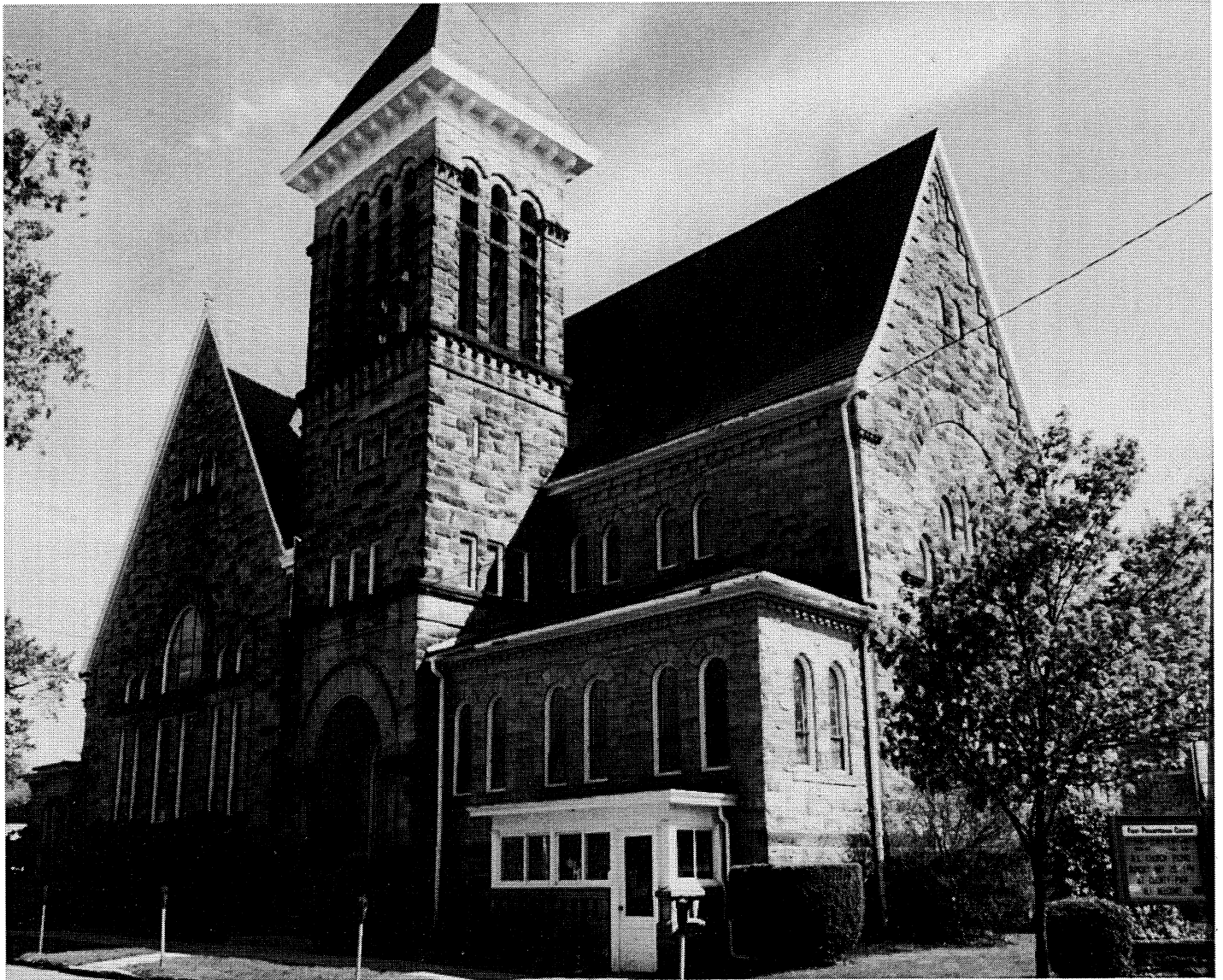


First Presbyterian Church



*18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27th, 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)

18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Marianne Reynolds

Prelude

Andante Tranquillo from the "Water Music"

G. F. Handel

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

At The Name Of Jesus

Ed Harris

Call to Worship

Worship the Lord with gladness,

Let us enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

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

✠ Hymn No. 258

A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing!

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Rev. Jim Dietrich

First Scripture Psalm 25: 1-9 (p. 502)

Second Scripture Philippians 2:1-11 (p. 197)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Christ's Twin" Rev. Jim Dietrich

Organ Interlude

✦ **Hymn No. 264** *At The Name Of Jesus*

We Give Thanks To God

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory *At The Name Of Jesus* Ed Harris

✦ **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**

Postlude *Recessional in F* Gregory P. Cohn

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.

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 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

Pastor: Rev. Jim Dietrich
Lector: Marianne Reynolds
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes: Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion, Logan Myers, Grace Kunselman, Kennedy Schmader, Dean Stants

Ushers in Charge: Joyce Alberta, Joey Kunselman, Paula Stout

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Chapel
9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School—CE Building

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

9/20/26

NO REPORT

Monday, September 28

2:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting—Ministry Central

Tuesday, September 29

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, October 1

5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice

Sunday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Chapel

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School—CE Bldg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

—If anyone would like to donate to the bat abatement of the manse, please mark your envelope "*Bats*". Thank you....Property Committee

—ALF Parking Permits are available in the office. Craft Day 10/9/26 and Parade Day 10/10/26 permits are \$10.00 for all day parking. Please stop by the office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 9:00-3:00 for your tickets.

— Sponsored by Men's Fellowship

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PRAYER LIST

Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Ron Montgomery
Jim McConnell
Jean Mitrosky
Molly Giering and family
Pam Reid
Ruth Ann Minich
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
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
Scott Apel
Gigi
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman
Cynthia Copenhaver
Dottie Lockwood
Melissa McNutt
Dale Wentling

Around the World

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

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

Randy Cable
Dan Carey

Homebound Member of the Week

Sam Spencer
Edgewood Hts.
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New Bethlehem, Pa. 16242