

First Presbyterian Church



*The 5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 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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Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Bill Champion

Prelude

Tranquil Invocation

Franklin Ritter

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Call to Worship

We are the salt of the earth.

We are the light of the world.

Just as no one hides a lamp away,

we will openly offer the world what good we can give.

Grateful for mutual encouragement,

we will walk in love with one another.

✠ Hymn No. 401

Here in This Place

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to you.

✠ 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

Bill Champion

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Psalm 112: 1-9

(p. 563)

Second Scripture

Matthew 5: 13-16

(p. 4)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Gezer

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

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

We Give Thanks to God

✦Affirmation of Faith

5.117 The Second Helvetic Confession

Good works are for the glory of God, to adorn our calling, to show gratitude to God, and for the profit of the neighbor. For our Lord says in the Gospel: “Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” And the Apostle Paul says: “Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.” Also: “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and to the Father through him.”

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Light of the World

Stephen Schwartz

✦Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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.

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 542

God, Be With You Till We Meet Again

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on “Ose Shalom”

Christina Harmon

(Translation of the title)

May the One who makes peace in high places, make peace for us.

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 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
Lector:	Bill Champion
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:

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>	<u>Class of 2028:</u>
Norma Kooman	Bill Champion	John Joy
Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas	Marianne Reynolds
Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer	Tammy Slike

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>	<u>Class of 2028:</u>
Robin Cable	Barb Beggs	Carolyn McFarland
Mary Swanger	Stacy Hoffman	Glenn Beichner
Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder	Joyce Alberta

WORSHIP NOTES

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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, Logan Myers

Ushers in Charge:	Joey Kunselman, Mary Swanger, Amy Widmer
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The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Bertie Gibson, by Bonnie Champion.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.	Kid's Music Practice
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Schools & Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship, Communion, Congressional Meeting
11:05 a.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

2/1/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$3,078.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$84.00
Per Capita	<u>\$288.98</u>
	\$3,450.98

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$35.00
Blessing Box	\$200.00
Men's Fellowship	\$60.00
Rental Income—Head Start	\$1,245.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$1,640.00
Total	\$5,090.98

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