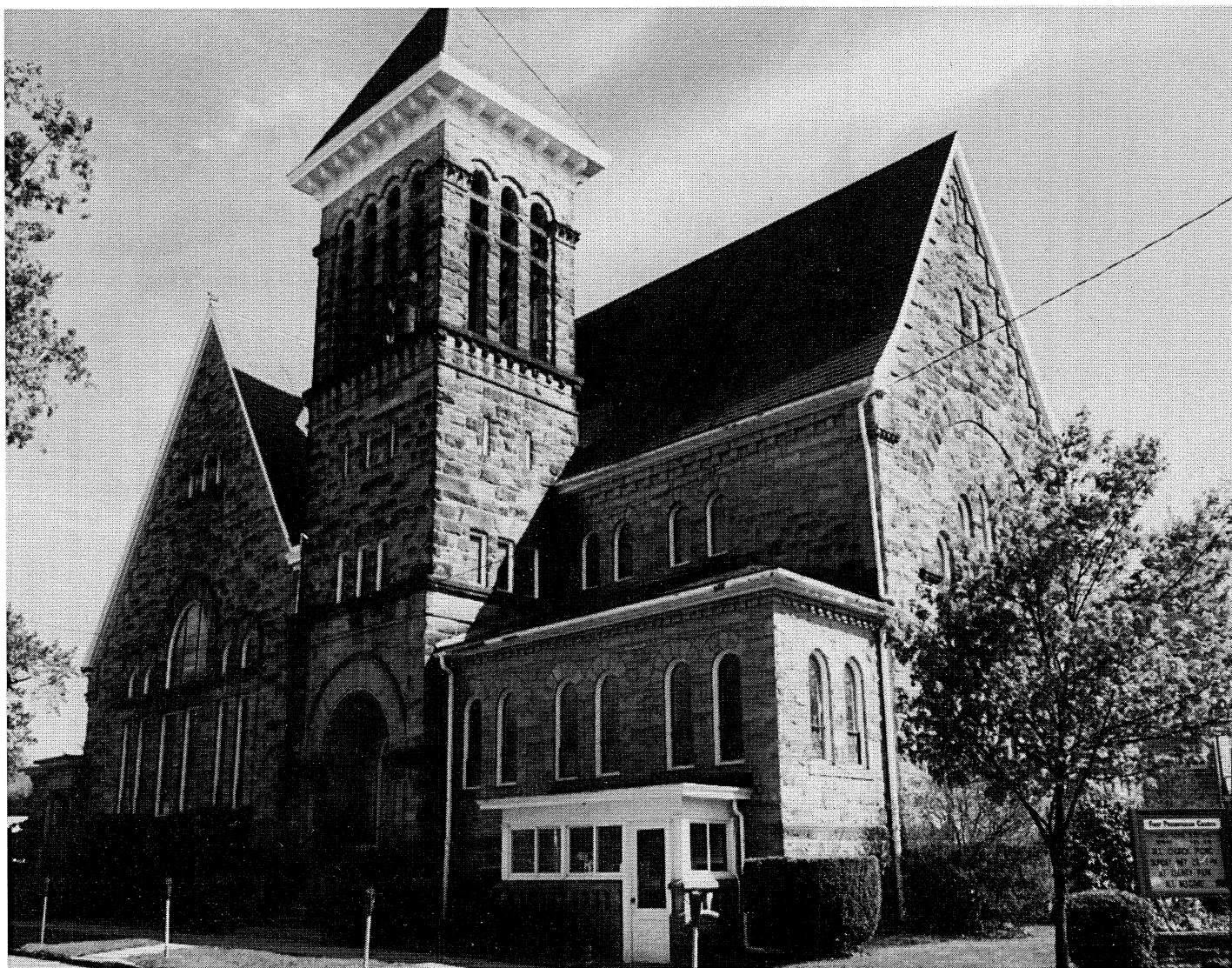


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*4th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 3, 2022*



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

PER THE SESSION, MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL UNLESS YOU HAVE AN UPPER RESPIRATORY AILMENT.

# 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.

## Prelude

*This Is My Father's World*

Arr. by Hughes

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Call to Worship

God calls us with grace given by Christ Jesus.

**Deliver us from the cold hearts and wandering thoughts, O Lord.**

Draw near with steady minds and burning zeal to answer the call.

