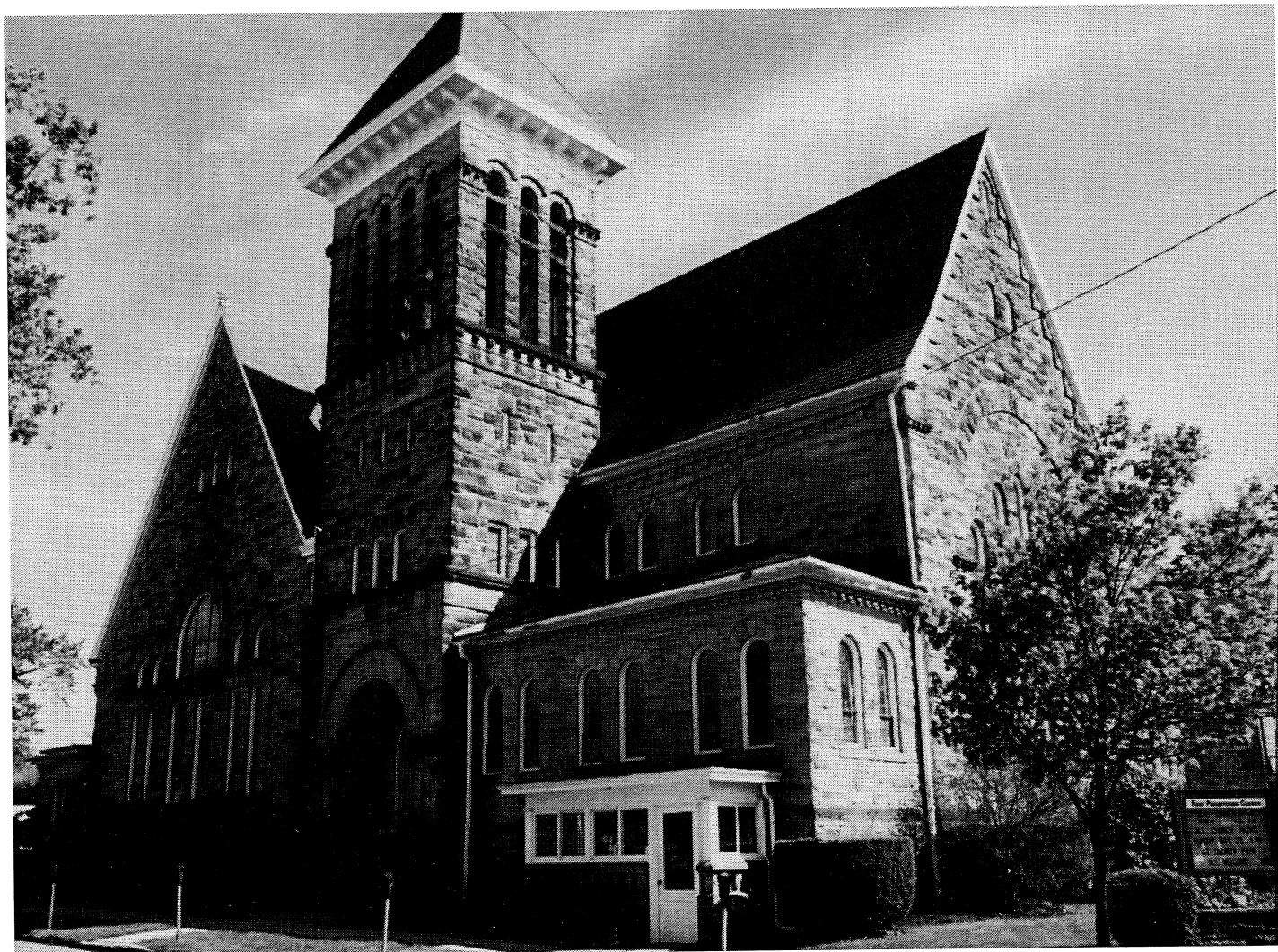


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 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)

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Michelle Deitz

Prelude

Praise and Thanksgiving

George F. Handel

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

Call to Worship

The winds and the waves are no match for our God.
Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.
In the midst of the storms of our lives,
let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.

