

First Presbyterian Church



*Rwanda Partnership Sunday
September 20th, 2026*



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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

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Marianne Reynolds

Prelude

Simple Gifts

Tom Birchwood

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Come All You People

Call to Worship

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

✦ Hymn No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

✦ Call to Confession

✦ 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 that 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, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✦ Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Marianne Reynolds

Bible Presentation

Acolyte Recognition

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Exodus 16: 2-15 (pp. 62-63)

Second Scripture 2nd Thessalonians 1: 11-12 (p. 206)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Glorifying Christ Through Our Lives" Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 697 *Take My Life*

We Give Thanks To God

✦ Affirmation of Faith 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.

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 *"He Is Mine!"*
Soloists: Jeff Kapp, Cindy Kapp, Elaine Matticks

Arr. by Hal Hopson
Djembe: Zach Covington

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

✦ 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 *"Immortal, Invisible"* Franklin Ritter

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:

<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: Marianne Reynolds
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: Joyce Alberta, Joey Kunselman, Janna Scovel

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School—CE Building

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

9/13/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,775.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	<u>\$149.00</u>
	\$1,924.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$185.00
Mission Donation	\$100.00
Men's Fellowship	\$40.00
Rental Income	\$1,245.00
ALF Parking	\$80.00
New Covenant Fund—Memorial	\$100.00
Property/Bat Control	<u>\$50.00</u>
	\$1,800.00

Total	\$3,724.00
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Monday, September 21

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle—Bonnie Champion's

Tuesday, September 22

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Mtg.—Sisterhood Rm.

7:00 p.m. Session Mtg.—Chapel

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 24

11:00 a.m. Randy Cable—Celebration of Life

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

Sunday, September 27

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

—If anyone would like to donate to the bat abatement of the manse, please mark your envelope "*Bats*". Thank you....Property Committee

—ALF Parking Permits are available in the office. Craft Day 10/9/26 and Parade Day 10/10/26 permits are \$10.00 for all day parking. Please stop by the office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 9:00-3:00 for your tickets.

— Sponsored by Men's Fellowship

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—Anthony Mazzocchi and Sidney Simpson had a baby boy, Anthony III, on September 14, 2026. He was 9 lbs. 21 in. Grandparents are Brenda and Tony Mazzocchi.

—This morning we are recognizing the Acolytes who take a special part in our worship services every Sunday.

Members of the Graduating Class

Clara Stants

Jeremy Willy

Acolyte Members

Audrina Champion

Sawyer Kunselman

Andrew Scovel

Nathan Scovel

Logan Myers

Members of the New Class

Grace Kunselman

Kennedy Schmader

Dean Stants

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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
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Shawn Martin
John McConnell
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Terry
Darlene Hargenrader
Bernice Yockey
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Emily Champion
Mark Willy
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)
Lynn Hefner

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Archer Kunselman
Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Scott Apel
Gigi
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman
Cynthia Copenhaver
Dottie Lockwood
Debi Ruffner

Around the World

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

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

Randy Cable
Dan Carey

Homebound Member of the Week

Gail Baptist
42 E. 8th Ave.
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