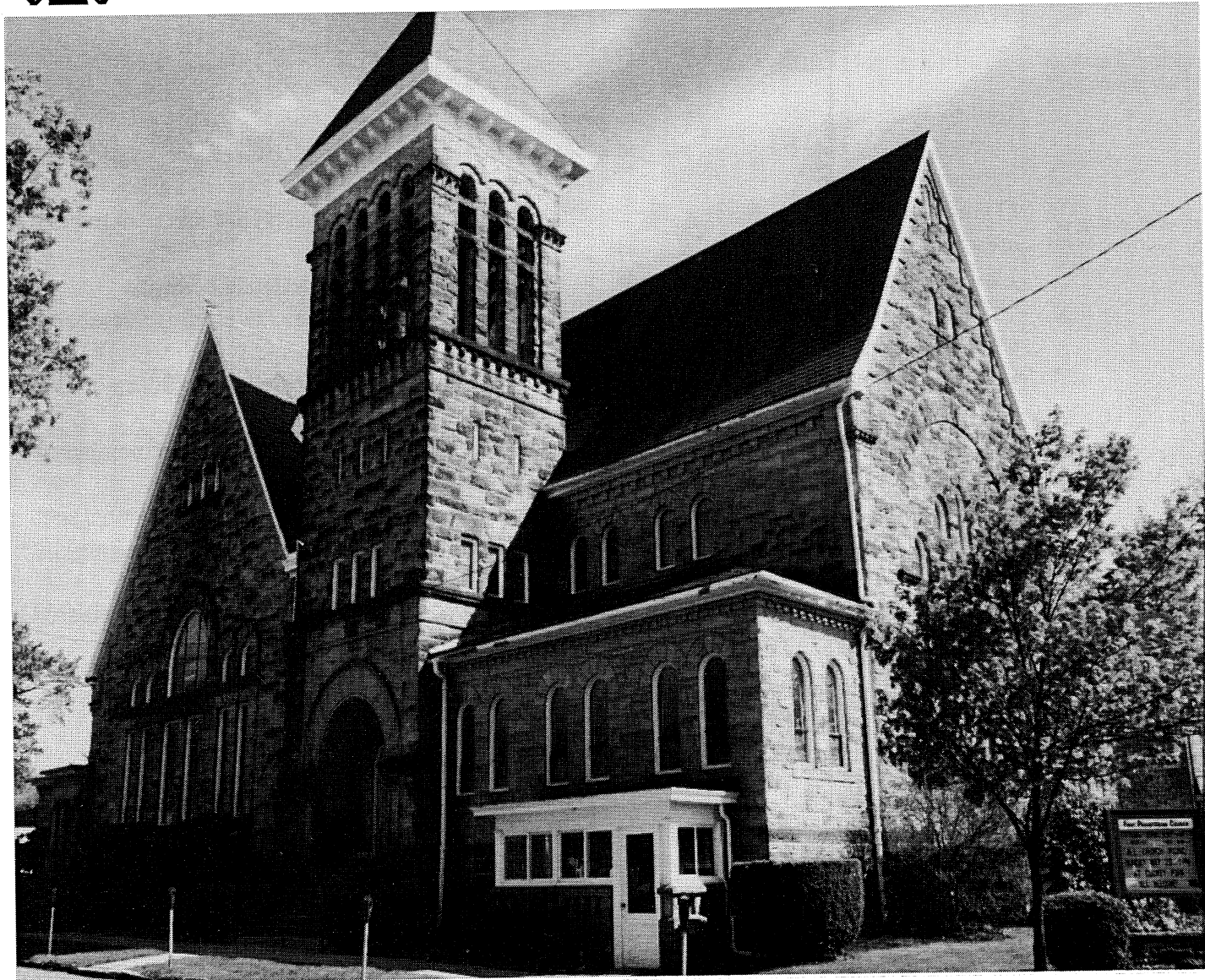


First Presbyterian Church



*23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 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)

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Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Norma Kooman

Prelude

Celebration No. 5 in C
Joyful Bells

Michael R. Keller

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity; for they and their descendants shall be offspring blessed by the Lord. Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

✠ Hymn No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences. Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you. In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ Gloria Patri

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

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Norma Kooman

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 (p. 207)

Second Scripture Psalm 98 (pp. 551-552)

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

Sermon "Praise God" Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦Hymn No. 385 *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

We Give Thanks to God

Affirmation of Faith 9.36 The Confession of 1967

The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for mankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory *Chanson* Kenneth Lowenberg
Joyful Bells

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 80 *You Shall Go Out With Joy* (sung twice)

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Christ the Redeemer* Tom Birchwood

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.

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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
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:	Norma Kooman
Time with Children:	Norma Kooman
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:	Rick & Barb Beggs, Susan Joy

-The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of my mother, Marcy Simpson, by Cindy and Jeff Kapp.

-The rosebud is in celebration of the birth of their great-granddaughter, Josephine James Domalewski, by Ron and Joyce Alberta.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
11:30 a.m.	Cantata rehearsal

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

11/9/25

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$7,270.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$248.75
Total Contributions	\$7,518.75

Weekly Donations

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$25.00
Mission for PDA Buckets	\$200.00
Food Bags	\$500.00
Christmas Flowers	\$18.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
	\$763.00

Total	\$8,281.75
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NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, November 17

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle—CE Building

Tuesday, November 18

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

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

6:00 p.m. CE Team Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, November 20

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle-Marilyn's Home

12:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle-Chapel

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

5:30 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell practice

Sunday, November 23

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

—There is a sign up sheet in the ramp room for the Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 21, 2025. Please sign up if you are planning to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner. We need to know how many people to prepare for. Thank you.

—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.

—Hanging of the Greens is November 23 following Sunday School and Choir rehearsal. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

—Christmas flowers for the Sanctuary in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, may be ordered for \$9.00 ea. Order forms are in your bulletin and in the ramp room. The deadline for orders is November 23, 2025. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and enclose payment with your order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

—Create a free account with FPC's RightNow Media page. Enter the following address into an internet search and explore devotionals, Bible studies, training materials and more! <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcpa>

— Our Men's Fellowship Breakfast is this Saturday, November 15 at 8:00am in the First Presbyterian Church Social Hall. Scott Gourley will be our guest speaker. Come and enjoy fellowship, breakfast and hear a fantastic speaker. Please let Bill know if you plan to attend (814-221-0243) Hope to see you soon!



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Jim McConnell
Charlie Kurtas
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
Shawn Martin
Clayton Hayden & family
John McConnell
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer
Terry Wensel
Kathy Lahr
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Greg Nesbitt
Terry
Denny Hickman
Elise Burns Pasles

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Darlene Hargenrader
Sara Riggins
Sherrie Kapp
Bernice Yockey
Bill Burnworth
Steve Payne
Kara's friend
Karen McMillen
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Susan Joy's neighbor
Emily Champion
Lucy Kurtas

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and families of:

Tim Fulton
George Champion

Around the World

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Dorothy Jean Foreman
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Clarion, Pa. 16214