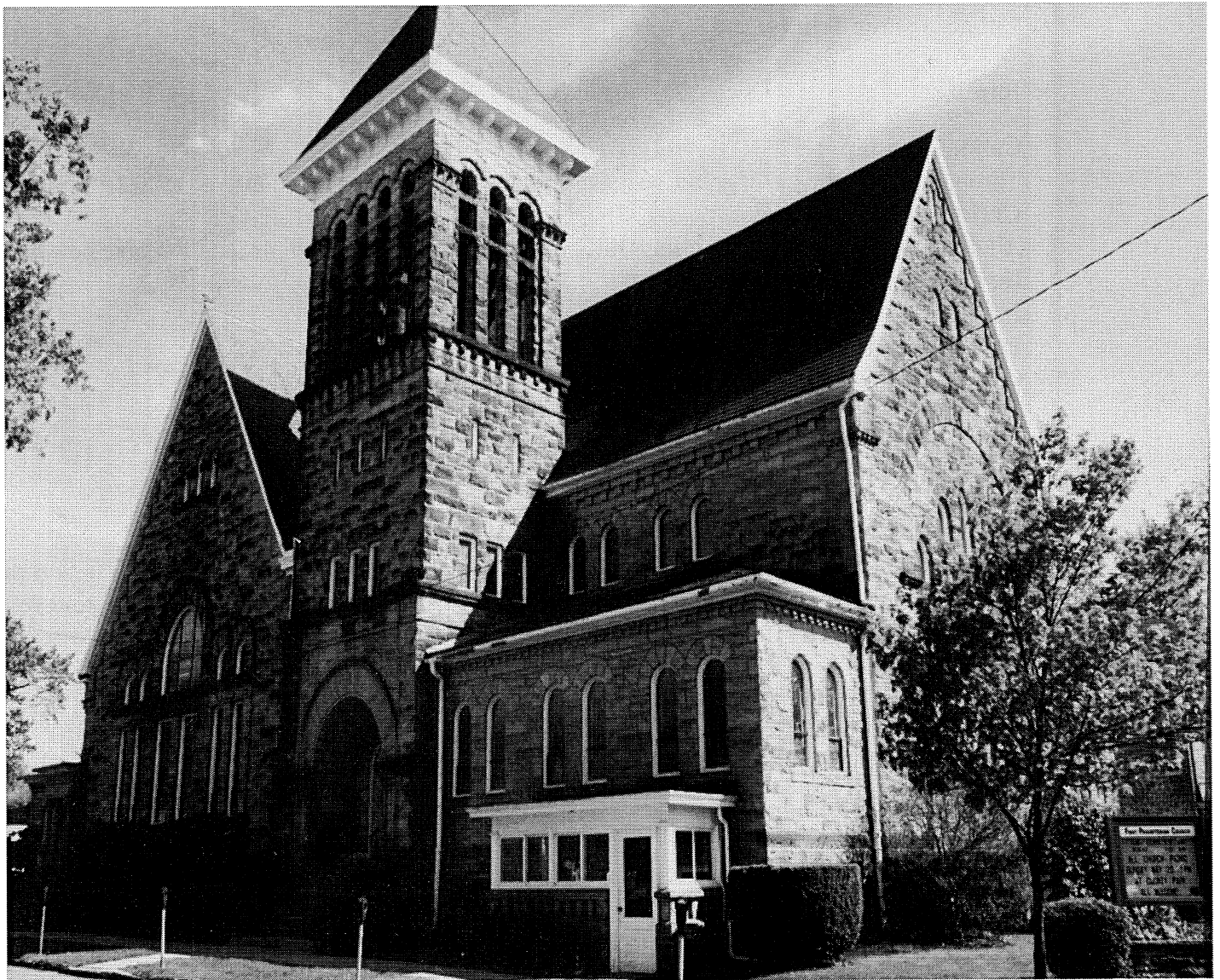


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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*The Resurrection of the Lord Sunday  
April 5, 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)  
**The Resurrection of the Lord Sunday**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Lector, Cindy Stants

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

**Prelude**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

Robert Lau

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Introit**

*Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!*

Arr. By Larry Shackley

**Call to Worship**

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

Through God's miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious day.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

All doors are open, all creation sings, all that was broken is made whole, and we have new life.

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord!**

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

✠ **Hymn No. 232**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

✠ **Call to Confession**

✠ **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you. In Your 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**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

(pp. 565-566)

**Second Scripture**

Matthew 28: 1-10

(pp. 33-34)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Come and Go"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

## Organ Interlude

Hymn No. 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

## We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

9.26 Adapted from the Confession of 1967

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

*Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!*

by Larry Shackley

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 246

*Christ Is Alive!*

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Trumpet Tune on "The Day of Resurrection"*

Jason Payne

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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 Thursday.

For more information visit our website at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://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](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org) or a phone app is available at [sermon.net](http://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:** Robin Cable, Sue and Amy Widmer

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Bertie Gibson, by Bonnie and Bill Champion.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

3/29/26

### Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$4,477.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$322.00
Per Capita	\$81.32
	<b>\$4,880.32</b>

### Weekly Donations

New Covenant Fund	\$100.00
Food Bags	\$35.00
Men's Fellowship	\$80.00
Flowers	\$72.00
Caring Callers	\$50.00
Rental Income	\$1,245.00
	<b>\$1,482.00</b>

**Total** **\$6,362.32**

## NOTES

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

**Bereaved:** Please remember the friends and families of :

Thomas Hanford  
Kathleen Fye

**Around the World**

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

**Homebound Member  
of the Week**

Ellen Fulton  
Clarion Health Care & Rehab  
999 Heidrick St. Rm. 205  
Clarion, Pa. 16214

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

**Tuesday, April 7**

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

**Wednesday, April 8**

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, April 9**

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle — Marilyn's home

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

6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell Practice

**Sunday, April 5**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*May you be blessed this Easter season with the joy that comes from the risen Savior who died for us so we could live for him.*

—If you **purchased** Easter flowers, please be sure you take them with you after worship today.

—**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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

