

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pentecost
May 23, 2021



700 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214
814-226-8145
churchoffice@clarionfirstpresby.org
www.clarionfirstpresby.org



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

THE SESSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE WEARING OF MASKS FOR YOUR PERSONAL PROTECTION
AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF OTHERS WITH WHOM YOU ARE WORSHIPPING

We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Bobbi Cumo

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

Prelude

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Justin H. Knecht, arr. Stephen Walters

Introit

You Are Always Present

David Haas

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

Call to Worship

Do you hear it?

The sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?

Do you see it,

the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes?

Do you feel it,

God moving in this place, calling us to worship?

The Spirit has come! The church is born!

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

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

✠ Hymn No. 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Text: Alford, 1979

Music: Williams, 1890

Call to Confession

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your Spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people. In the risen Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you, to interpret the mysteries of eternal time. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, I declare to you that God has forgiven our sins. Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy. **Amen.**

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

Bobbi Cumo

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

(NRSV)

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the

crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming out of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Prayer for Illumination

Ever-rising God, just as you lifted the eyes of the disciples to the rising of Jesus at his ascension, so lift our eyes to you as we hear your holy word today, that we too might turn our eyes towards the need of the world and follow in your way through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message

Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.

“The Many Fueled by One”

Prayer for Courage

✦ Hymn No. 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

Text: Huber, 1981

Music: *Neuvermehrtes Meinungisches Gesanbuch*, 1693; *adapt. Mendelssohn*, 1847

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Be Present, Spirit of the Lord
(Choir)

Dudley-Smith/Beall

✦ Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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.

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 287

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Text: Niwagila, 1965; trans Olson, 1968

Music: Niwagila, 1965; arr. Hovland, 1993

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O Day Full of Grace

C. E. F. Weyse,

setting by Michael Burkhardt

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

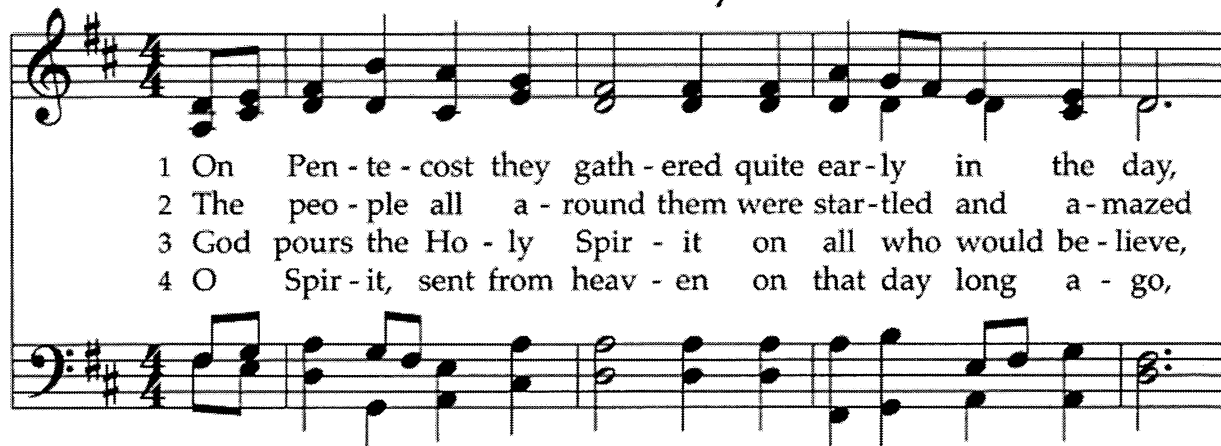
The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. There are also three-measure rests indicated by a '3' over a bracket.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

