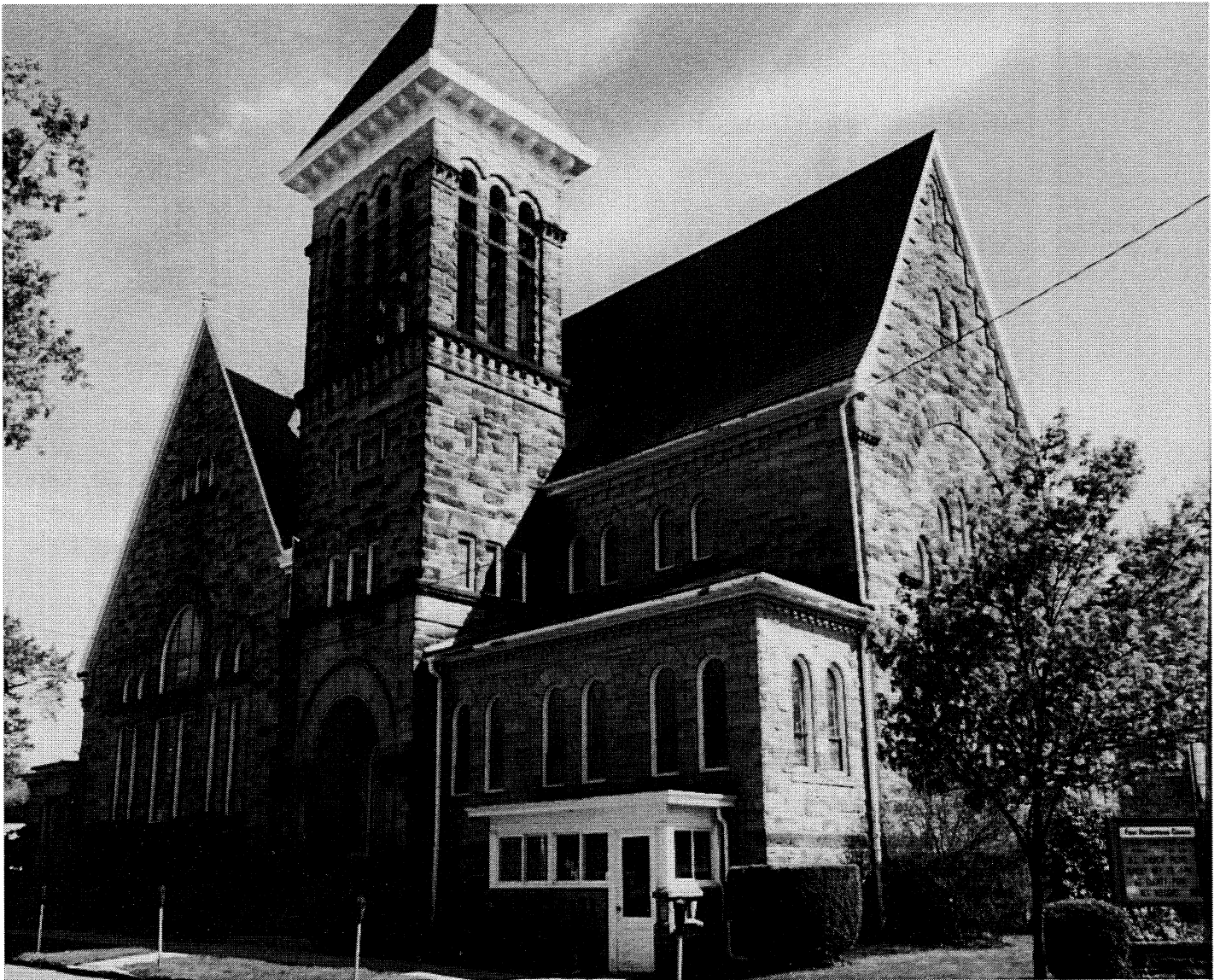


First Presbyterian Church



*1st Sunday Of Advent
November 30, 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)

1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Jeff Deitz

Prelude

Prelude on "Genevan 42"

David Lasky

Psalm 42

Chiming of the Trinity

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Kurt and Brenda Nesbitt

Hymn #85

Light One Candle To Watch For Messiah (v. 1)

Call to Worship

Wake up; Wake up! The day of God is near.

We do not know the hour, so we will live like the time is here and now.

Let us go to the house of our Living God.

We journey with all peoples of all creeds.

Let us go and bask in Holy Wisdom's warmth

So that we can learn her ways and choose her paths.

