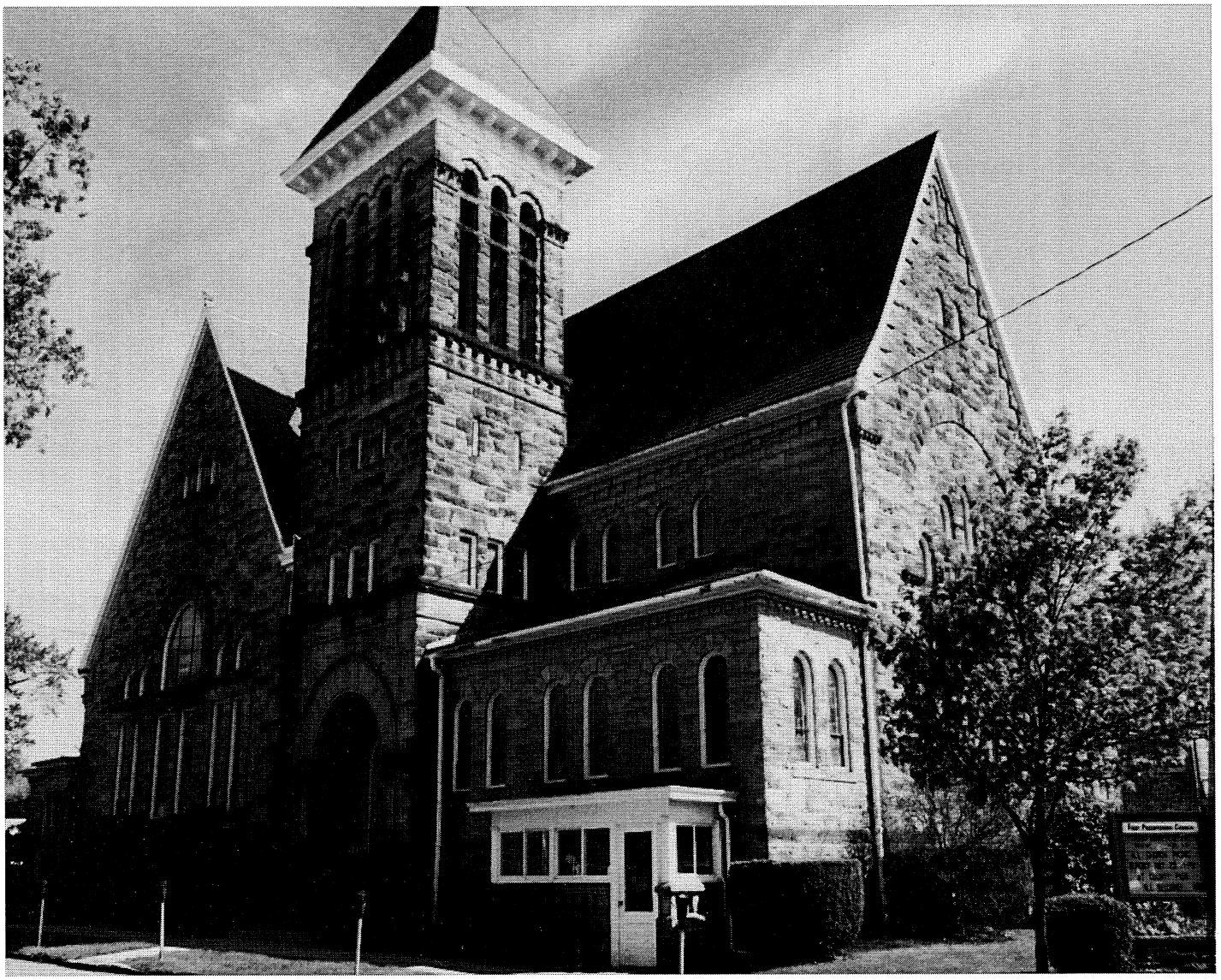
First Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10th, 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)

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements Lector, Kathy Larimer

Prelude *How Can I Keep From Singing* Lani Smith

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit *Kum Ba Yah*

Call to Worship

When the path leads nowhere,
we become disoriented
and skies darken.

✞Hymn No. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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

✞Call to Confession

✞Prayer of Confession (Unison)

True God from true God, we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols. We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division instead of the radical truth of your word. Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you and fix our sight on your way alone.

✞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 Kathy Larimer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 22: 1-14 (p. 24)

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

Sermon

Organ Interlude

✟Hymn No. 343 *Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life*

We Give Thanks To God

✟Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set a pattern for the Church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering, so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory *Marchin' To The Beat of God* John D. Horman

✟Doxology

✟ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth To Serve

✟Hymn No. 468 *In My Life*

✟Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Praise to The Lord, The Almighty* Franklin Ritter

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

Pastor:	Kyle Rishell
Lector:	Kathy Larimer
Director of Music:	Bonnie Champion
Organist:	Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer:	Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer:	Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes:	Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion, Logan Myers, Grace Kunselman, Kennedy Schmader, Dean Stants

Ushers in Charge: Robin Cable, Amy Widmer, Carolyn McFarland, Stacy Hoffman

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Roberta Tobiczyk, by Elaine Matticks.

Today's Schedule

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

Weekly Deposit Summary 9/20-10/4/26

Weekly Contributions	
Envelope Contributions	$5,674.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	$614.00
	$6,288.00
Weekly Donations	
Food Bags	$585.00
Men's Fellowship	$280.00
Blessing Box	$200.00
Caring Callers	$20.00
New Covenant Memorial	$100.00
PMEF Memorial	$100.00
PMEF Contribution	$200.00
Property/Bat Control	$760.00
	$2,245.00
Total	**$8,533.00**

This Week at First Presby

Monday, October 12
6:00 p.m. Mission Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Meeting
Tuesday, October 13
6:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Wednesday, October 14
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursday, October 15
10:00 a.m. Morning Circle—Marilyn's home
5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice
Saturday, October 17
8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship—Social Hall
Sunday, October 18
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

Announcements

— **Men's Breakfast** will be on Oct. 17, 2026 at 8:00a.m. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Rebecca, speaking on her trip to Rwanda, Africa. We are opening this get-together to our congregation. If you wish to attend the breakfast, which begins at 8:00a.m., please let Bill Champion know. If you wish to attend only Pastor Rebecca's presentation, you can arrive in the Social Hall around 8:30a.m. If you wish to attend the breakfast, please let Bill know at 814-221-0243.

Announcements (Continued)

UPCOMING EVENT!

The Fellowship Team cordially invites you to join us at Eagle Commons for brunch on Sunday, October 25. You can join us either after church at 11:00 or after Sunday School at noon.

Cost for the all-you-can-eat brunch is $12.50. The Fellowship Team will pay for any children who are coming with their families.

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Prayer List

Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Ron Montgomery
Jim McConnell
Jean Mitrosky
Molly Giering and family
Pam Reid
Ruth Ann Minich
Jill Siegel
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

Prayer List (Continued)

Gigi
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman
Cynthia Copenhaver
Melissa McNutt
Dale Wentling
Galen Shirey
Terry

Around the World

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Beverly Wentling
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