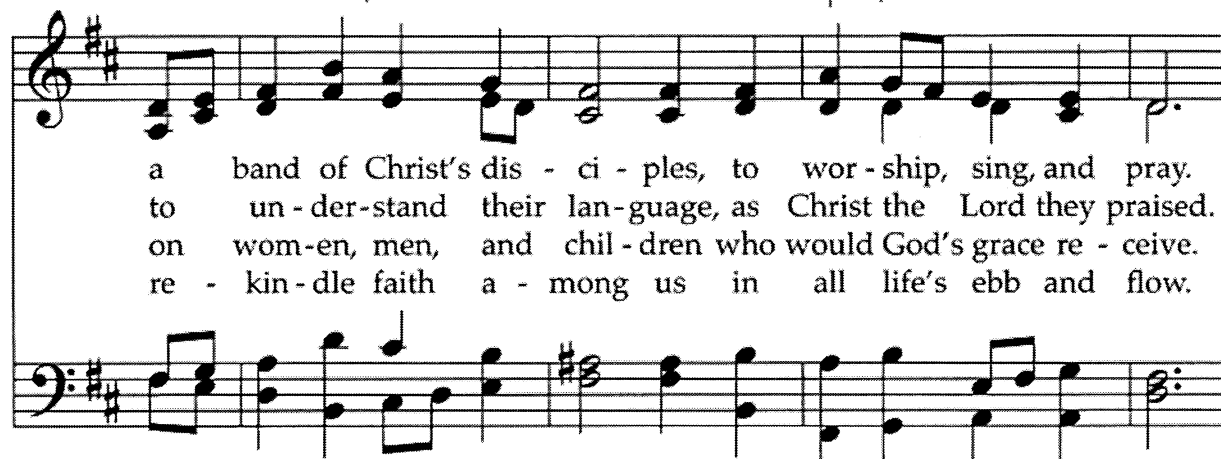
Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

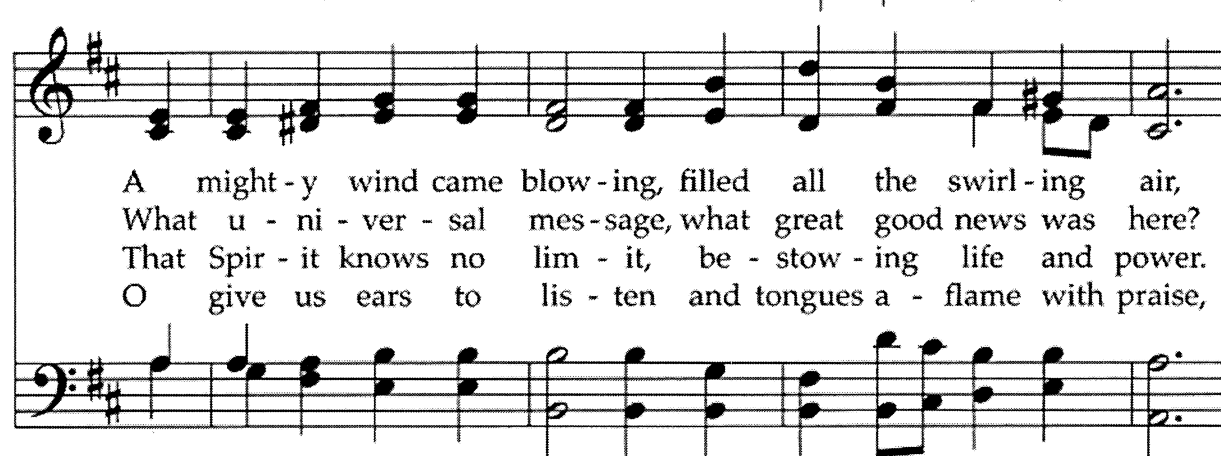
289 On Pentecost They Gathered



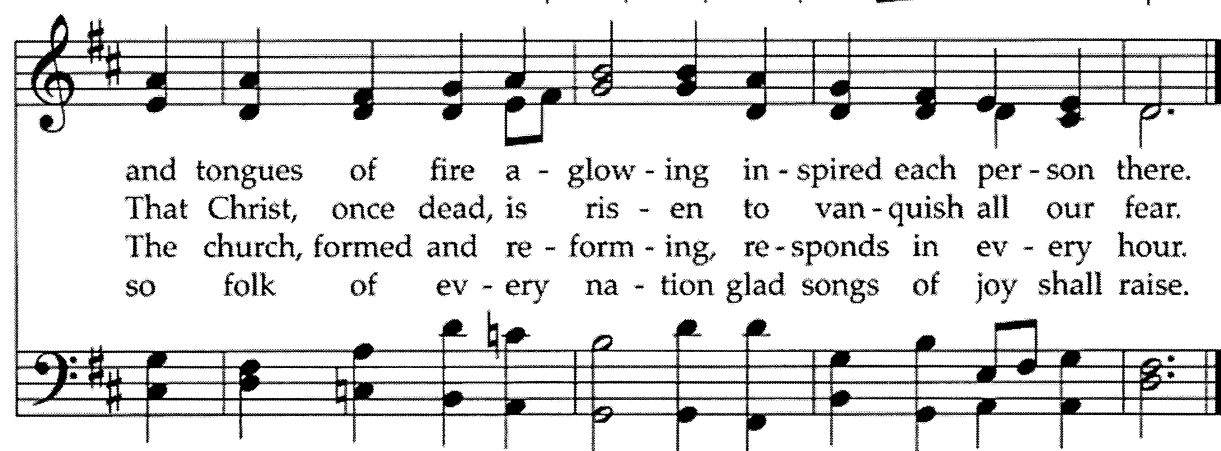
1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

