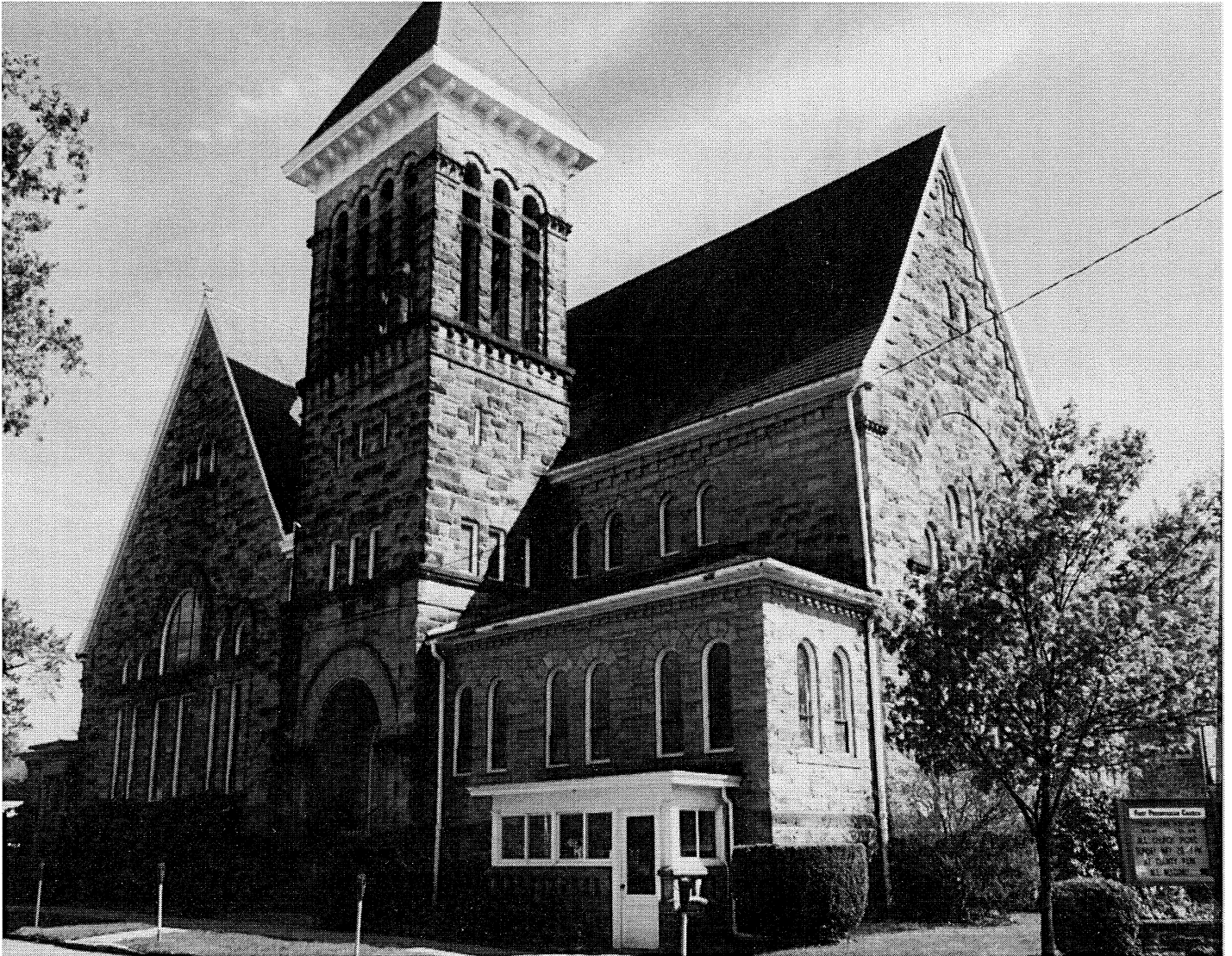


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 17, 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

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Arr. by Ken Barker

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Call to Worship

Psalm 98:4-9 NKJV

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, With trumpets and the sound of a horn;**

Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; Let the rivers clap *their* hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord,

**For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.**

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.

## ✦ Hymn No. 108

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 5th cent.

Music: Plainsong, Mode V

## Opening Prayer

Dear Lord and Father, Thank you that you promise us that where two or three are gathered you are there in the midst. Lord we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that you have lavished upon each of us. We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love. We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus. Amen.

## Call to Confession

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God:

**And that is what we are.**

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

**What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.**

And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that the distractions and busyness of our lives make it difficult to listen deeply to your voice. Transform our priorities so that we make space in our lives to be quiet and listen to you. Jesus, seeker of the lost, we confess to becoming so shaped by the values of this age that your call on our lives is increasingly hard to hear. Transform our values so that they are shaped by your concern for the unloved and unlovely, and for the weak and powerless in our society. Jesus, source of our faith, we confess that we forget all too quickly the words we say, and pray, and sing, in our time of worship. Transform our lives so that they remain connected to you at all times and in all places.

## Assurance of Pardon

Confession of 1967, 9.7, 9.10, 9.12

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, God sought reconciliation with us. The risen Christ is the Savior of all.

