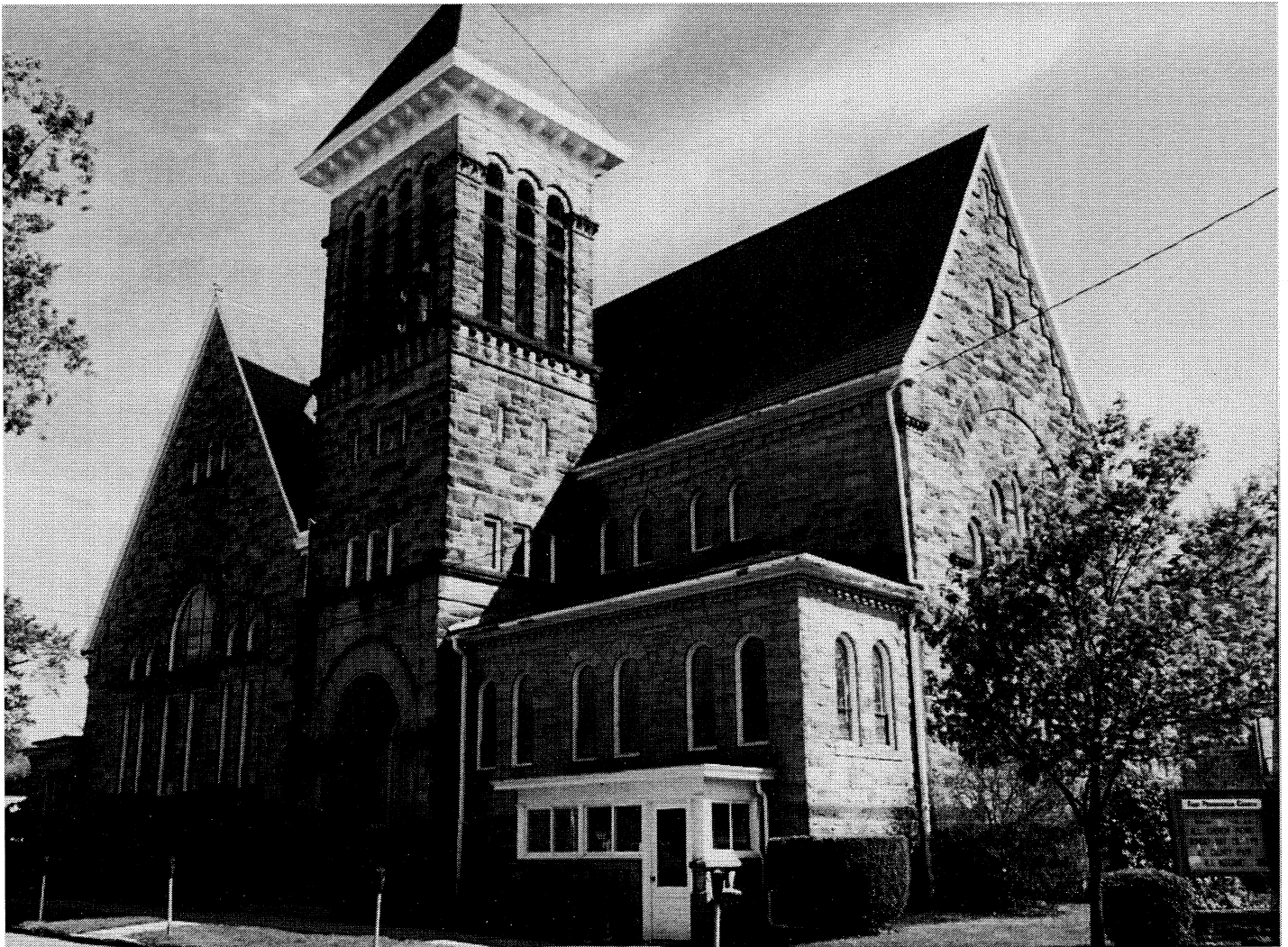


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021



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

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We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Elaine Matticks

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.

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

Wm. B. Bradbury, arr. David Paxton

Call to Worship

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

✦ Hymn No. 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Text: Kaan, 1976

Music: American folk melody; harm. Webb, 1988

Call to Confession

Before we celebrate baptism, let us hear what the law of God requires of us, that it may convince us of our sin and incite us to seek his mercy. Christ teaches this in summary: "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (Mt. 22:37-40, NIV).

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, our God, and before one another that we have sinned greatly, in thought, word, and deed. We have offended your holiness. We have failed to love our neighbor. We have followed the devices of our own hearts and have spurned the promptings of your Spirit. Through our own fault, we have deserved your judgment. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, and hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

After Jesus had risen from the dead, the apostles proclaimed "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."

✦ 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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21

(NRSV)

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, ¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. ¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food in due season, ¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. ¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your

hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, may this your Word give us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, and the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you. **Amen.**

Message

Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.

“By The Power of God’s Spirit”

Prayer for Courage

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.

Today we baptize Leigha Rae into the body of Christ. Leigha is the daughter of Raymond & Brianna Kelly and granddaughter of Todd & Kim Glenn and Jack & Bonnie Kelly. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As circumcision was the sign and symbol of inclusion in God’s grace and covenant with Israel, so baptism is the sign and symbol of inclusion in the covenant signifying the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, being sealed by God’s Spirit, adoption into the covenant family of the Church, and the resurrection and illumination in Christ.