**Let us worship God in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Prayer of the Day (Unison)

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

## ✠ Hymn No. 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Text: Lyte, 1834

Music: Goss, 1869

## Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

## 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 all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

## ✠ 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

## ✠ Passing of the Peace

# We Share God's Word

## Time with the Children

Rev. R. James Dietrich

## Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The words of scripture, inspired by God.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon“Something to Boast About”Rev. R. James Dietrich

✦Hymn No. 213In the Cross of Christ I GloryText: Bowring, 1825  
Music: Conkey, 1849

We Give Thanks to God

✦Affirmation of FaithPhilippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offering and OffertoryFamily BibleBreeland, Gray & Buskirk

(Solo: Glenn Beichner)

✦Doxology

Prayers of 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. 761Called as Partners in Christ’s ServiceText: Huber, 1981  
Music: Zundel, 1870

✦Charge and Benediction

PostludeAmericaSamuel Francis Smith

## 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 prayer needs, please feel free to contact the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. For Congregational Care, please reach out to Elders Bert Louder (814) 758-0455 or Robin Cable (814) 221-1528.

**For more information** visit our website at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://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](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org) or a phone app is available at [sermon.net](http://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

<b>Organist:</b>	Jean Mitrosky
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Bonnie Champion
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Brenda Nesbitt
<b>Secretary:</b>	Debra Owens
<b>Sexton:</b>	Mike Hetrick
<b>Sound Engineer:</b>	Josh Deitz
<b>Video Engineer:</b>	Dan Willy

### **Ruling Elders:**

<u>Class of 2022:</u>	<u>Class of 2023:</u>	<u>Class of 2024:</u>
Joe Burns	John Joy	Kathy Larimer
Robin Cable	Bert Louder	Elaine Matticks
Michelle Deitz	Jim McConnell	Pam Reid
Cindy Stants		

### **Deacons:**

<u>Class of 2022:</u>	<u>Class of 2023:</u>	<u>Class of 2024:</u>
Tamalyn Goble	Suellen Gourley	Bonnie Champion
Mike Hetrick	Cindy Kapp	Marianne Reynolds
Carolyn McFarland	Norma Kooman	Mary Swanger
Debra Owens		

## WORSHIP NOTES

<b>Guest Preacher:</b>	Rev. R. James Dietrich
<b>Lector:</b>	Elaine Matticks
<b>Time with Children:</b>	Rev. R. James Dietrich
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Bonnie Champion
<b>Guest Organist:</b>	Mary Brooks
<b>Sound Engineer:</b>	Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
<b>Video Engineer:</b>	Dan Willy
<b>Ushers in Charge:</b>	Cindy & Jeff Kapp, Michelle & Jeff Deitz

**We warmly welcome the Rev. R. James Dietrich to our pulpit today.** Jim lives in Brookville and is the retired pastor of New Rehoboth-Greenville and Pisgah Presbyterian Churches. His wife, Joyce, has graciously tolerated his attempts at humor through puns for 50 years. Please pray for her. They are blessed with a daughter, Amy, her husband, Jason, and a son, Robb and his wife, Emily. Grandchildren Bethany, Jameson, Jack and Simon are the "icing on the cake" for both Pap and Nana.

**Special thanks to Glenn Beichner for presenting today's Offertory.**

**Flowers today are in honor of Mary Brooks, by Pauline Henry.**

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.    Worship

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

6/27/2022

Envelope Contributions	\$1,360.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$56.00</u>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,416.00</b>
Men's Fellowship	\$30.00
Food Bags	\$220.00
Head Start July Rent	<u>\$1,245.00</u>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$2,911.00</b>

## 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.*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

### Monday, July 4 Independence Day

The Church Office and Building will be closed

### Tuesday, July 5

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Step Down Room

### Wednesday, July 6

No Caring Callers

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Step Down Room

### Next Sunday, July 10

10:00 a.m. Worship

The majority of committees/teams do not meet in July. If you are unsure, contact the chair for details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

remaining 8 weeks of basic by sending him letters. No packages are allowed:

PVT Solida, I. #324

C Co, 3-47 INF

9240 Treadwell Way, Bldg 3405

Ft. Benning, GA 31905

**The Clarion Area Agency on Aging** has Farmers Market vouchers worth \$24 available (4 vouchers worth \$6 each). They will be distributed to Clarion County senior citizens who are 60 years old or more & meet the annual income requirements. You must provide proof of age and residency by completing an application. Vouchers will be available at a variety of locations this year. The Distribution Schedule is posted in the Ramp Room. You may pick up an application in the Church Office or call and we will email one. You can also stop by the Clarion Area Agency on Aging at 16 Venture Lane, Clarion, PA 16214.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Per the Session, masks are now optional unless you have an upper respiratory ailment. Please note that CDC guidance may result in future changes.**