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

✦ Hymn No. 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Text: Whiting, 1860, alt.
Music: Dykes, 1861

Call to Confession

We strive to be strong and self-sufficient, but in truth we in constant need of grace. In humbleness and faith, let us confess to God and to one another.

Prayer of Confession

O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves, we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives. When all around us has given way to chaos, ground us in your presence. When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired, refresh us by your mercy. Help us to see that you are in the boat with us, even when we are certain that it is sinking. Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord, and make us agents of your reign. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Live, then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in your baptism. **Praise be to our loving Lord. 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

Kara Willy

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Mark 4:35-41

(NRSV)

⁵⁷ On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸ Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." ¹⁸ ¹ When David had finished speaking to Saul, the sound of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ² Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. ³ Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴ Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. ⁵ David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; ¹¹ and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. ¹² Saul was afraid of David,

because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. ¹³ So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. ¹⁴ David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. ¹⁵ When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Prayer for Illumination

God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Message

Rev. Paul W. Abell, Jr.

"Confidence in the Face of Giants"

Prayer for Courage

✦ Hymn No. 463

How Firm a Foundation

Text: Rippon, 1787, alt.
Music: American folk melody

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

Ode to Joy
(Saxophone: Emma Willy)

Ludwig van Beethoven

✦ Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 819

Be Still My Soul

Text: von Schlegel, 1752;

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.**

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C

George F. Handel

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

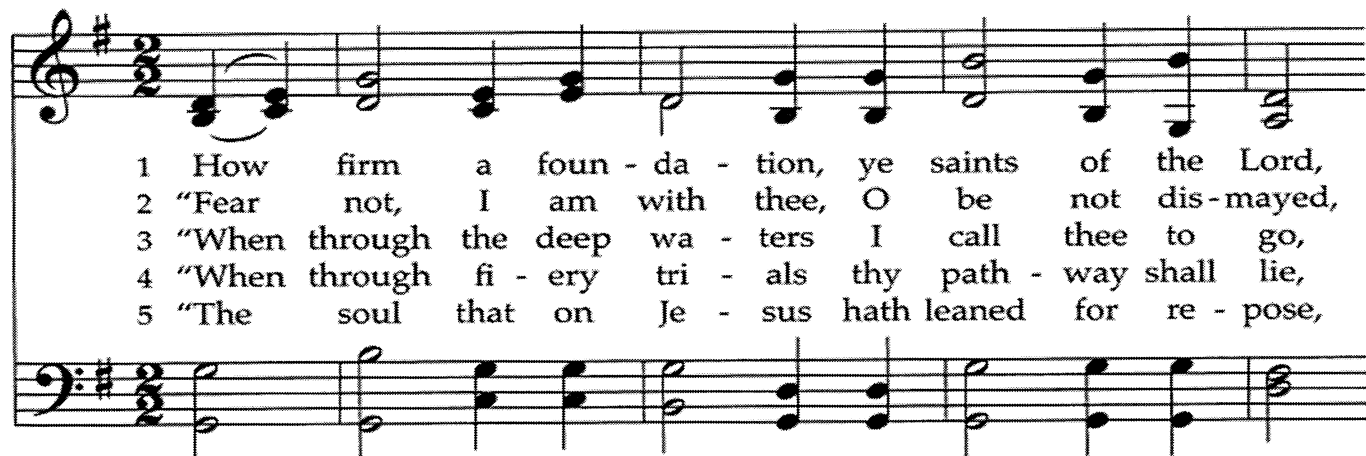
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
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dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