MAY 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY

taking
faith
home

The Spirit of God sustains all of life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
Tuesday	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit intercedes
Wednesday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	The valley of dry bones
Thursday	Joel 2:21-27	The Lord will bless the land
Friday	Ephesians 4:7-13	Equipping the saints
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	All living things depend on God
Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works. Psalm 104:30-31 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, lead us to be the body of Christ in the world and guide us into the truth that Jesus brings for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Creator God, we thank you for this food as you give all living things their food in due season, you open your hand and fill us with good things. (Psalm 104:27-28)

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to live in faith, hope, and love.



© 2020 Milestones Ministry, LLC. All rights reserved.

MAY 23, 2021

HYMN OF THE WEEK

I'm Goin' A Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

taking
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something in creation that gives you joy?
- What is something that concerns you about the frailty of creation?
- In Psalm 104:31, God rejoices in the work of creation. How does that motivate you to care for what God has created?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b.

Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit that enlivens the church to continue what the disciples learned and received through Jesus. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ alive and real today as Savior, not just as a historical figure to recall from the past. Jesus' forgiving and renewing work is extended to the church of all times through the Spirit. What is worth remembering is that the Spirit is celebrated in Psalm 104 as the source of life for all of creation. Without God's Spirit there is no breath and creatures "die and return to their dust" (v. 29). We live in an age when the earth is being harmed by pollution of many kinds that endangers future generations, human and nonhuman alike. It is important to see the link between God's work of creating life through the Spirit and redeeming all life through Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for life created, life redeemed, and life sustained through this one God in three persons. How does Pentecost lead you to care for and celebrate all that God has made?

Pray: Dear God, you who love all that you create, give us that love through your Holy Spirit to care for the earth and tell others of the good news of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Pentecost reminds us that the world is full of many languages and different cultures. Jesus' promise to the disciples was fulfilled on this day. It enabled them to speak in other languages and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. How can you spread the good news to those who speak other languages and are from different cultures?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships—often in our own homes. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit is our helper in prayer (Romans 8:26-27). Prayer is one way to practice the Christian faith in our homes. The Spirit brings our needs and concerns before God, even when we do not know what or how to pray. Light a candle when you pray this week. Look upon the flame as a symbol of the Holy Spirit that lives in you.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Wednesday, May 26

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Social Hall

Sunday, May 30 Military Recognition

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting

11:15 a.m. The Church God Wants for Us!, Adults in Chapel

Monday, May 31 Memorial Day

Church Office and Building Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

the church office. We'll display them to give praise for the things the LORD has done for us and through us. "Called to Serve" are open spaces for you to write your own mending action that isn't on the board. Write a quick note of your ministry. You are welcome to complete as many boards as you feel led. Boards should be handed in by May 31st.

Graduate Recognition: During worship on June 6, we will recognize the graduates in our church family, whether from high school, college, or advanced degrees. If you have a family member who is graduating, please fill out a form providing the graduate's information and drop it in the offering plate, the basket outside the church office, or email it to churchoffice@clarionpresby.org. We want to be sure and include all our graduates in the special insert for that Sunday.

Sanctuary flowers are needed for Sunday June 20 and 27. The sign-up poster is in the hall by the church office. Due to flower shortages caused by winter storms earlier this year, the price has risen from \$20 to \$25 (plus delivery and tax). You may call or email the church office regarding those you wish to remember or honor: (814) 226-8145 or churchoffice@clarionpresby.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE WEARING OF MASKS FOR YOUR PERSONAL PROTECTION AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF OTHERS WITH WHOM YOU ARE WORSHIPPING.