**Matters of congregational care are being handled by Elders Bert Louder (814) 758-0455 and Robin Cable (814) 221-1528.**

**The 2022 Per Capita Apportionment** for the Clarion First Presbyterian Church is \$34.38 per individual active member. This funds our work as a connectional church at the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels. An envelope has been included in the 2022 envelope packets for the annual cost for each church member. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and write Per Capita in the memo line.

**The Food Bag Ministry Team** has several hams for sale. The hams weigh approximately 10 (ten) pounds each and are frozen. They can be purchased for a donation of \$20 each. Please contact Elaine Matticks (814) 229-5245 (cell) or the Church Office if you wish to purchase one. The proceeds will benefit the Food Bag Ministry.

**If you are interested in serving beyond the local church at Presbytery level**, there are application forms (with instructions) in the Narthex and at the Ramp Room entrance.

**Isaac Solida is at Army Basic Training** in Georgia. He's the son of Dana & Joel Solida, grandson of Bert Louder. He is now allowed to receive letters. Help him get through the

## MEMBER CARE

**Please pray for:**

- *Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Showers, Fred Port, Randy Cable, and Tom Wenner.
- *Our family and friends in need of prayer:* Shirley McKinley's niece, Mary Biser; Shirley's daughter, Charlotte Hartman and nephew, Kenneth Daugherty Jr.; Shirley's son, Ben; John McKinley's great-nephew, David Mahle; Carolyn McFarland's brother and his wife, Rick and Janelle Moore; Mary Kay Arth; Bert Louder's grandson, Anthony Louder; Bill & Laurie Dickey, neighbors of Kristen Maze; former Clarion teacher, Bob Bowersox and wife Paula; Beverly Wentling's daughter, Rebecca Irwin; and Pat and Jim McConnell's friend, Pat Hargest.
- *And all of those serving in the US Military* including members and friends of our own faith family.

**Caring Caller members of the week:** Please remember Virginia Mohney, 49 N. 3rd Avenue, Clarion, PA 16214-1831.

# JULY 3, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST taking+ faith home

*Being people of peace.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy
Monday	Isaiah 66:10-14	God helps Jerusalem
Tuesday	Galatians 6:1-16	Help each other
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Pursue peace
Thursday	Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord in a storm
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16-18	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 66:1-9	Shout praises to God
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'"*  
Luke 10:5 (NRSV)

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to walk with you in life with peace and humility so that others may see and believe that through Jesus Christ your kingdom has come. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for you are awesome and your deeds are filled with good things, including the gift of this food today. Amen. (Psalm 66:5)

### A Blessing to Give:

May you bear one another's burdens and know the peace and mercy of God.

# JULY 3, 2022 HYMN OF THE WEEK *It Is Well with My Soul* 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:

- Life is filled with conflicts. What is a conflict you have experienced?
- How has your faith helped you in times of conflict?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

Jesus sees a bigger reality at play in the work of the disciples as they announce the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus sees a world in need. Satan has fallen and evil has taken root. The disciples enter into the harvest field with a power like no other. This is not something to delight in. They go forth as "lamb into the midst of wolves" (v. 3). With a sense of humility, they know they are part of God's heavenly work. Instead of asserting their power, they are to go impoverished, needing the hospitality of others, and bringing peace. They enter towns and villages as guests and wait to be received by those willing to receive the kingdom of God. There is conflict; there is a battle going on that requires more and more disciples to engage. As Jesus said, "the laborers are few."

*Discuss:* How are you part of the laborers who are sent into the harvest fields to bring peace and healing?

*Pray:* Dear Jesus, give us eyes to see what you see and a heart to reach out to others with your love that brings peace and healing. Amen.

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who might you bless with God's healing and peace?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus sent out seventy-two of his followers to go ahead of him. He told them that upon entering a house they were to say, "Peace to this house" (Luke 10:5). Practice this greeting when you visit others in their home this week. Establish a ritual in your own home of greeting others as they return from work or school using these words: **God's peace be with you.**  
Response: **And also with you.**