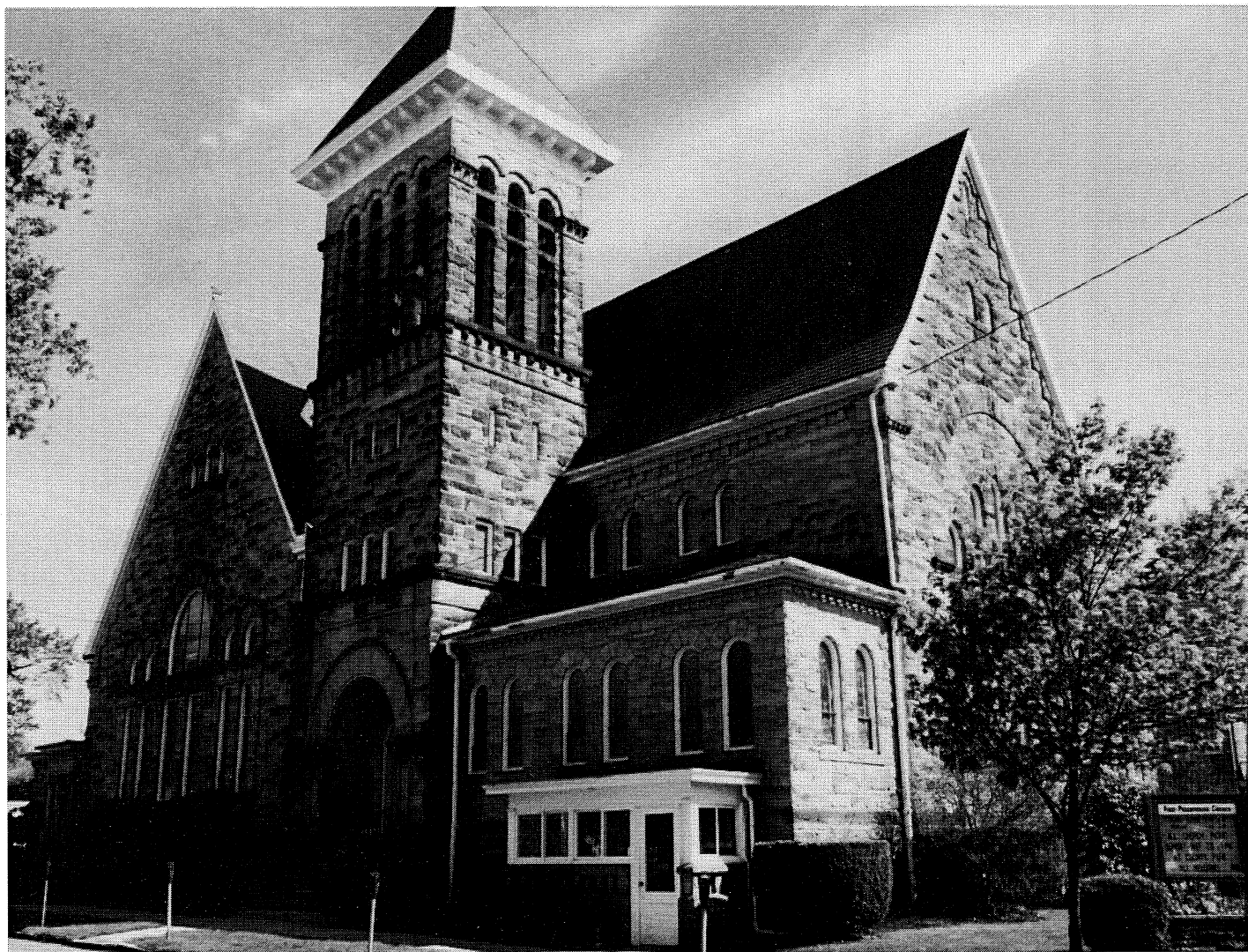


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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*6th Sunday After Pentecost  
July 20, 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)

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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, Bill Champion

### Prelude

*Here I Am*

Tom Booth

### Introit

*One Way*

Joel Huston/Jonathan Douglas

## Chiming of the Trinity

### Call to Worship

In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

**Through Christ God reconciled all things to Godself.**

In Christ we find our beginning, our purpose, and our own being.

**We are Christ's body, eager to serve.**

### ✦ Hymn No. 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

### ✦ Call to Confession

### ✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful Savior, you stand beside us, yet we prefer to stand on our own. You choose us, yet we choose to worry. You attend to us, yet we attend to our work. Forgive us, gentle Teacher. Call us by name and visit us once more that we might find at your feet our joy, our purpose, and our hope. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### ✦ 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

Bill Champion

### First Scripture

Colossians 1:15-28

(p. 200)

### Second Scripture

Psalm 15

(p. 495)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

## We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

*9.49 The Confession of 1967*

God instructs his church and equips it for mission through preaching and teaching. By these, when they are carried on in fidelity to the Scriptures and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the people hear the word of God and accept and follow Christ.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

*Going on a Journey*  
(VBS Kids)

Stephanie Reynolds

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 727

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

✦ Charge and Benediction

*He'll Be There for You*  
(Puppets)

Postlude

*Grand Choeur*

Cesar Franck

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## 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 thru Friday.