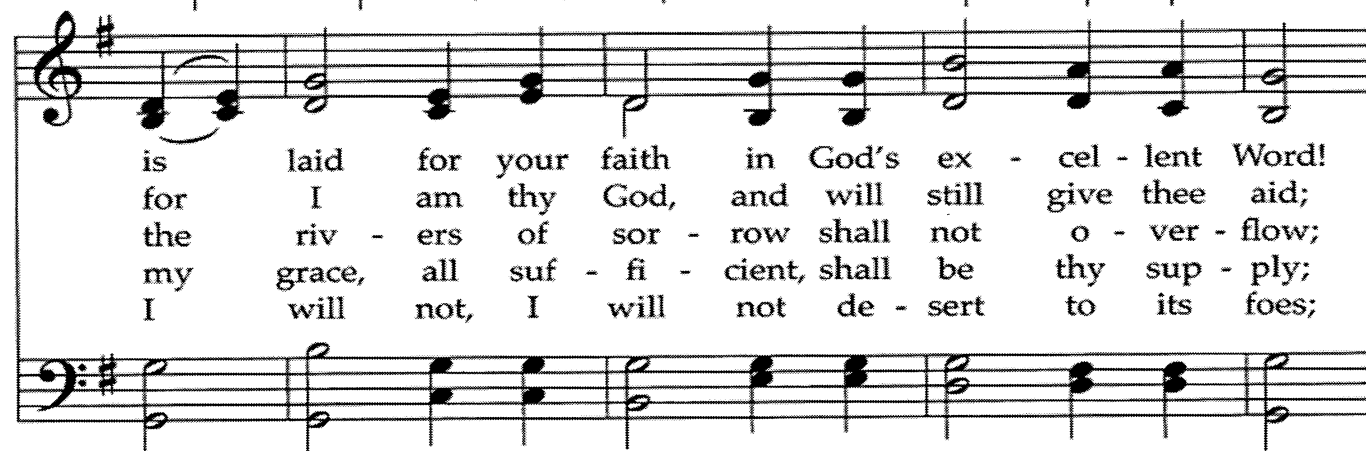
own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
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rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

