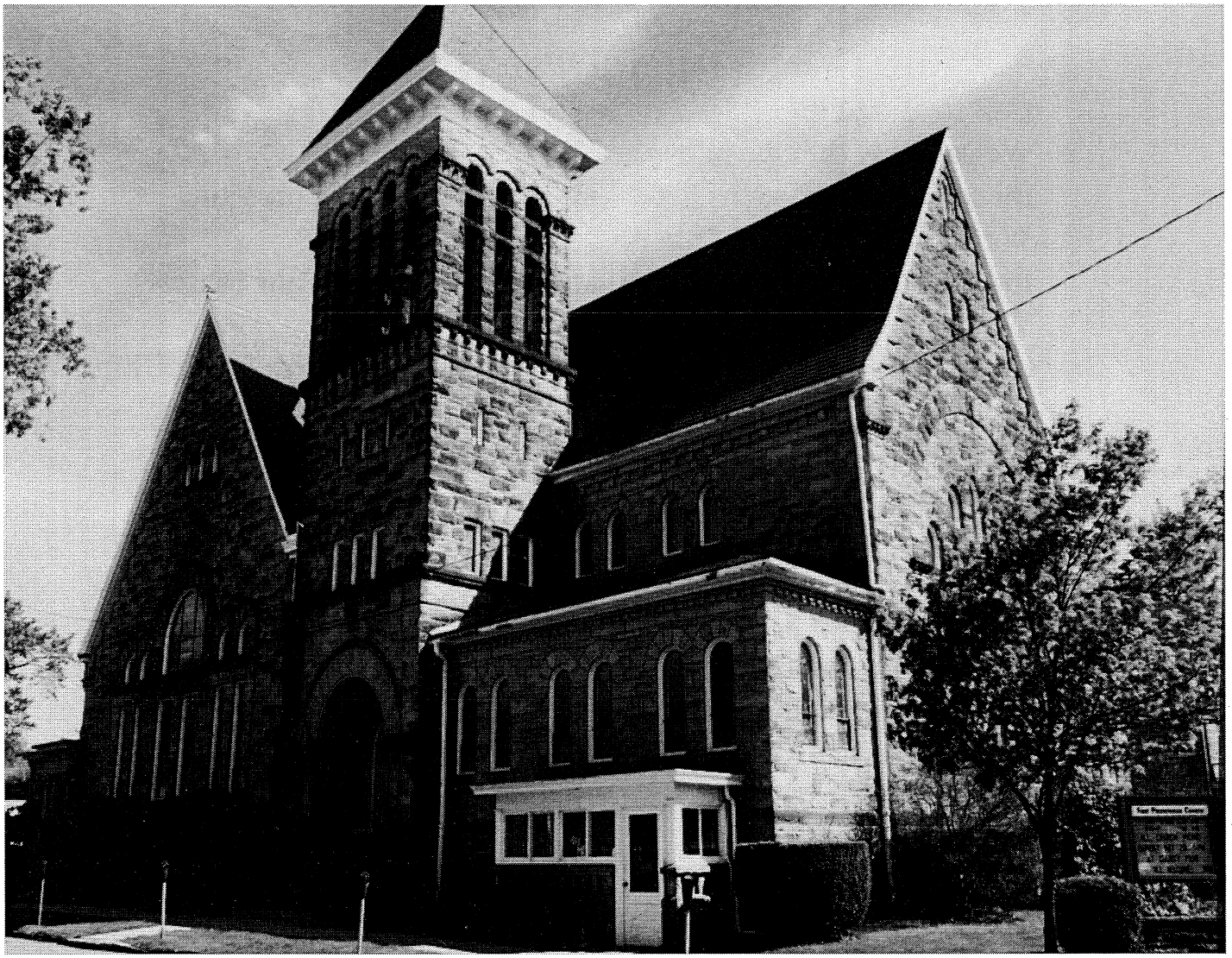
First Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4th, 2026
World Communion Sunday



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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)

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements Lector, Kathy Larimer

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit *This Is The Day*

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

Call to Worship

We gather with hope in our hearts,
for something happens here that teaches us God is present.
We know this place is sacred,
for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.
We gather with joyful praise,
for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

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

✞Hymn No. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

✞Call to Confession

✞Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish to be better than others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Help us to repent. We come to you, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer. 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

Time with the Children Kathy Larimer

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (p. 66)

Second Scripture Matthew 21: 33-46 (p. 24)

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

Sermon "Gods Extravagant Grace" Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✟Hymn (insert) *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

✟Affirmation of Faith

All of us are by nature sinners and godless, and before God's judgment-seat are convicted of godlessness and are guilty of death, but that, solely by the grace of Christ and not from any merit of ours or consideration from us, we are justified, that is, absolved from sin and death by God the Judge. For what is clearer than what Paul said: "Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory *A Firm Foundation* David Peninger

✟Doxology

✟ Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Communion Prayer

We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ, and have received Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

✟Hymn No. 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

✟Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Take The Name Of Jesus With You* William Doane

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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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, Steve Rivera

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Marilyn Fox's birthday. By the Stants family.

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 9/27/26

NO REPORT

This Week at First Presby

Tuesday, October 6
6:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Wednesday, October 7
10:30 a.m. Caring Callers—Ministry Central
4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting— Food Room
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting— Ministry Central
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursday, October 8
5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice
Sunday, October 11
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

—**If anyone would like** to donate to the bat abatement of the manse, please mark your envelope "*Bats*". Thank you....Property Committee

—**ALF Parking Permits** are available in the office. Craft Day 10/9/26 and Parade Day 10/10/26 permits are $10.00 for all day parking. Please stop by the office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 9:00-3:00 for your tickets. — Sponsored by Men's Fellowship

—**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.

Announcements (Continued)

—**It's a boy!** Wesley Walter Pezzuti was born on September 29, 2026 to Jesse and Rachael (Louder) Pezzuti. Grandparents are Dave and Marsha Louder. Let us celebrate this new creation with Aunt Dana Solida and Great Nana Bert Louder!

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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
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Shawn Martin
John McConnell
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Darlene Hargenrader
Bernice Yockey
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Emily Champion
Mark Willy
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)
Lynn Hefner

Prayer List (Continued)

Archer Kunselman
Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Scott Apel
Gigi
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman
Cynthia Copenhaver
Dottie Lockwood
Melissa McNutt
Dale Wentling
Galen Shirey

Around the World

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Ellen Fulton
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