

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:	Rick and Barb Beggs, Stacy Hoffman

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY 12/28/25

12/25/25

Weekly Contributions	
Envelope Contributions	\$120.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$235.00
Total Contributions	<u>\$355.00</u>

12/28/25

Weekly Contributions	
Envelope Contributions	\$1,280.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$306.00
Per Capita	\$78.48
	<u>\$1,664.48</u>
Weekly Donations	
Caring Callers	\$25.00
Food Bags	\$4,100.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Rental Income	<u>\$1,245.00</u>
	<u>\$5,390.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,054.48</u>

NOTES:

First Presbyterian Church



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

2nd Sunday Of Christmas
January 4, 2026

We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)
2nd Sunday of Christmas

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

What Star Is this?

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Sing of God Made Manifest

Call to Worship

Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

We come to this space, following the star, seeking a miracle.

You will see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice

For here we find a prophecy fulfilled, and a mystery revealed!

†Hymn No. 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

†Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

†Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Time with the children

Prayer of Illumination

†First Scripture

Psalm 84: 1-8

Cindy Stants

p. 543

†Second Scripture

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Cindy Stants

pp. 191-192

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Praise and Identity

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

Hymn No. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

We Give Thanks to God

†Affirmation of Faith

4.054 The Heidelberg Catechism

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

In The Bleak Midwinter

Brad Printz

†Doxology

†Prayer of Dedication

†Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

†Hymn No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

†Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Christoph Anton
David Cherwien

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.

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