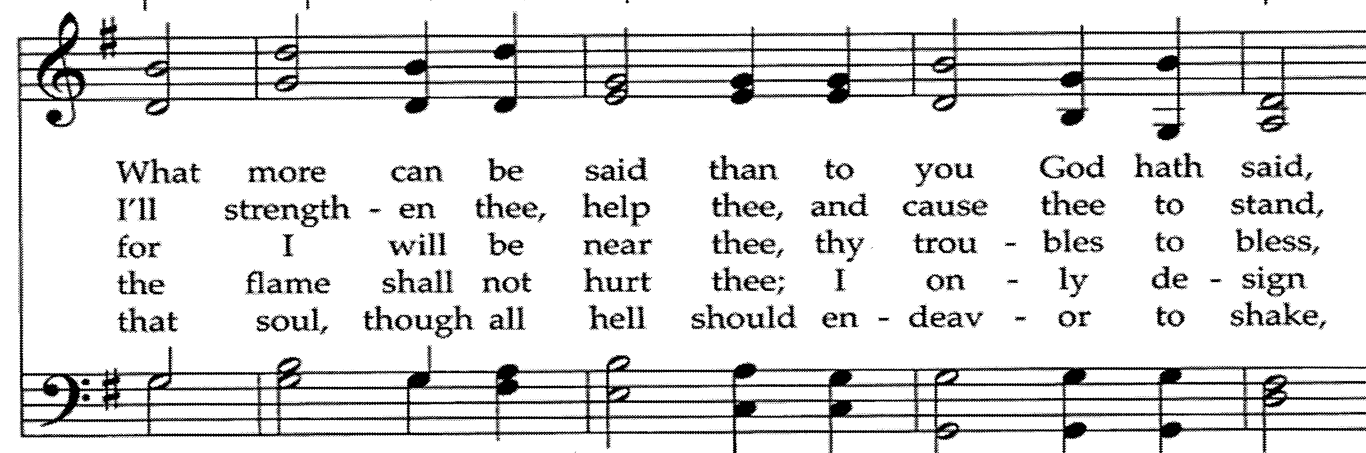
How Firm a Foundation



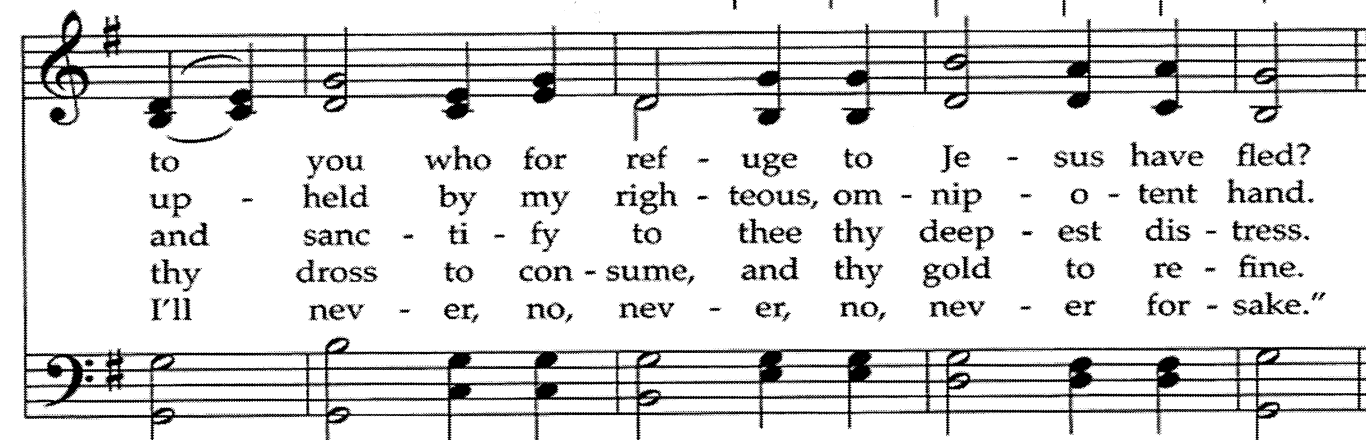
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

