

First Presbyterian Church



*2nd Sunday of Easter
April 12, 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)

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Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Cindy Stants

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

Prelude

O Sons and Daughters

Lani Smith

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

Call to Worship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By his mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We rejoice, for we are children of God.

We proclaim our faith: no power can overcome Christ's love,
and as his body, we have received salvation.

In love and joy, we praise the Lord!

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.

✠ Hymn No. 255

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples. Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace. Show us your hands and your feet once more, and teach us to be your body in the world. 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

Cindy Stants

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Exodus 15: 1-11

(pp. 61-62)

Second Scripture

John 20: 19-31

(p. 115)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Locked Up?"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

Hymn No. 840

When Peace Like a River

We Give Thanks to God

✠ Affirmation of Faith

9.20 Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in us. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. God enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. In spite of our sin, God gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Humbly I Adore Thee

arr. By Joe Cox

✠ Doxology

✠ Prayer of Dedication Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Communion Prayer

We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ, and have received Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✠ Hymn No. 236

The Strife Is O'er

✠ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Christ is Alive

Jason D. Payne

Prayers of Healing and Wholeness

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 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
Lector: Cindy Stants
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: Cindy Stants
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: Barb Smith, Adeline Chikosky, Joyce Alberta

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

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

4/2/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$3,523.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$474.00
	\$3,997.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$601.00
Flowers	\$63.00
Blessing Box	\$200.00
	\$864.00

Total	\$4,861.00
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NOTES

Monday, April 13

6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

6:00 p.m. CE Team Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 16

12:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle
 2:00 p.m. Food Bag Distribution
 5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice
 6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell Practice

Saturday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship—Social Hall

Sunday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School

— *“Today, after worship, will be a time of prayer for healing and wholeness. As Scripture instructs, the elders will anoint you with oil, lay hands on you, and pray. Feel free to stay if you need healing and wholeness in you life.”*

— **Come join us** for music and fellowship on Saturday, April 25th. The NBC Chorus will be singing The Beatles vs Beach Boys at 7PM at the Redbank Valley High School. If you RSVP by the 19th, FPC will pay for your ticket. You can also join us for dinner at Eat-n-Park at 4:00PM (pay for your own meal) and/or stay for the After-Glo for \$10.00. Sign-up sheet is in the Ramp Room.

— **Office hours have changed.** Cindy will be in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-3:00pm.

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PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Dorothy Jean Foreman
Isaac Solida
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
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Terry
Darlene Hargenrader
Bernice Yockey
Karen McMillen
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Emily Champion
Mark Willy

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)
Jenn Yockey
A young mother and child
Lynn Hefner
Archer Kunselman
Jody Hall
John Kerr
Doug Arth

Around the World

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

**Homebound Member
of the Week**

Sam Spencer
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