

First Presbyterian Church



*22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 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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Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Norma Kooman

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

Arr. By Lani Smith

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

What Is This Place

Call to Worship

The Lord is just and kind, near to all who call.

Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

The Lord has made known his victory; do not be quickly shaken or alarmed.

Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught.

Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and, through grace, gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Take courage, all you people, for I am with you, says the Lord.

✠ Hymn No. 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You call us to faithful living, giving ourselves to you and to one another after the example of Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following your directions. We pursue our own goals, worship our own gods, and place our hope in things that cannot last. Wash us anew. Forgive us again. Give us ears to hear your call and faith to follow where Christ leads. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ Gloria Patri

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 Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Debra Owens

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Luke 20: 27-38

(pp. 84)

Second Scripture

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

(pp. 878-879)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 815

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears***We Give Thanks to God**

Affirmation of Faith

11.4 A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and Culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice freedom and peace.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Ride the Morning Winds

Arr. By Tom Fettke

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Franklin Ritter

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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 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
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 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:	Norma Kooman
Time with Children:	Deb 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, Kurt and Brenda Nesbitt

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Terry Henry, by Pauline Henry.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
11:30 a.m.	Cantata rehearsal

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

11/2/25

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,900.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$58.00
Total Contributions	\$2,958.00

Weekly Donations

Caring Callers	\$25.00
Mission for PDA Buckets	\$50.00
Food Bags	\$1,535.00
Men's Fellowship	\$120.00
	\$1,730.00

Total

\$4,688.00

Misc. Deposit 10/28/25

Certificate of Deposit	\$31,150.71
Paid Balance for Parking Lot	(\$30,960.00)
Total	\$190.71

NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, November 10

6:00 p.m. Mission Team
7:00 p.m. Worship Team

Tuesday, November 11

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, November 13

1:30 p.m. Food Bag Distribution
4:30 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell practice
5:30 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell practice

Sunday, November 16

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

—There is a sign up sheet in the ramp room for the Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 21, 2025. Please sign up if you are planning to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner. We need to know how many people to prepare for. Thank you.

—Mission's Coat Project continues. The coat rack is on the walkway between the Ramp Room and the CE Building. Coats hung on the rack are for anyone who needs a coat. If you need a coat, please take one. If you have a coat or two that are new or still in great shape, hang them on the rack so someone else may be blessed with their warmth. New or gently-used tennis shoes or boots are also needed.

—The Mission Team is happy to report that the 50 clean-up buckets are completely filled, sealed and ready for delivery to the warehouse. They will eventually go to volunteer work areas that have suffered a natural disaster, tornado, hurricane, fire or flood. The average cost of a bucket is \$50.00. If you would like to make a donation for a bucket, you can place a check in the collection plate or deliver it to the office. Please be sure to write "Clean-up Bucket" on the memo line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

—Hanging of the Greens is November 23 following Sunday School and Choir rehearsal. There will be pizza and drinks afterward.

—Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, November 15 at 8:00am in the social hall. Our guest speaker is Scott Gourley. Come join the fellowship, enjoy a hearty breakfast, and hear a great message! If you plan to attend, please let Bill Champion know so enough food is prepared. (814-221-0243)



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Jim McConnell
Charlie Kurtas
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
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Shawn Martin
Clayton Hayden & family
John McConnell
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer
Terry Wensel
Kathy Lahr
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Greg Nesbitt
Terry
Denny Hickman
Elise Burns Pasles

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Darlene Hargenrader
Sara Riggins
Sherrie Kapp
Bernice Yockey
Bill Burnworth
Steve Payne
Kara's friend
Karen McMillen
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Susan Joy's neighbor
Emily Champion

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and families of:

Tim Fulton
George Champion

Around the World

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Sam Spencer
Edgewood Heights
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