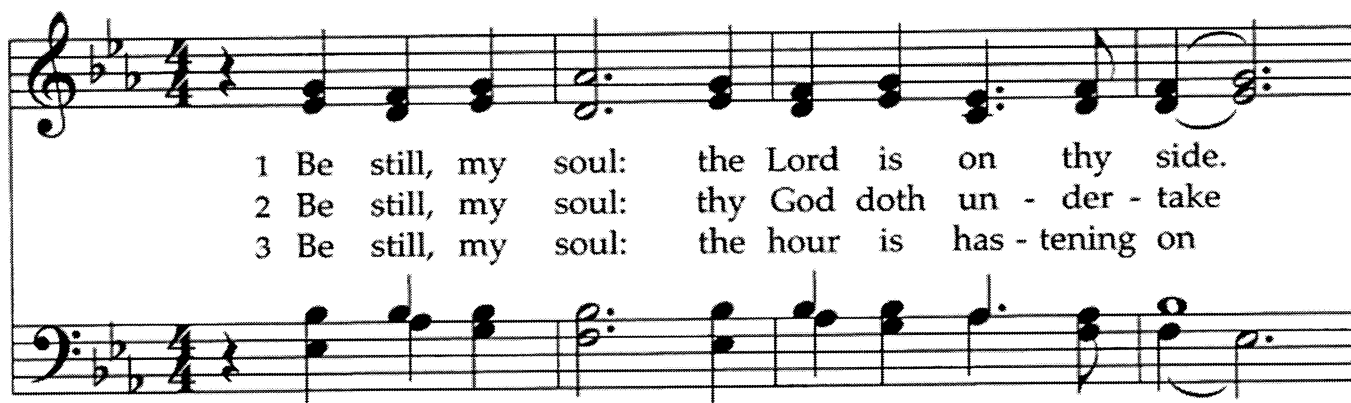


What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

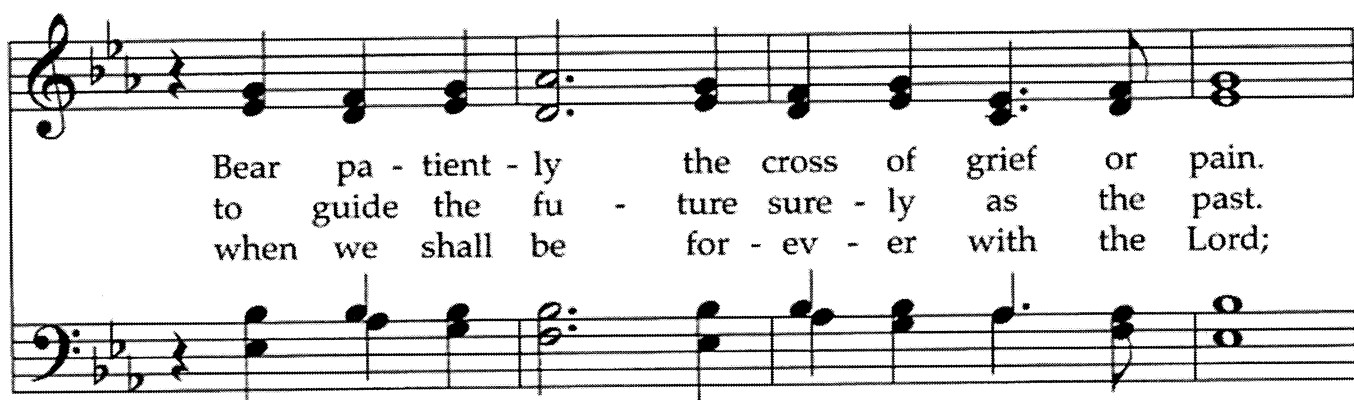


to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

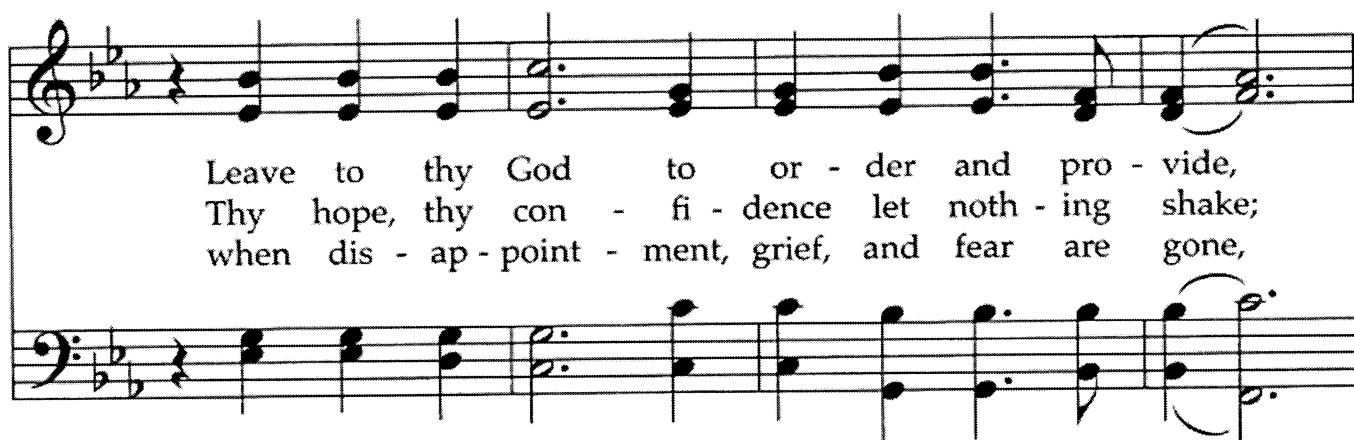
Be Still, My Soul




1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

JUNE 20, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST taking faith home

