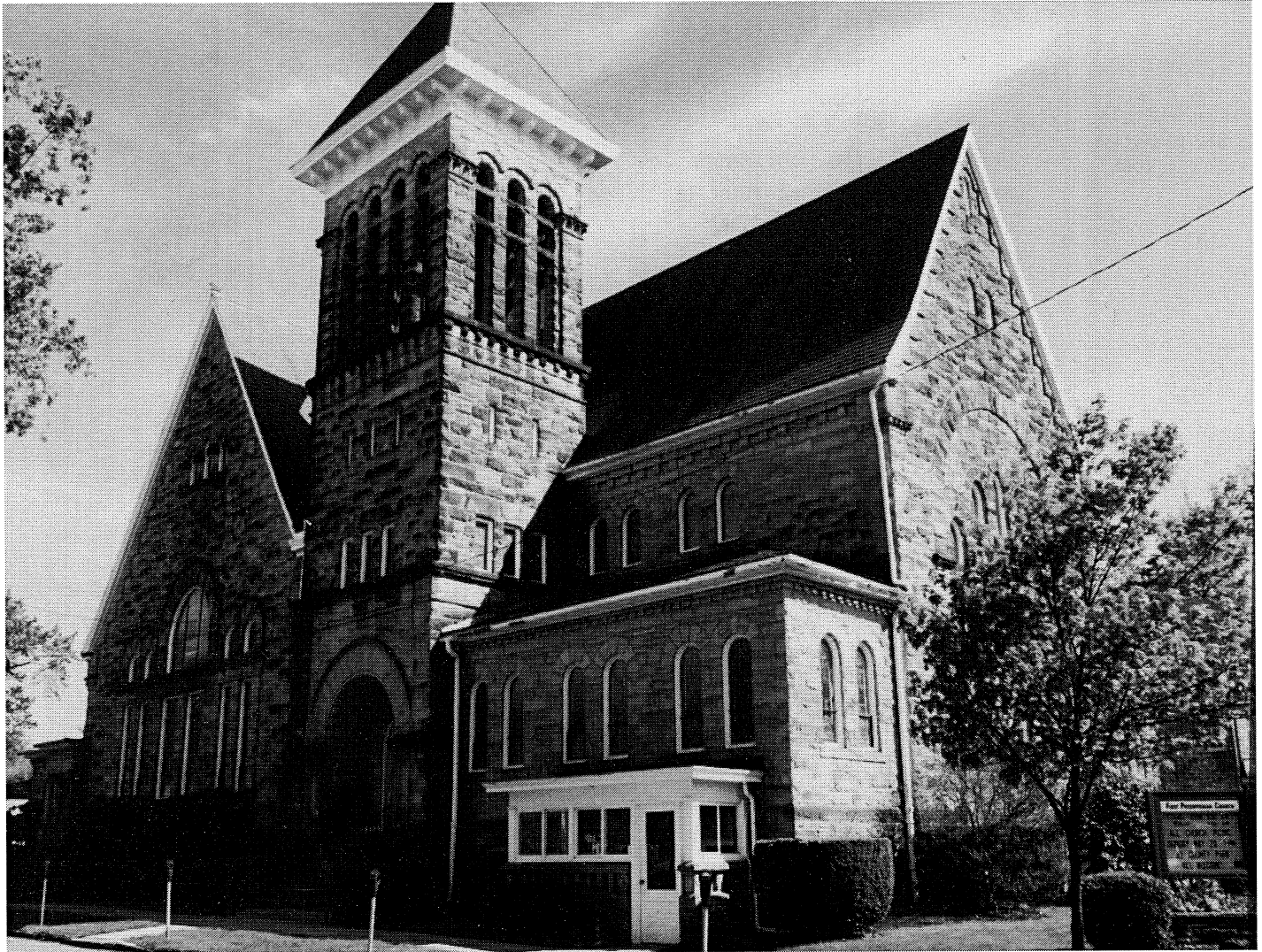


First Presbyterian Church



Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 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)

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Jeff Kapp

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

Prelude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Anthony J. Showalter,
arr. Marianne Kim

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Let Us Build a House

Marty Haugen

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

Call to Worship

God of the feast, God of abundance,
you are always turning water into wine.
Though the wine has run out,
you work miracles among us.
Though the work feels impossible,
you accomplish wonders through us.
Though many fail to perceive it,
you reveal your glory among us.
Help us to receive your good gifts this day,
that we might learn to put our faith in you.

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

† Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Call to Confession

Scripture says, if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, Go who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sin, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God.

† Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious one. Change us—like water into wine—to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

† Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He, himself, bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that's good.

