838

Standing on the Promises

✦ Call to Confession

If we walk in the light, as Jesus is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin,

We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,

He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins

And purify us from all unrighteousness.

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separates us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out fear and binds us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✦ Assurance of Pardon

Raise your heads now and face your freedom.

For you are forgiven.

Your future is open.

You are free to live...

We are not free of the consequence of our actions, but we are free to live and become.

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

Debra Owens

Prayer of Illumination

Robin Cable

Old Testament Reading	Numbers 27:12-23	(p. 147)
New Testament Reading	I Timothy 3:1-7	(p. 208)
The words of scripture, inspired by God.		
Thanks be to God.		

Sermon	“Who Should I Vote For?”	Rev. Gary Lyon
Organ Interlude		
✦Hymn No. 451	<i>Open My Eyes that I Might See</i>	

We Give Thanks to God

✠Affirmation of Faith	(Adapted from the Belhar Confession)
We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others.	

Call for the Offering		
Offering and Offertory	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God</i>	Carl Mueller

- ✦Doxology
- ✦Prayer of Dedication

- Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
- All Saints Prayer and Necrology List

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 353	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>
✦Charge and Benediction	

Postlude	<i>Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above</i>	Franklin Ritter
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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 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: Debra Owens
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Kathy Larimer	Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman
Elaine Matticks	Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer
Pam Reid	Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Bonnie Champion	Kim Lewis	Robin Cable
Marianne Reynolds	Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble
Mary Swanger	Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman

WORSHIP NOTES

Guest Preacher: Rev. Gary Lyon
Lector: Robin Cable
Time with Children: Debra Owens
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
Ushers in Charge: Marianne & David Reynolds, Monta Rader

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in honor of my mother Alice Davis, by Marianne Reynolds.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:00 a.m. Sunday School, Children and Adults

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

10/27/2024

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,825.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$347.00
Total Contributions	\$2,172.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$25.00
Men's Fellowship	\$40.00
Head Start Rent—Oct and Nov	\$2,490.00
Caring Callers	\$25.00
PDA Buckets	\$150.00
Total	\$2,730.00

Total \$4,902.00

Online Donations Aug. 2024, Deposited Sept. 2024

Offering Contributions	\$630.84
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Online Donations Sept. 2024, Deposited Oct. 2024

Offering Contributions	\$592.10
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Grand Total \$6,124.94

NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Tuesday, November 5

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting, Step Down Room

Wednesday, November 6

1:00 p.m. Caring Callers

4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Step Down Room

Thursday, November 7

5:30 p.m. Echoes Bell Rehearsal

No Joyful Bells Rehearsal

Next Sunday, November 10

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

12:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disaster Clean-Up Buckets: The Mission Team is putting together clean-up buckets and hygiene kits to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. We are coordinating with Church World Service. The need is great and any help is much appreciated. If you choose to donate, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with "clean-up buckets" on the memo line.

Cantata Rehearsal begins next Sunday, November 10, after regular choir rehearsal ends, approximately 12:00 p.m.

Our Annual Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving Returns! The dinner will be on Friday, November 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Deacons will provide Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, and Stuffing. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish to share. This is not open to the general public, but if you decide to bring a guest, please note that so the Deacons have enough food. Sign up sheets will be in the Ramp Room. They are asking that you bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Blessing Box.

Mission's Coat Project continues. The coat rack is on the walkway between the Ramp Room and the CE Building. Coats hung on the rack are for anyone who needs a coat. If you need a coat, please take one. If you have a coat or two that are new or still in great shape, hang them on the rack so someone else may be blessed with their warmth. New or gently-used tennis shoes or boots are also needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable	Peggy Seigworth
Margy Port	Jerry Deitz
Shirley McKinley	Greg Rhoads
Pauline Henry	Elizabeth
Ruth Ann Minich	Don Neideritter
All our homebound members	Michael Kurtas, Jr.

Mary Biser
Charlotte Hartman
Kenneth Daugherty, Jr.
Ben McKinley
Laurie Dickey
Anthony Louder

Pat Hargest
Alice Davis
Alexandra Sharrar
Dr. Shannon Penland
Mary Kay Arth
Mason Martin and family
Angelo Gehenio
Joe Amato
Rob Summerville

Evie Renwick
Cori
Chuck Reninger
Sara Bennefield
Grace Carroll
Mike Hiles
Kay Caller
Bertie Gibson
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman
Lori Beth
Ryan Cornicki

Bereaved

Please remember the friends and family of:
Don McCord

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

Homebound Member of the Week

Kay Fye
11981 Rt. 338
Knox, PA 16232
(Tam Goble's mother)

NOVEMBER 3, 2024
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

taking faith home

Our hope and strength is in God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
Wednesday	Titus 2:11-15	Teach sound doctrine
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:12-18	Ministers of the new covenant
Friday	Colossians 1:24-29	Paul's service to the church
Saturday	Psalms 24	Entrance into the temple
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And he [God] will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all people, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Isaiah 25:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, as we grieve those whom we have lost, we thank you that through Christ Jesus we see your glory and have hope in the resurrection. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the earth is yours and all that is in it; for this meal we give you thanks for your care that knows no end through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with hope in Christ.



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NOVEMBER 3, 2024
HYMN OF THE WEEK
For All the Saints

taking faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who do you think about on All Saints Day? Think or tell a story about that person.
- What would you want to ask God about life after death?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 11:32-44 and Psalm 24.

We do not know what death is like for ourselves. We do know that when we experience the death of a loved one, it leads us to grieve. Even Jesus grieved, was deeply moved, and “greatly disturbed” (John 11:33, 38) at the death of his friend Lazarus. As we face the death of loved ones on All Saints Sunday, we turn to and lean on the strength and promise of God. Amidst our deep sorrow, we look to our God in Jesus Christ, the one whom death could not conquer.

During the remembrance of All Saints, Psalm 24 allows us to praise God for God’s victory. Our grief is comforted by God’s power over death and the painful separation from those deceased. Our hope and strength—and that of loved ones whose lives we remember—is in the King of glory, the Lord, “strong and mighty” (Psalm 24:8). Our faith in Christ comforts us to know that we have the God who grieves with us and who gives us victory over death.

Discuss: What gives you comfort and strength as you grieve the death of a loved one?

Pray: God of glory and might, help us to remember loved ones who have died with hope and comfort through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord who reigns with you now and always. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out to someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saint’s Day is the day after All Hallows’ Eve (Halloween). It is when we remember our loved ones who have died and all the saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. One tradition on this day is to light a candle for those who have died. Consider placing a picture of those you remember on this day next to a candle. Think or tell stories about loved ones.

Light the candle and pray: Lord God, thank you for the hope of eternal life and the life of (name/s). Help us to live for you each day. Amen.



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org