

# We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

7th Sunday after Pentecost

## Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Norma Kooman

## Prelude

*I Love Thee, My Lord*

George Shearing

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

## Chiming of the Trinity

### Call to Worship

We have gathered to praise the Creator;

**let us lift our voices to glorify God.**

God is here;

**let us worship God!**

The windows of heaven are open;

**let us receive God's abundance.**

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.

## ✦ Hymn No. 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

## ✦ Call to Confession

### ✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we are quick to say, "We didn't know. We didn't mean to. We didn't expect that to happen." But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives. 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

Norma Kooman

## Prayer of Illumination

### First Scripture

Romans 8: 1-11

(pp. 157-158)

### Second Scripture

Psalms 119: 105-112

(p. 569)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

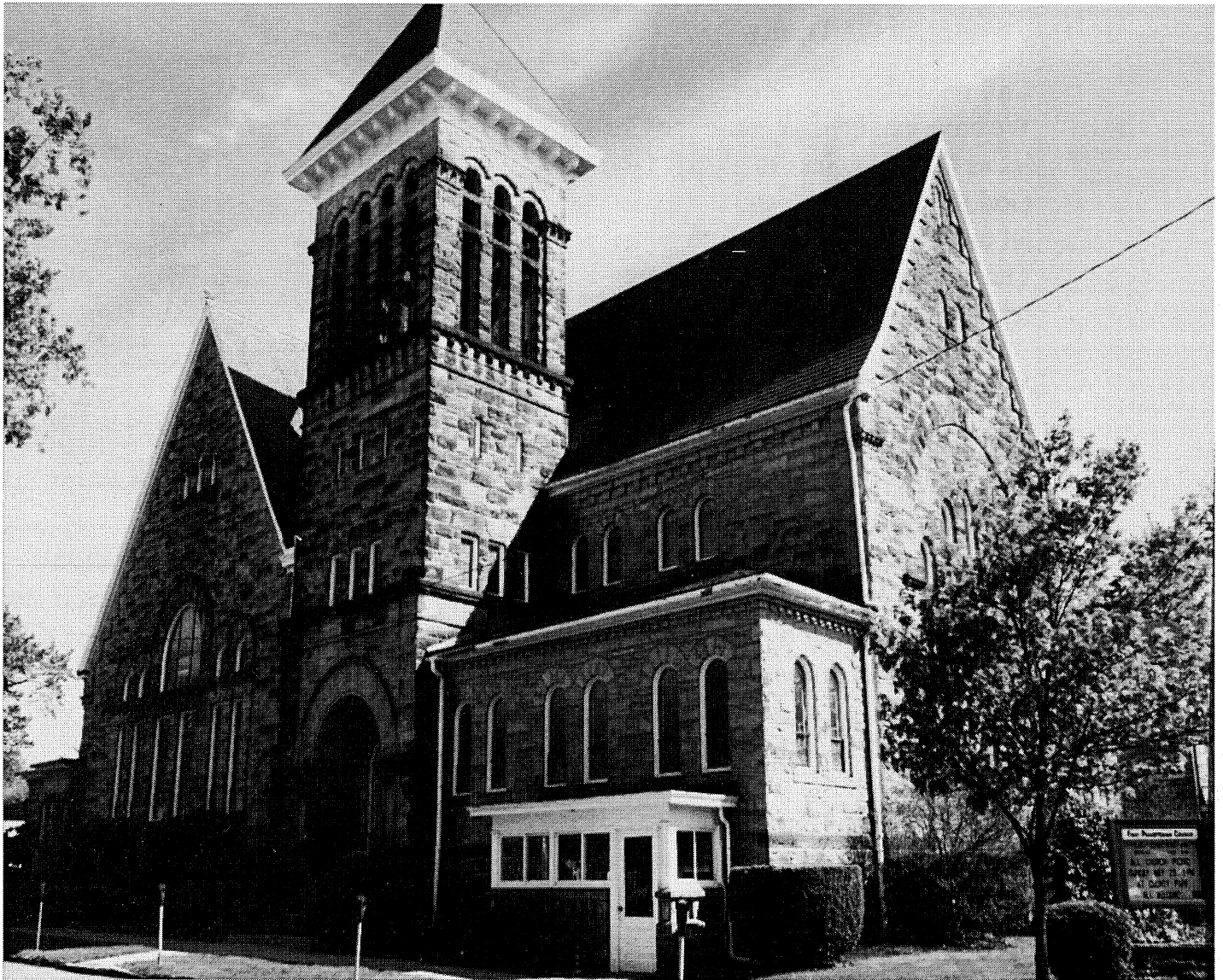
**Thanks be to God.**

# First Presbyterian Church

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*7th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 12th, 2026*



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

Sermon

“Nun the Wiser”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦Hymn No. 458

*Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

We Give Thanks To God

✦Affirmation of Faith

6.001 The Westminster Confession of Faith

It pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his Church; and afterwards for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

*Nearer My God to Thee* Sarah Adams, Lowell Mason &  
Duet—Jeff and Cindy Kapp Stephen DeCesare

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Postlude on “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”*  
Matthew McConnell

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](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>         | Cindy Kapp        |
| <b>Sexton:</b>            | Mike Hetrick      |
| <b>Sound Engineer:</b>    | Josh Deitz        |
| <b>Video Engineer:</b>    | 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

|                           |                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b>            | Rev. Rebecca Mihm                                                                                               |
| <b>Lector:</b>            | Norma Kooman                                                                                                    |
| <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,<br>Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina<br>Champion, Logan Myers |