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

Debra Owens

Prayer of Illumination

Jeff Kapp

First Scripture

Psalm 36:5-10

(p. 510)

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

Sermon

“Don’t Miss the Sign”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 801

The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Jonathan Crutchfield

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Partita on “Eisenach”*Johann Schein,
arr. Anthony Giamanco

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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.

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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: Kim Lewis, Lee Seitz, Brenda Nesbitt

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

1/13/2025

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,690.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$130.00
Per Capita	\$513.17
Total Contributions	\$2,333.17

Weekly Donations

Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Food Bags	\$200.00
Total	\$220.00

Total	\$2,553.17
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PMEF Quarterly Distribution	\$17,424.11
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Total	\$19,977.28
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NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

12:00 p.m. Advent Study Continues, SS Start Room

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

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

Thursday, January 23

5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Bell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Rehearsal

Saturday, January 25

9:00 a.m. Session Retreat, Chapel

Next Sunday, January 26

10:00 a.m. Worship

Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring is coming on February 9th! Watch your bulletin for more details.

2025 Sunday morning memorial/honor flowers: The signup calendar is in the Ramp Room. Select the date(s) you want and indicate the person(s) you wish to remember/honor. Please be aware that the cost is \$30 , plus tax and an \$8 delivery fee.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday January 26, 2025 at the conclusion of the worship service for the purpose of receiving annual reports.

Coat Rack Ministry: As the weather gets colder, please check your closet to see if there are any coats or boots that you are willing to donate. The need is great as witnessed by the turnover each week. If you are in need or know someone who is in need, please take a coat!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6, NKJV

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable	Don Neiderriter
Margy Port	Michael Kurtas, Jr.
Shirley McKinley	Tom Minich
Pauline Henry	Rev. Robin Sharp
Ruth Ann Minich	Mark Kerr
Marcia Rearick	Kathy Meley
Pat McConnell	Shawn Martin
All our homebound members	Sammy DiBernardo
	Clayton Hayden & family
	John McConnell
Mary Biser	
Charlotte Hartman	<u>Bereaved</u>
Ben McKinley	
Laurie Dickey	Please remember the friends
Anthony Louder	and family of:
Pat Hargest	Romaine Hockman
Alexandra Sharrar	Donald "Mike" Stroupe
Dr. Shannon Penland	
Mary Kay Arth	<u>Around the World</u>
Mason Martin and family	
Angelo Gehenio	Everyone serving in the US
Joe Amato	Military
Rob Summerville	
Evie Renwick	Gitwe Congregation in
Cori	Rwanda, our faith partners
Chuck Reninger	
Grace Carroll	<u>Homebound Member</u>
Kay Caller	<u>of the Week</u>
Dan Clark	
Amy Benhoff	Dorothy Jean Foreman
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Greg Rhoads	

JANUARY 19, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

taking faith home

Jesus' ministry overflows with joy and love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana
Monday	Isaiah 62:1-5	Jerusalem will be saved
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Spiritual gifts
Wednesday	Psalms 16:7-11	Song of trust in God
Thursday	Jeremiah 33:10-13	Healing after punishment
Friday	Philemon 1:4-7	Philemon's love and faith
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-10	Human sin and God's goodness
Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. Isaiah 62:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you take delight in bringing us joy when we are discouraged; help us to use our abilities so that others may see Jesus as the source of your abundant goodness. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant care, we thank you for this food and all that you provide us, signs of your constant love for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of abundant love give you joy.



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JANUARY 19, 2025
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

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:

- What gives you joy?
- When has faith in Christ brought you hope in difficult times?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 2:1-11.

In the Gospel of John, the first sign of Jesus that pointed to his glory (his death and resurrection) is seen in water turned to wine. That moment leads us to a deep understanding of Jesus' entire ministry. It is about abundance that brings joy, not gloom and doom. The amount of wine Jesus provides from the water jars was excessive, and it tasted very good. Wine in the Bible was meant to gladden the heart. It was associated with a future divine banquet as well as daily hospitality and celebration. The sign of changing water into wine at a wedding feast introduces Jesus' ministry as overflowing with goodness, joy, and love. It turns our shame and embarrassment (like a bridegroom's shame for running out of wine) into simple delight without limits, without measure. It leads us to long for more of what Jesus has in store for us.

Discuss: When is a time that Jesus' overflowing joy and love made a difference in your life?

Pray: **God of love, give us joy in your presence that we may be a sign of your love to others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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 share God's overflowing love and joy with someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 we learn that all Christians are given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are given "for the common good" (v. 7). The larger world around us sees these personal gifts as something that emphasizes our own success. For Christians, our gifts are meant to serve others. Write a list of the gifts you feel you have or that others see in you. Take a moment to say each gift aloud.

Then pray: **Dear God, thank you for the gifts I have been given. Help me to use them to serve others in your name. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org