Time with the Children

Kara Willy

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Leigha Rae Kelly

Elder Todd Glenn participating

- Questions for the Parents
- Questions for the Congregation
- The Baptism
- Prayer of Thanksgiving

✦ Hymn No. 498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Text: Cole-Turner, 1981

Music: Hope Publishing Co., 1988

Call for the Offering

Offertory

It Is Well With My Soul
(Duet: Janelle and Bret Sloan)

Phillip Bliss, arr. Kelsey
and Caileb Grimm

✦ Doxology

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.

Prayer of Dedication

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

Prayers for the People and The Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

Text & Music: Ylvisaker, 1985

✦ Charge and Benediction

Lord, When I Came into This Life 691

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal parts. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

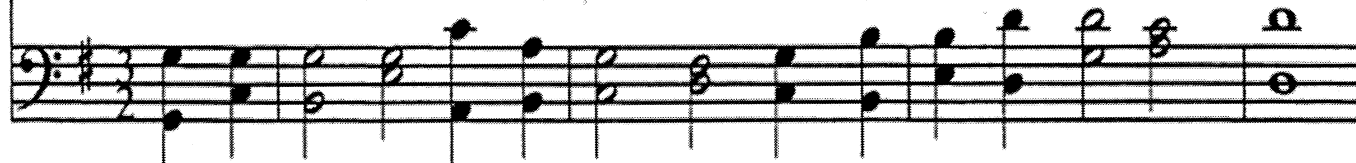
Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

V. Earle Copes, 1959



1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, Bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres-sion, Love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
3. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4. Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, Learn to lis - ten for God's call.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir - its, In - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, Trust and love God more than all.



488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



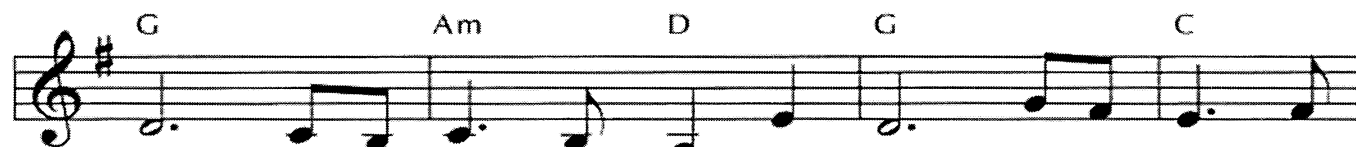
1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-



see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Wednesday, July 28

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

Sunday, August 1

10:00 a.m. Worship

— Communion

August 3-5 Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m.—8:15 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO COME TO WORSHIP! IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR WEARING A MASK TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE VACCINATED.

No regular ministry team meetings will occur during the month of July. CE will only have meetings scheduled at the convenience of those who have volunteered for VBS.

Vacation Bible School for All Ages!!!

The theme verse: Taste and See! The Lord is Good! VBS will be held in person on August 3, 4 and 5 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. Registration will be held on August 3, 2021 beginning at 6:15 p.m. We will discover how we experience God and our faith through our five senses at "Our Daily Bread Café". A full menu of activities is being planned. If you would like to help with VBS, your assistance would be appreciated. Preregistration is appreciated but not required. If you would like to volunteer to help or to register your child, please call the church at 814-226-8145.

Sunday Morning Worship will move to the Social Hall beginning August 1st. We have reached that time in Summer when the blessing of air conditioning is appreciated and we are lucky to have that blessing in the Social Hall. The service will still be broadcast to the parking lot (we are working on the technology piece for that). It will not be possible to livestream the service on Facebook while in the Social Hall. The service will be uploaded to the church Facebook page and website as soon as is feasible after the service.

The next Food Bag Distribution will be Thursday, August 19th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. or all bags are gone, whichever happens first.

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers sent to us due to the loss of Bill's brother. We feel loved and cared for and are so thankful for our church family. Thanks, Bill and Bonnie Champion.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Ray Whitling, who passed away on July 18, 2021. Tom Wenner is his nephew.

MOMENT FOR MUSIC

Summer of Song: A Concert Series brought to you by the Presbyterian Giving Catalog was created not only to thank those who continue giving generously, but also to lift up our connection to music, and one another.

The first concert, **Elizabeth Stockton Perkins with accompaniment by Cameron Edmiston**, is available on online on demand.

And there are still two chances to tune in for more performances. **The Stillman College Concert Choir**, a Presbyterian-affiliated historically black liberal arts college ensemble from Tuscaloosa, Alabama will share sacred and secular music from the Renaissance to present.

The final concert on August 21 at 7:00 p.m. will feature **The Mission Musicians**, Presbyterians coming together to share their belief in the power of music to spread God's love. They will perform a selection of beloved songs.

Both performances will also be available to view on demand at the link below after their premieres. Please share this opportunity and join us in joyfully honoring our shared love of music, and the difference we're making together. Use this link to join the concerts live, or to view on demand at any time: <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/summer-of-song>

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Showers, Fred Port, Jim Young, Dorothy Jean Foreman, Herb & Dee Thrush, Mary McCamant, Mary Swanger, and Norma Stroup.
- *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 Virginia Mohney, 49 N. 3rd Avenue, Clarion, PA 16214-1831.

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@clarionpresyb.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: Elaine Matticks
Time with Children: Kara Willy
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy
Ushers in Charge: Cindy Kapp and Pam Reid

Flowers today are in memory of Larry Rader, by Monta Rader.

Special thanks to Janelle and Bret Sloan for presenting the Offertory this morning.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 25

10:00 a.m. Worship
 —Holy Sacrament of Baptism

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/19/2021

Envelope Contributions	\$2,045.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$23.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$2,068.00
Food Bag Donation	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$2,098.00

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