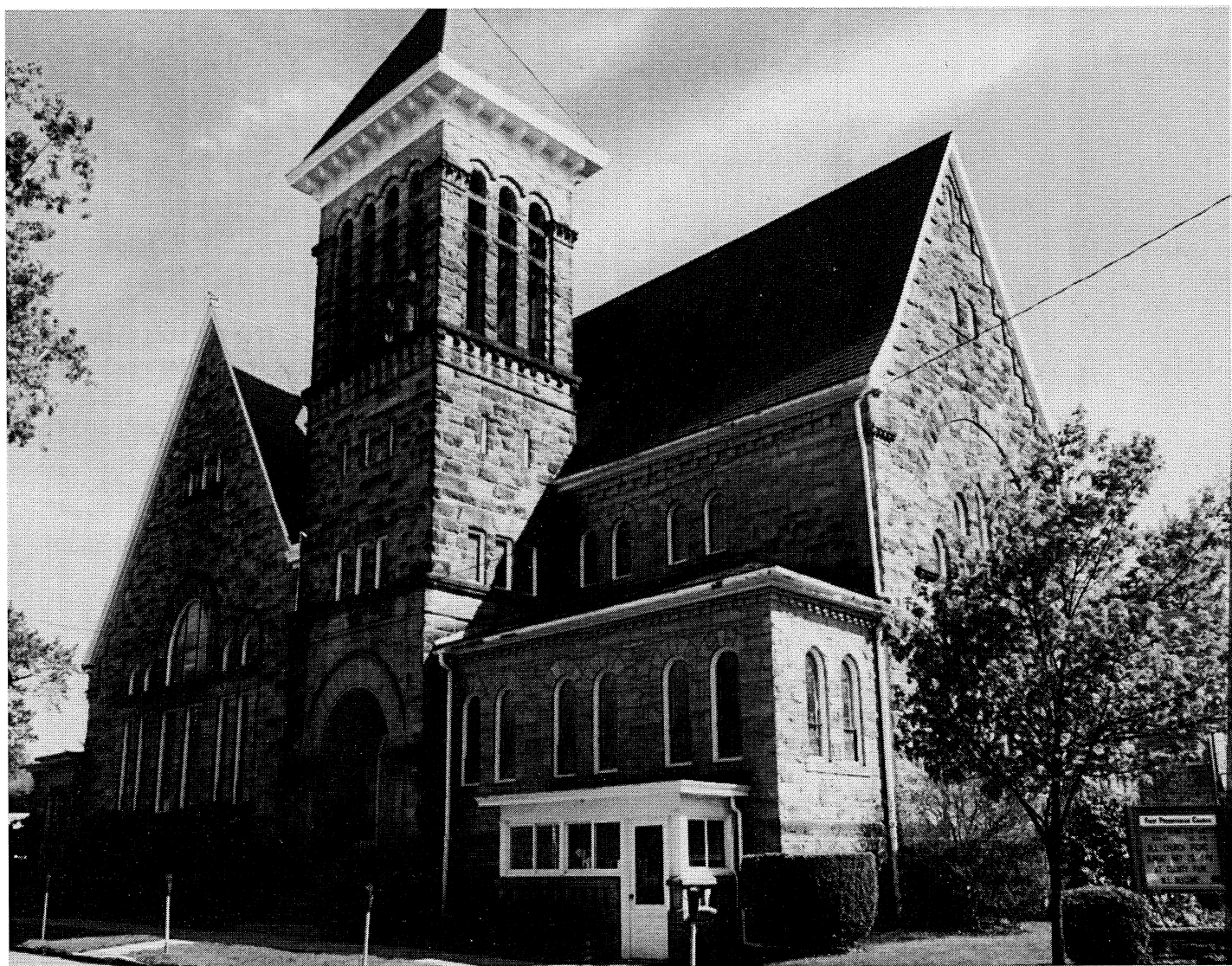


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

John B. Dykes

(Piano Duet: Aubrie Scovel & Bonnie Champion)

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Sisters and brothers,
we have been raised with Christ to new life.
freed from every fear,
and granted every grace.
With songs of praise, let us worship God.

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. 409

God Is Here!