Jesus listens to and calms our fears.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Mark 4:35-41 | Jesus calms the sea |
| Monday | Job 38:1-11 | God's rebuke of Job |
| Tuesday | 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 | How Paul served God |
| Wednesday | Psalms 46:1-11 | God is our refuge |
| Thursday | Genesis 17:15-21 | Abraham and Sarah |
| Friday | Isaiah 41:1-10 | Israel's assured of God's help |
| Saturday | Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32 | God saves those in distress |
| Sunday | Mark 5:21-43 | Jesus heals and raises to life |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and [the disciples] woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Mark 4:38 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of wind and seas, help us to trust in your power and steadfast love that we may give you praise and serve our neighbor in love through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Living God, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with awe at the power and love of God.

JUNE 20, 2021 HYMN OF THE WEEK *Shepherd Me, O God* 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:

- Tell or think about a time you were scared.
- When do you think of God more, during good times or bad times? Explain.
- The sea with its awesome views and power is like a parable of how life is filled with both beauty and danger. Where do you see beauty and danger in life? In faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:35-41.

The disciples are beside themselves with fear. The wind is howling; the waves are crashing over their little boat in a large and churning sea. It seemed like the end for them all. They wake up Jesus with a chorus of screaming cries, "Don't you care that we are going to die?" Jesus describes this as an example of having no faith. After noting their serious limitations as disciples, he calms the wind and the sea. At this point in the story, Jesus exits the discussion and the disciples simply marvel at the power of their teacher. This is the scene of the life of faith. It, too, is a kind of parable, the kind that Jesus had just told his followers. A living and real faith is like being on the waters and vacillating between sheer fear and trembling and simple awe. Although the full breadth of faith experiences from disbelief to true adoration is hard to fathom, it is the life we live. Jesus knows this; Jesus accepts this; Jesus leads us from valley lows to mountain highs with the same understanding, love, and saving grace. When have you experienced serious doubts in your faith? When have you experienced the pure joy of being a follower of Jesus?

Pray: **Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy that cares for us day and night with power and grace through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



The disciples were afraid in the stormy, churning sea. The oceans provide food for billions of people. Catching large numbers of fish can be an exhausting and dangerous job. Pray for those who work on the seas including those who fish as well as those who provide security as part of the Coast Guard and Navy.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about and give thanks for the lives of all men who parent or otherwise care for and protect our children. Conclude by praying: **Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for and protect us. We especially give thanks for [names of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.**