**Ushers in Charge:** Glen Beichner, Mary Swanger, Kim Lewis

**The Sanctuary flowers** today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Ginna on her birthday, by Chris Gemmell.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

|            |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship                        |
| 11:00 a.m. | Rwanda presentation in CE room |

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/5/26

### Weekly Contributions

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Envelope Contributions   | \$2,058.00        |
| Misc. Cash Contributions | <u>\$107.00</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$2,165.00</b> |

### Weekly Donations

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Men's Fellowship | \$20.00           |
| Food Bag         | \$35.00           |
| Blessing Box     | \$200.00          |
| Caring Callers   | <u>\$25.00</u>    |
|                  | <b>\$280.00</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$2,445.00</b> |

## NOTES

**Tuesday, July 14**

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

**Wednesday, July 15**

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, July 16**

2:00 p.m. Food Bag Distribution

**Sunday, July 19**

10:00 a.m. Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

—**After worship** today, Pastor Rebecca will be giving a presentation on her trip to Rwanda in the **CE Room**.

—**It's back!** The third annual Holy Hat Sunday will be next Sunday, July 19. So, dig out your favorite chapeau and wear it proudly!

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## PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable  
Pauline Henry  
Jeff Deitz  
Mary Ann Lees  
Dave Steward  
Charlie Kurtas  
Tom Goble  
Ron & Judy Montgomery  
John Joy  
Jim McConnell  
Tammy Slike  
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  
Jerry Deitz  
Don Neiderriter  
Shawn Martin  
John McConnell  
Nina Faust Joslin  
Alec Booth  
Terry  
Darlene Hargenrader  
Bernice Yockey  
Nancy Mills  
Dudley Fye  
Emily Champion  
Mark Willy  
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)  
Lynn Hefner  
Archer Kunselman

## PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Doug Arth  
A family struggling with a difficult situation  
Larry Jamison  
Bill Peterson  
Scott Apel  
Gigi  
Dave Williams  
Kami (3 year old at Children's)  
Rick Shreckengost  
Luis  
John Kerr  
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)  
Marielle and Sloan Reynolds  
Amy Champion

### Around the World

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

### Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

Greg Rhoads  
Kelly Bosworth  
James Eaker  
Paul Carter

### Homebound Member of the Week

Ellen Fulton  
Clarion Health Care & Rehab  
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