**All who are joined to Christ by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as Christ's reconciling community.**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

**Thanks be to God.**

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 Tamalyn Goble

**Prayer for Illumination**  
Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

**Epistle Reading** Colossians 1:15-23 (p. 200)

**Gospel Reading** Luke 10:38-42 (p. 72)

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

**Sermon** “Joy at His Feet” Tamalyn Goble

✦ **Hymn No. 134** *Joy to the World* Text: Watts, 1719, alt.  
Music: Handel, 1742

## We Give Thanks to God

✦ **Affirmation of Faith** *The Heidelberg Catechism*, 1563: Q & A 55

**Q. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?**  
A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

**Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

**Offering and Offertory** *In Awe* Holly Miller, Dave Lubben,  
(Solo: Dana Solida) & Toby McKeehan

✦ **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. 824** *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* Text & Music: McAfee, 1901

✦ **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Wonderful Words of Life* Arr. by Peter Davis

## 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

**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 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

**Guest Preacher:** Tamalyn Goble  
**Lector:** Elaine Matticks  
**Time with Children:** Tamalyn Goble  
**Director of Music:** Bonnie Champion  
**Pianist:** Bonnie Champion  
**Sound Engineer:** Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp  
**Video Engineer:** Dan Willy  
**Ushers in Charge:** Cindy & Jeff Kapp, Michelle & Jeff Deitz

**We warmly welcome Tamalyn Goble to our pulpit this morning.** She is a lay preacher authorized by the Kiskiminetas Presbytery. She is a ruling elder of our church and is currently serving as a deacon. Tamalyn and Tom have been members of First Presbyterian Church for almost 40 years. Their daughter, Jessica, and granddaughter GiGi live in Charleston, SC. She expresses her sincere appreciation for the blessing of being with you today.

**Special thanks to Dana Solida for presenting today's Offertory.**

**Flowers today are for the glory of God in honor of Dave & Kathy Larimer's 51st Wedding Anniversary, by Kathy Larimer.**

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship  
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast (previously recorded)  
 WWCH 1300AM and 94.1FM

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/11/2022

Envelope Contributions	\$1,570.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$48.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,618.00</b>
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Food Bags	\$225.00
Manse Rent—June	\$500.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$2,363.00</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

### Tuesday, July 19

1:00 p.m. Kiski Presbytery Record Review, Social Hall  
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Step Down Room

### Wednesday, July 20

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

### Next Sunday, July 24

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

**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 Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held following the regular worship service on Sunday, July 31, 2022 for the express purpose of calling an installed minister.**

**To Damascus and Beyond! VBS will explore Paul's ministry,** beginning with his conversion in Damascus. VBS will be in session Tuesday, August 2nd through Friday, August 5th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Have news from your family or ministry team to share? Please contact Deb in the church office by August 8 for inclusion in the Sept-Oct edition of The First Press.

**The Food Bag Ministry Team** still has some 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.

**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 remaining 7 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

**If you are interested in serving beyond the local church at Presbytery level,** there are application forms (with

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

instructions) in the Narthex and at the Ramp Room entrance.

**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.

**Our deepest sympathies** to the family and friends of Ted Mitrosky who passed away on July 11, 2022. His wife, Jean Mitrosky, is our organist. Many of you may remember that Ted often attended church here while Jean played.

## MEMBER CARE

### Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Showers, Fred Port, Randy Cable, Tom Wenner, and Jim & Pat McConnell.
- *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 17, 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST taking faith home

*Disciples listen to Jesus and serve.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Jesus visits Martha and Mary
Monday	Genesis 18:1-10a	A son is promised
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-28	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	Proverbs 8:32-36	Listen to what you are taught
Thursday	Isaiah 28:23-26	Wisdom comes from the Lord
Friday	James 1:19-25	Hearing and doing the word
Saturday	Psalms 15	Worshipping the Lord
Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."*

**Luke 10:41-42 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Compassionate God, you who call us to serve and to listen to you, give us ears to hear and hearts to serve you and others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, may we receive this food with a humble heart, remembering the needs of others for food and safety, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of abundance give you a heart ready to receive and share love with others.



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# JULY 17, 2022 HYMN OF THE WEEK *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 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 a characteristic of a follower of Jesus that you admire?
- When you get together with friends, would you rather listen or talk, serve or be served?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 10:38-42.

In a world where hospitality is very important and can mean the difference between life and death, this scripture reading points out one important distinction that can undermine true hospitality: worry that leads to distraction. In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus praises the woman who shows hospitality by washing his feet while Simon the Pharisee simply sits to listen to the teacher. Both listening and serving are important characteristics of a disciple. What is not a true characteristic is worry and distraction that takes one away from what is right in front of them, God's presence and the needs of one's neighbor. This story immediately follows the Good Samaritan parable and seems linked to it. Caring for others and listening to Jesus is not an either-or decision; it is a both-and.

*Discuss:* How does listening to God's word help you care for others?

*Pray:* **God of justice and love, help us to hear your message of compassion that sends us out into your world to care for others through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, is there someone you know who needs a listening ear?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Even when we are busy, we need to take time to listen to Jesus, as Mary did. If you're not in the practice of taking a few moments each day to hear God speak to you, consider setting time aside to do so. Turn off all electronics and distracting noises. Take a few deep breaths and relax. Begin with this prayer: **Lord help me not to be worried or distracted by many things and listen to you. Amen.** Sit quietly for a few minutes. Then finish your quiet time by saying the Lord's Prayer.