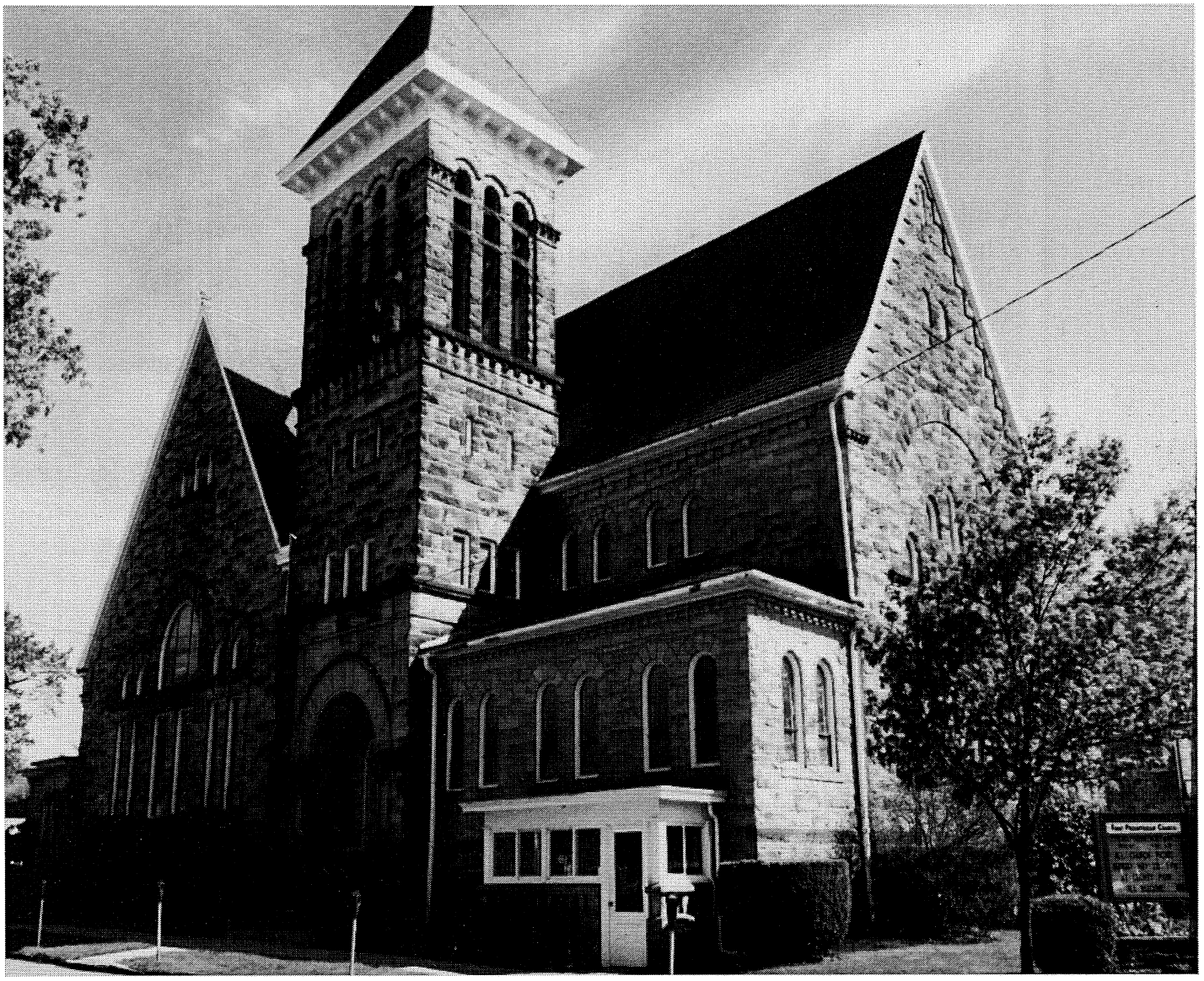
First Presbyterian Church

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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)

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements Lector, Tammy Slike

Prelude *Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light* Johann Sebastian Bach, Lani Smith

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit *Light The Candle*

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

Call to Worship

The Lord is coming. Whom will you serve?

As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

What has God done for you?

Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds. Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!

Say more.

We'll never stop telling our story. The next generation will hear it. Children not yet born will know it.

Hope in God, whose story will never end.

Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!

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

✞Hymn No. 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

✞Call to Confession

✞Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kingdom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we put you on a schedule that is convenient and comfortable for us. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. 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

Choir Anthem *Keep Your Lamps* Andre Thomas
Djembe—Zach Covington

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 (pp. 215-216)

Second Scripture Matthew 25: 1-13 (p. 28)
The words of scripture, inspired by God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "People Get Ready" Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✟Hymn No. 362 *Rejoice! Rejoice! Believers*

We Give Thanks To God

✟Affirmation of Faith 6.182 The Westminster Confession of Faith

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity; so will he have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* James Southbridge/ William B. Bradbury

✟Doxology

✟ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth To Serve

✟Hymn No. 846 *Fight The Good Fight*

✟Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Psalm XX* Gordon Young

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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Acolytes:	Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion, Logan Myers, Grace Kunselman, Kennedy Schmader, Dean Stants

Ushers in Charge: Rick and Barb Beggs, Stacy Hoffman

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

Today's Schedule

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

Weekly Deposit Summary 11/1/26

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This Week at First Presby

Monday, November 9
6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 10
6:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Wednesday, November 11
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursday, November 12
2:00 p.m. Food Bag Distribution
Sunday, November 15
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

—**There will be a congregational meeting** following worship on 11/15 for the purpose of electing officers and members to committees and to vote on the Pastor's Terms of Call.

—**Calling all Cantata Singers!** We will have a Cantata rehearsal today Nov. 8 following our worship service (11:00).

—**Red Kettle Bell ringers needed! No musical abilities required!** On Friday, December 4th the Clarion First Presbyterian Church is scheduled to ring the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell at Clarion Walmart from 4:00pm -7:00pm in half hour time slots. You can be a solo ringer, ring with friends, or ring as a family. It's only 30 minutes and in that time your heart will be warmed by the generosity of others. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the ramp room. Any questions please call or text Cindy Stants at 814-221-2508.

Announcements (Continued)

—**There is a sign-up sheet in the ramp room** for the Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 20, 2026. Please sign up if you are planning to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner. We need to know how many people to prepare for. Thank you!

—Due to our church's Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 20, we are moving the **Men's Breakfast to Perkins** on Saturday, November 21 at 8:00a.m. Hope to see you there.

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Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Ron Montgomery
Jim McConnell
Jean Mitrosky
Molly Giering and family
Ruth Ann Minich
Beverly Wentling
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
Alice H.

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

Beverly Wentling
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