To enter the house of God, we must wake up to the nightmare of hate and violence; all oppression must cease.

We will beat our weapons into tools for love. We will take the walls we raise against the stranger and build a house where all can live in peace.

✦ Hymn No. 663

Awake, My Soul, And With The Sun

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✦ 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

Kara Willy

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Matthew 24: 36-44

(pp. 27-28)

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

Sermon

“Don’t Hit The Snooze Button”

Debra Owens

Organ Interlude

✦Hymn No. 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

We Give Thanks to God

✦Affirmation of Faith

4.105 The Heidelberg Catechism

I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Come, Messiah, Come

Jack Schrader

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

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

Invention on “Wachet Auf”

Thomas Chesterton

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

Seminary Student: Debra Owens
Lector: Jeff Deitz
Time with Children: Kara Willy
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, Logan Myers
Ushers in Charge: Tammy Goble, Bill & Audrina Champion

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

11/23/25

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$3,260.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$70.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$3,330.00

Weekly Donations

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$90.00
Food Bags	\$485.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Parking Lot	\$1,000.00
Rental Income	<u>\$1,245.00</u>
	\$2,865.00
Total	\$6,195.00

NOTES:

Tuesday, December 2

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, December 3

10:30 a.m. Caring Callers

4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting

4:30 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, December 4

4:30 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice

Sunday, December 7

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

—Caring Callers December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:30 in Ministry Central. Before our meeting we will be having some food and games. Tableware and bottled water will be provided. Bring a brunch dish to share and a wrapped gift for the gift exchange. The gift should be something new you have around the house that you'd like to regift. If you have questions, you can contact Dee Wenner.

—The Clarion Community Choir concert is Sunday, December 7 at 7:00pm in the Marwick Boyd Auditorium. Our Echoes of Joy Handbell Choir will also be performing during that concert. Come and support our bell choir and our local musicians.

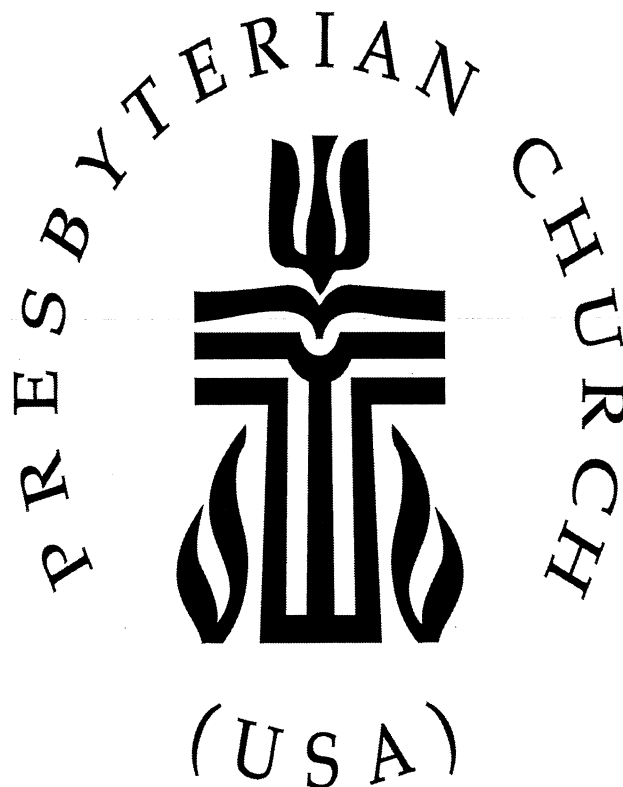
—Create a free account with FPC's RightNow Media page. Enter the following address into an internet search and explore devotionals, Bible studies, training materials and more! <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcpa>

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

—Salvation Army Bell Ringing Season is upon us. December 12, 2025— Your Mission Committee has a signup sheet in the Ramp Room for any volunteers who are willing to share an hour to raise funds for this honorable cause. Spread some holiday cheer and dress up, or bring an instrument to stir up additional donations! Your Christ-like spirit and creativity are requested and will lead the way for holiday good cheer in our community. Thank you and God Bless.

—A big “Thank You” to all who helped with preparing our building for the birth of Jesus, better known as the Hanging of the Greens. Many hands made the work go quickly. We are blessed with a beautifully decorated building, thanks to you!

The Worship Team.



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Jim McConnell
Charlie Kurtas
Lucy 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
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
Zack

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and families of:

George Champion

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

Homebound Member of the Week

Kathleen Fye
Purple Iris Personal Care
103 North 13th St.
Franklin, PA. 16323