Wednesday, June 23

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

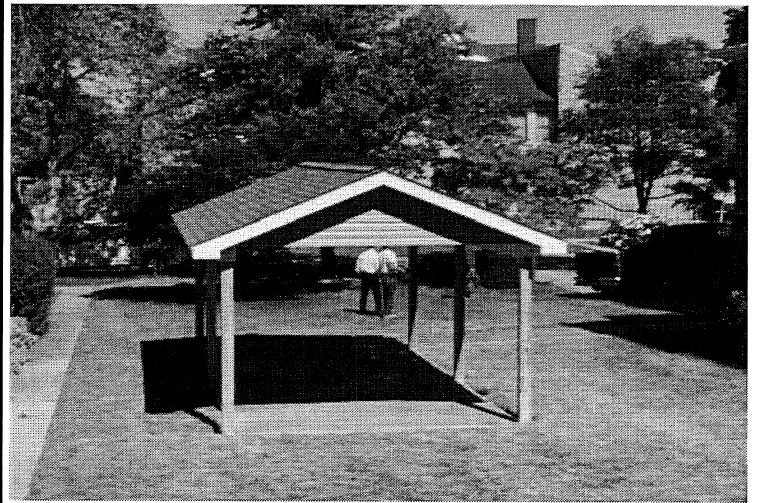
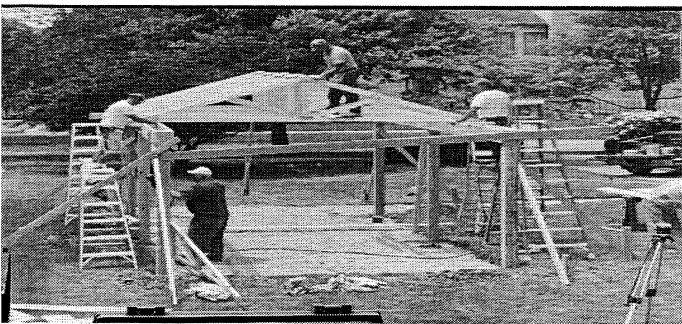
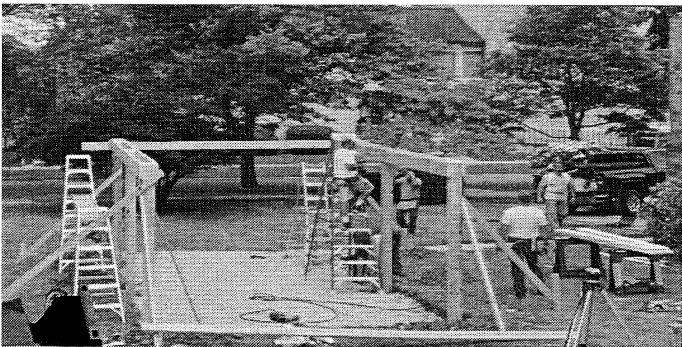
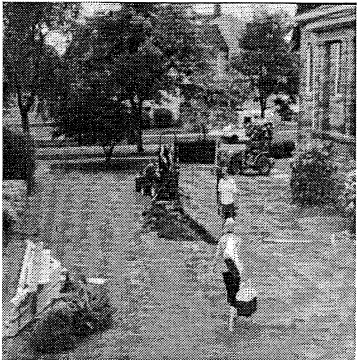
Sunday, June 27

10:00 a.m. Worship

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.

You may have driven past the church on 7th Street and noticed the construction in the yard between the church and the manse. Or, you may have seen the photos posted on Facebook documenting the work. Even members of the Clarion community have noticed and watched on Facebook as the construction progressed. The work is completed and the pavilion is ready for church use. It is anticipated that there will be a dedication ceremony after Sunday worship sometime in September or October. The PW Afternoon Circle has already reserved it for their August meeting, VBS is also looking forward to using it. How exciting to have a new place to come together and make memories as a church family!



Note of Appreciation: We, the members of First Presbyterian Church want to thank everyone who participated in building the new Pavilion. You have done a fabulous work of love. Thank you to Keaton Stants, Jon Stants, Jeff Kapp, Charlie Siegel, Dave Larimer, Jeff Deitz, Greg Love, Justin Painter, and Jason H. We cannot forget Cindy Stants, Nicole Stants, Clara Stants, and Dean Stants. Your valuable assistance was much appreciated.

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, and Mary Swanger.
- *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 Cecelia "Bunny" Rhea at Highland Oaks at Water Run, Rm. 118, 300 Water Run Road, Clarion, PA 16214-8546.

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> |
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| 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: Michelle Deitz
Time with Children: Kara Willy
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
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Ushers in Charge: Norma Kooman and Amy Widmer

Flowers today are in honor of Bill Champion, by Sheldon and Amy.

Special thanks to Emma Willy for presenting the Offertory this morning.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 20 Father's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast WWCH 1300AM, 94.1 FM

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

6/14/2021

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| Envelope Contributions | \$2,715.00 |
| Miscellaneous Cash Contributions | <u>\$41.00</u> |
| Total Contributions | \$2,756.00 |
| Food Bag Donations | \$700.00 |
| AA Rental Income | \$20.00 |
| Donation for Pavilion | <u>\$100.00</u> |
| Total Deposit | \$3,576.00 |

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