

First Presbyterian Church



*Day of Pentecost
June 8, 2025*



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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)

Day of Pentecost

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

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

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

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Jeff Kapp

Prelude

Veni Creator Spiritus

Robert Lau

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Holy Spirit, Guide and Teach Me

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

O Lord, our God, you are very great.

You are clothed in glory and majesty, wrapped in a robe of light.

You set the earth on its foundations, never to be shaken.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live. Let us sing praises to God our whole life long.

Let us worship God!

✦ Hymn No. 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✦ Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Debra Owens

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Psalm 104:24-34

(p. 555)

Second Scripture

Romans 8:14-17

(p. 158)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Spirit of God"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

6.053 Westminster Confession of Faith

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates people by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance, and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their Comforter and Sanctifier, gives to them the spirit of Adoption and Prayer, and performs all those gracious offices by which they are sanctified and sealed unto the day of redemption.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

God of the Universe

Arr. Dorothy Christopherson

(Flute: RyAnne Crusan, Alto Xylophone: Olivia Miller, Bass Xylophone: Kathy)

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues

Marilyn Thompson,

by Carl G. Gläser, adp. Lowell Mason

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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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 Friday.

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: Debra Owens
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman	Bill Champion
Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas
Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Kim Lewis	Robin Cable	Barb Beggs
Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble	Stacy Hoffman
Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Jeff Kapp
Time with Children: Debra Owens
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
Ushers in Charge: Lee Seitz, Kim Lewis, Amy Widmer

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Ron and Joyce Alberta's 62nd Wedding Anniversary, by the Albertas.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

6/1/2025

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$7,481.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$783.00
Total Contributions	\$8,264.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$450.00
Vacation Bible School Donation	\$25.00
Pentecost Offering	\$100.00
Men's Fellowship	\$40.00
Caring Callers	\$50.00
Total	\$665.00
Total	\$8,929.00

NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, June 9

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Chapel

Tuesday, June 10

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting, Step Down Room

Wednesday, June 11

6:00 p.m. CE Meeting, Ministry Central

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Step Down Room

Thursday, June 12

2:00 p.m. Food Bag Distribution, CE Lobby

6:00 p.m. Presbytery Record Review, Social Hall

Next Sunday, June 15 Father's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Pentecost! This is the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and the church was born. Jesus had promised them before his ascension that he would not leave them alone and said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you" (Acts 1:8). Through the arrival of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' ministry expanded to wherever His followers went. And through that same Holy Spirit his ministry lives in us today. There will be a reception in the Chapel after worship ends. Please join us to celebrate this important moment in church history.

Save the Date!! Vacation Bible School will be held on Tuesday, July 15 - Friday, July 18; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The theme is **Road Trip**. The time will be filled with Bible lessons, crafts, and games aimed at learning: "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9. The program will culminate with participants singing during worship on Sunday, July 20. The First Presby Christian Education team is busy planning and creating and cannot wait to work with the children this summer!

The New Wilmington Mission Conference is among the longest-standing mission conferences in the USA, and it's right in our backyard along I-80. This year's conference will be held from **July 18 - 23 at Westminster College**, and will feature national and international speakers of faith. Our mission committee would love members of the congregation to attend and grow in faith: to make it easier for you or your whole family to attend, the committee will hear requests for scholarships to reimburse mileage, lodging, or meals. You may attend for a day trip, or the whole conference, depending on your needs. Conference details are online : <https://www.nwmcmission.org/>. To discuss reimbursement/scholarship opportunities (all ages), email the church office: churchoffice@clarionfirstpresby.org to meet with a representative from the Mission Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Camp Lambec began as a joint venture among six Presbyteries, including our own, and offers amazing faith-based summer camp opportunities from June through August. Recent updates to facilities at the Camp have revitalized the camp experience. Our mission committee is hearing scholarship/reimbursement requests for local children or grandchildren of our congregation to attend any of the following 2025 camps: "Wet and Wild, grades 3-6"; "Wetter-N-Wilder, grades 7-12"; "Family Camps, all ages"; and "Music Camp, grades 4-college". Information is available at <https://camplambec.com/>. To discuss reimbursement/scholarship opportunities (all ages), please reach out to the church office via email: churchoffice@clarionfirstpresby.org to meet with a representative from the Mission Committee.

PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Margy Port
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Ruth Ann Minich
Tam Goble
Jeff Deitz
Kathy Larimer
Mary Ann Lees
All our homebound members

Mary Biser
Charlotte Hartman
Ben McKinley
Anthony Louder
Pat Hargest
Alexandra Sharrar
Dr. Shannon Penland
Mary Kay Arth
Mason Martin and family
Rob Summerville
Evie Renwick
Cori
Chuck Reninger
Kay Caller
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Tom Minich
Rev. Robin Sharp
Kathy Meley
Shawn Martin

Clayton Hayden & family
John McConnell
Ryan Kemmer and family
Dave Schirmer
A 2-year-old with eye cancer
A 4-year-old with kidney Cancer
Terry Wensel
Kathy Lahr
Gigi
Scott and Sherry Keefer
Carolyn McFarland's son, Mike
Bruce McClain
Nina Faust Joslin

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:
Stella Zubik

Around the World

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Virginia Mohney
49 N. 3rd Avenue
Clarion, PA 16214-1831

We are children of God through the Holy Spirit.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	Romans 8:14-17	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Isaiah 44:1-5	God's blessing on Israel
Thursday	Galatians 5:16-25	The fruit of the Spirit
Friday	2 Kings 2:1-15a	Elijah ascends to heaven
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	God the creator and provider
Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Romans 8:15-16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, give us faith to know that we are children of God and inheritors of your eternal love that gives us confidence to live as a follower of Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, all creation looks to you to give us food in due season; we thank you that you open your hand and fill us with good things. Amen. (Psalm 104:27-28)

A Blessing to Give:

Child of God, may you be filled with the Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What do you think it was like to be a slave in the ancient world?
- How do you think a first century slave felt to be told that they had been adopted as a child of God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 8:14-17.

In the first century Roman Empire, slavery was much more common than Roman citizenship. Being adopted by a family of means was a dream come true. Roman citizenship carried with it protection and opportunity. Paul uses that contemporary context to emphasize what it meant to be a follower of Jesus. Paul states that *"all who are led by the Spirit of God"* are adopted as *"children of God"* (v. 14). Pentecost focuses on the giving of the Holy Spirit for the ministry of the church. It conveys the intimacy of a familial relationship that promises a grand inheritance, but the promise of glory comes with the promise of the suffering of Christ. It is in suffering that God's love is displayed from the cross. On Pentecost Sunday, that suffering love leads the church into the world with God's saving power and glory.

Discuss: How does knowing that you are an adopted child of God impact your life?

Pray: Loving God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit that makes us your children and gives us an eternal inheritance with Christ; give us grace to accept the glory and the suffering of a life in Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone feel that they are valued as a child of God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Pentecost takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday. It is when the apostles began to spread Jesus' message. It has been recognized as the birthday, the beginning, of the church. Red is the traditional color for Pentecost Sunday. Buy or make a cake. Decorate it with red icing. Place candles on the cake to represent flames and to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Buy birthday party plates and hats and have a Pentecost party. Sing Happy Birthday to the church before cutting the cake. Close the party with this reading from Psalm 104:35b.: *"Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!"*