Today is the last day of Sunday School. It is has been exciting to see the children in this congregation learning about God and engaging together in crafts and lessons. Vacation Bible School will take place later this Summer. Look for details in future bulletins.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this fund either by mail or in the offering plate today. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. You may designate your gift by marking "Pentecost Offering" on the check notation line or by using the special envelope in today's bulletin.

Military Recognition: During worship on May 30, we will recognize members and their family who have served or are currently serving in the military. If your family member is currently serving, please contact the office with the information churchoffice@clarionfirstpresby.org or (814) 226-8145. It must be submitted by Tuesday, May 25th end of day to make it in the bulletin.

The Session has called for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 30, 2021, for the election of members to the Pastor Nominating Committee. The meeting will be at the end of the worship service. Please plan to attend.

The Deacons invite you to join them in their Mending Ministry of kindness and helping out. A service choice board, listing a variety of things you can do to help others, is available in the Ramp Room. Using this, consider Jesus Christ's call to service by completing simple actions for community ministry. When you have crossed off 5 or more items, (The items don't need to be in any set pattern of completion.) return the anonymous board to a deacon or

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Showers, Fred Port, Jim Young, Dorothy Jean Foreman, Herb & Dee Thrush, Mary McCamant, Pat McConnell, Pauline Henry, Mary Swanger, Fred and Jeanne Foster.
- *Our family and friends in need of prayer:* Shirley McKinley's daughter, Charlotte Hartman and nephew, Kenneth Daughtery Jr.; John McKinley's great-nephew, David Mahle; Marianne Reynolds' mother, Alice Davis; former treasurer, Jennifer Hurrelbrink; Carolyn McFarland's brother and his wife, Rick and Janelle Moore; Kristen Maze's uncle, Charles Gamble; Ellen DiBernardo's friend, Barbara Frampton; Pastor Paul's daughter, Helen Abell; Bill and Bonnie Champion's sister-in-law, Norma Stahlman Champion, and Linda Deitz, sister to Jeff Deitz.
- *And all of those serving in the US Military* including members and friends of our own faith family.

Caring Caller member of the week: Please remember Dee Thrush 169 S. 2nd Avenue, Clarion, PA 16214-2403

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 Facebook page.

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 needs, please feel free to contact Pastor Paul Abell at the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. You may also email him at pastorpaul@clarionpresby.org.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Radio Broadcast-WWCH 1300AM and 94.1 FM every third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

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).

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Interim Pastor: Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Treasurer: Brenda Nesbitt
Secretary: Debra Owens
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2021:</u>	<u>Class of 2022:</u>	<u>Class of 2023:</u>
Bobbie Cumo	Joe Burns	John Joy
Jeff Kapp	Robin Cable	Bert Louder
Elaine Matticks	Michelle Deitz	Jim McConnell
Marissa Widmer	Cindy Stants	

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2021:</u>	<u>Class of 2022:</u>	<u>Class of 2023:</u>
Doug Bills	Tamalyn Goble	Suellen Gourley
Pam Reid	Mike Hetrick	Cindy Kapp
Dana Solida	Carolyn McFarland	Norma Kooman
Amy Widmer	Debra Owens	

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor:	Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.
Lector:	Bobbi Cumo
Time with Children:	Bobbi Cumo
Director of Music:	Bonnie Champion
Organist:	Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer:	Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer:	Dan Willy
Greeter and Ushers:	Norma Kooman, Dana Solida

Flowers today are in memory of my Husband, my Love, on our Anniversary, by Bert Louder

We are glad to have the choir return for the last two Sundays before Summer break starts.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 23 Pentecost

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School, CE Building
11:15 a.m.	The Church God Wants for Us!, Adults in Chapel

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

5/18/2021

Envelope Contributions	\$2,532.82
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$5.00
Per Capita	<u>\$33.65</u>
Total Contributions	\$2,571.47
Food Bag Donations	<u>\$425.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$2,996.47

NOTES

Feel free to use this space to take notes on the sermon, the service or for any personal reminders that may help you in your walk with God this week