Text: Green, 1979; rev. 1988

Music: Taylor, 1941

Opening Prayer

Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match. You pour out mercy and cover us with love. You show us true justice and offer us peace. You provide us with every need and promise us eternal life with you. In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world, nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance. Bathe us in the light of Christ, illumine us with your Holy Spirit, and enable us to live only for you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

Already assured that forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, that we might receive mercy and amend our lives.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

If God is for us, who is against us? In Jesus Christ you have been set free. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

✦ 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. Edd Myers

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, allow us your wisdom. By the power of your Holy Spirit open the Scriptures to us today, that in the Word read and proclaimed we might know your truth. In Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:13-21

The Message

¹³Someone out of the crowd said, “Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance.” ¹⁴He replied, “Mister, what makes you think it’s any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?” ¹⁵Speaking to the people, he went on, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.” ¹⁶⁻¹⁹Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’” ²⁰“Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’” ²¹“That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

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

Sermon“Are There Storage Units in Heaven?”Rev. Edd Myers

✦Hymn No. 708*We Give Thee but Thin Own*Text: How, c. 1858

Music: Mason and Webb’s *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

We Give Thanks to God

✦Affirmation of FaithA Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offering and Offertory*All Good Gifts*Claudius & Kessell

(Soloist: Terry Pierucci)

✦Doxology

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 716*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*Text: Edwards, 1961, alt.

Music: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude*God Is Good All The Time*Arr. by Carol Tornquist

SERMONETTES:

“The things you own end up owning you.”
Chuck Palahniuk

“This farmer (Luke 12:16-19) stands as a negative example for the followers of Jesus: If you want to know how NOT to live as a disciple, just be like this person.”
Audrey West

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.

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.

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

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: Rev. Edd Myers
Lector: Elaine Matticks
Time with Children: Rev. Edd Myers
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Pianist: Bonnie Champion
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy
Acolytes: Emma Willy, Aubrie Scovel, and Gavin Kunselman
Ushers in Charge: Cindy & Jeff Kapp, Michelle & Jeff Deitz

We warmly welcome Rev. Edd Myers to our pulpit. It is always a blessing when Edd is with us.

Special thanks to Terry Pierucci for presenting today's Offertory.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God, and are dedicated in memory of Norma "Toots" Stroup who entered the church triumphant on July 24, 2021. Given with love by her children.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/18/2022

Envelope Contributions	\$3,295.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$302.00
Per Capita	<u>\$34.38</u>
Total Contributions	\$3,631.38
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Food Bags	<u>\$728.50</u>
Total Deposit	\$4,379.88

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.

Tuesday, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 27 CE Building Closed

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

Thursday, July 28 CE Building Closed**Saturday, July 30**

2:00 p.m. Meet & Greet with the Pastoral Candidate,

Next Sunday, July 31

10:00 a.m. Worship

—Congregational Meeting

—Reception, Chapel

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.

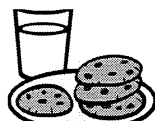
The Christian Education Building will be closed Wednesday July 27th and Thursday, July 28th while all the floors are stripped and then refinished. The Church Office will be temporarily relocated to the Parlor for those days. If you need to reach the Secretary, you may call or text her at (407) 868-1819, or email churchoffice@clarionpresby.org.

Volunteers are needed at 10 am, Monday, July 25th to help our custodian remove furniture from the CE Building (except the offices) so the floors can be stripped and redone.

OPEN HOUSE MEET & GREET

Saturday, July 30th

Meet our Pastoral Candidate,
2-4 p.m. Pavilion



Our Pastoral Candidate will preach, Sunday, July 31st. A Congregational Meeting will follow worship. A Reception will be held in the Chapel after the meeting concludes.

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! (Did you just hear Buzz

Lightyear's voice?) **VBS will explore Paul's ministry**, beginning with his conversion in Damascus. VBS will be in session Tuesday, Aug. 2nd to Friday, Aug. 5th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Please call the office to pre-register so we can plan.

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.

Church Parking Lot and Weaver Place (the alley crossing the lot) **will be closed August 8-10 for sealing and line painting.** No one will be allowed to walk, drive, or park on the lot for those days and it will be roped off to prevent use. Parking will be available on Wood Street next to the church. The meters will be covered so the parking will be free. The sidewalks leading to the entrances off the parking lot may be used to access the CE building.

The Food Bag Ministry Team still has five (5) **lonely**, frozen hams weighing approximately 10 (ten) pounds each. 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 continues in Army Basic Training. Help him get through the remaining 6 weeks of basic by sending him letters. No packages allowed:

PVT Solida, I. #324

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9240 Treadwell Way, Bldg 3405

Ft. Benning, GA 31905

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Showers, Fred Port, Randy Cable, Tom Wenner, Jim & Pat McConnell, and Carol L'Insalata
- *Our family and friends in need of prayer:* Shirley McKinley's daughter Charlotte Hartman, son Ben, niece Mary Biser and, and nephew, Kenneth Daugherty Jr.; 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 Marsha Spencer, Shippenville Health Care & Rehab, Rm. 101A, 512 S. Paint Boulevard, Shippenville, PA 16254