**For more information** visit our website at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://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](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org) or a phone app is available at [sermon.net](http://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

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Rebecca Mihm
<b>Organist:</b>	Jean Mitrosky
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Bonnie Champion
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ann Brooks
<b>Secretary:</b>	Debra Owens
<b>Sexton:</b>	Mike Hetrick
<b>Sound Engineer:</b>	Josh Deitz
<b>Video Engineer:</b>	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

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Rebecca Mihm
<b>Lector:</b>	Bill Champion
<b>Time with Children:</b>	Debra Owens
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Bonnie Champion
<b>Organist:</b>	Jean Mitrosky
<b>Sound Engineer:</b>	Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
<b>Video Engineer:</b>	Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy, Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion
<b>Ushers in Charge:</b>	Barb and Rick Beggs, Bert Louder

**The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in honor of the Larimer's 54th wedding anniversary, by Kathy and Dave Larimer.**

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.    Worship

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/13/2025

### Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,416.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$151.05</u>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,567.05</b>

### Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$100.00
Vacation Bible School	\$25.00
T-Shirts	\$10.00
Men's Fellowship	\$40.00
Music/Choir fund	<u>\$200.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2942.05</b>

## NOTES:

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

### Tuesday, July 22

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

### Wednesday, July 23

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

### Thursday, July 24

7:30 a.m. Clarion HS 1/2 Registration and Dental Clinic,  
Ministry Central

### Next Sunday, July 27

10:00 a.m. Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rummage Sale—August 8th and 9th:** The Fellowship Committee is having a rummage sale on August 8th and 9th. Please look for any clean, used clothes, treasures, and items that you can donate. Anything that is too large to transport yourself, please call Jeff Kapp or Bill Champion. Please do not bring items before July 27th. They can be left in the nursery in the church basement. If you have questions, please call Norma Kooman (814-226-8808) or Bert Louder (814-758-0455).



## PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable  
Margy Port  
Shirley McKinley  
Pauline Henry  
Ruth Ann Minich  
Tam Goble  
Jeff Deitz  
Kathy Larimer  
Mary Ann Lees  
Greg Rhoads  
Pat McConnell  
Jim McConnell  
Jill Siegel  
Dave Steward  
Sue Widmer  
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 Neideritter  
Tom Minich  
Rev. Robin Sharp  
Kathy Meley  
Shawn Martin  
Clayton Hayden & family  
John McConnell  
Ryan Kemmer and family  
A 2-year-old with eye cancer  
A 4-year-old with kidney  
Cancer  
Terry Wensel  
Kathy Lahr  
Scott and Sherry Keefer  
Carolyn McFarland's son,

Mike  
Bruce McClain  
Nina Faust Joslin  
Mike Hiles  
Alec Booth  
Greg Nesbitt  
Barb Funk

Bereaved: Please remember  
the friends and family of:

Andy Monnat  
Lynn Hepfl  
Rick Finotti  
Dennis McLaughlin  
Ginny Mohnney

### Around the World

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

### Homebound Member of the Week

Beverly Wentling  
157 S. 5th Avenue  
Clarion, PA 16214  
Her birthday is 7/25.

Randy Cable  
450 Greenville Pike  
Clarion, PA 16214  
His birthday is 7/27.

JULY 20, 2025  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

taking  
faith  
home

Listening to Jesus is an act of love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed
Monday	Genesis 18:1-10a	A son is promised
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-28	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:10-21	The Lord speaks to Samuel
Thursday	Proverbs 12:15-22	Speak the truth
Friday	James 1:19-27	Hearing and doing the word
Saturday	Psalms 15	Worshipping the Lord
Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her."

Luke 10:41-42 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you are the source of all that is good and holy; give us faith to trust you with all our hearts through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for the food that gives us strength and your word of promise that gives us hope and courage, we give you thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a servant's heart.

JULY 20, 2025  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
Listen to the Word

taking  
faith  
home

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:

- How have you shown hospitality to someone?
- If Jesus came to visit you, what would you do?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 10:38-42.

The familiar story of Mary and Martha can be unsettling. Mary can appear to be a bit lazy. She is gladly listening to Jesus but seems to be ignoring her sister, Martha, who is providing Jesus proper hospitality, an important, caring practice in the Bible. This story follows on the heels of the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) where someone took the initiative to act with loving service. These two stories are linked to point out that service to others is important, and that service is best done with the message of Christ in our hearts. Service that is done in faith is not distracted but energized by Jesus' message. It is neither loving service or attention to Jesus but loving service that is motivated by the message of Jesus. It is essential to our lives of faith and love, to listen to Jesus. This results in lives of service that will not be a distraction but will be acts of love through Jesus.

Discuss: How does listening to Jesus motivate you to care for others?

Pray: Loving God, help us to center our lives on your strength and wisdom so that we may serve you as we love others through Jesus 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 show hospitality to another person?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Even when we are busy, we need to take time to listen to Jesus, as Mary did. If you're not in the practice of taking a few moments each day to hear God speak to you, consider setting time aside to do so. Turn off all electronics and other distracting noises. Take a few deep breaths and relax. Sit quietly for a few minutes.

Finish with this prayer: Lord help me not to be worried or distracted by many things and listen to you. Amen.