First Presbyterian Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18th, 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)

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

Welcome and Announcements Lector, Kathy Larimer

Prelude *Pastorale* Bobby Huguley

Echoes of Joy Handbell Choir

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

In this place, friends and strangers meet,
the broken are mended, and the weary welcomed.
In this moment, the ordinary becomes miraculous,
and life is on pause. This is God's time.
In this sanctuary, God's goodness is revealed.
Our doors open with kindness. Our lives join together.

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

✞Hymn No. 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

✞Call to Confession

✞Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. 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

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children Kathy Larimer

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture 1st Thessalonians 1: 1-10 (p. 203)

Second Scripture Psalm 99 (p. 552)

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

Sermon "God's Holy Ways" Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✟Hymn (insert) *God's Holy Ways Are Just and True*

We Give Thanks To God

✟Affirmation of Faith 7.117 The Larger Catechism

God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty; knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory *On Eagle's Wings* Michael Joncas
Echoes of Joy Handbell Choir
In memory of Caryl Space Semplice

✟Doxology

✟ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth To Serve

✟Hymn No. 538 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* (vs 2)

✟Charge and Benediction

Postlude *He Leadeth Me* William Bradbury

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)

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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:	Rev. Rebecca Mihm
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, Steve Rivera

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Pat Steward, by Lori Smith.

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 10/11/26

Weekly Contributions	
Envelope Contributions	$3,525.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	$258.00
	$3,783.00
Weekly Donations	
Food Bags	$215.00
Men's Fellowship	$170.00
Blessing Box	$129.00
Caring Callers	$100.00
Funeral Services Donations	$550.00
Property/Bat Control	$50.00
	$1,214.00
Total	**$4,997.00**
September Online Donations $444.82	
Net amount	**$436.27**
ALF	**$2,485.00**
Men's Fellowship Project Fund	

This Week at First Presby

Monday, October 19
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle– Sunday School Rm.
Tuesday, October 20
6:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Wednesday, October 21
6:00 p.m. CE Team Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursday, October 22
5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice
Sunday, October 25
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
11:00 a.m./12:00 p.m. Lunch at Eagle Commons

Announcements

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.

Announcements (Continued)

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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
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
Gigi

Prayer List (Continued)

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

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

Jill Siegel

Homebound Member of the Week

Sam Spencer
Edgewood Heights
612 Keck Ave.
New Bethlehem, Pa. 16242