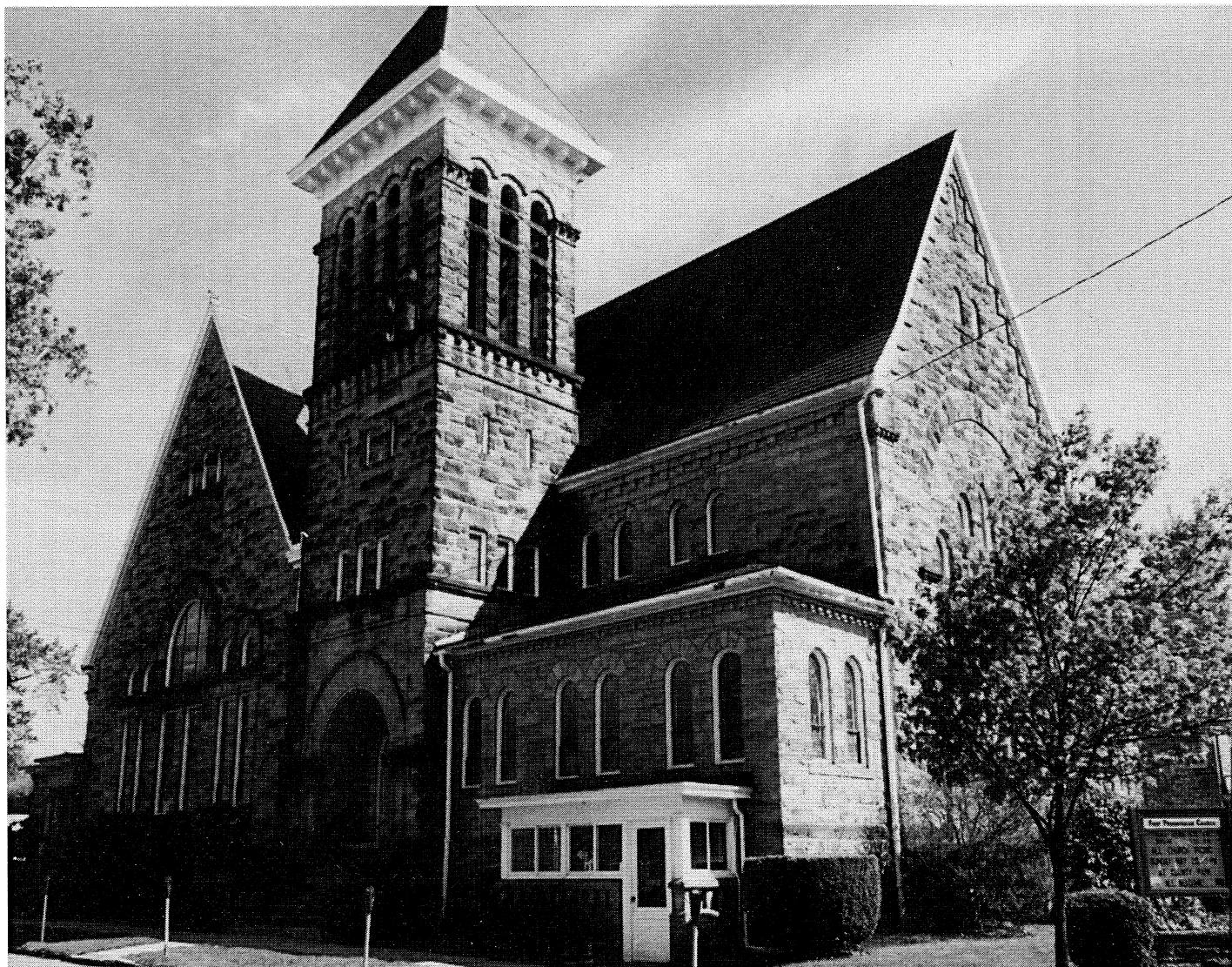


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Communion Sunday
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 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, Kathy Larimer

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

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

VBS Children

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

Call to Worship

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
God of glory, God of grace,
before whose face our vision fails,
help us to sing your praise gladly,
and to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Day (Unison)

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

✦ Hymn No. 612

We Praise You, O God

Text: Cory, 1902, alt.

Music: *Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626

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)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

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 your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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

✦ Passing of the Peace

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Sermon

“One of the World’s Greatest Sermons”

Rev. R. James Dietrich

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

Offering and Offertory

VBS Children

✠Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

✠Hymn No. 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Text: Montgomery, 1825
Music: Day’s Psalter, 1562

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

As we pray The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, we lift our voices together to sing the *Sanctus* (found inside the back cover of the hymnal).

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

✠Hymn No. 463

How Firm a Foundation

Text: “K” A Selection of Hymns, 1787
Music: American folk melody

✠Charge and Benediction

Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Gesangbuch der Herzogl

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.

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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. R. James Dietrich
Lector: Kathy Larimer
Time with Children: Rev. R. James Dietrich
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy
Acolytes: Emma Willy, Aubrie Scovel, and Gavin Kunselman
Ushers in Charge: Norma Kooman, Cindy Stants, Doug Bills, and Kristen Maze

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.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, David Edward Louder, who is missed dearly, by Bert Louder.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
 —Communion

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

8/1/2022

Envelope Contributions	\$2,533.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$325.00
Per Capita	<u>\$34.38</u>
Total Contributions	\$2,892.38
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Food Bags	\$350.00
Purchased Hams	\$40.00
Rent: AA, NA, Head Start	<u>\$1,325.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$4,627.38

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, August 8

7:00 p.m. Worship Meeting,

Tuesday, August 9

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

Wednesday, August 10

No Morning Circle this month

3:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Ministry Central

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

Thursday, August 11

12:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle, Ministry Central

7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Pavilion

Next Sunday, August 14

10:00 a.m. Worship—Brenda Haws

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.

Our Parking Lot will be closed to all foot and automotive traffic on August 8, 9 and 10. The six parking meters on the Wood Street frontage of the church will be covered so we may use them without charge. The covers say "No Parking" but you may ignore it. During those 3 days, the Parking Lot and alley that crosses it will be resurfaced and re-lined.

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.

Worship Meeting is Monday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m.

PW's Morning Circle is not meeting during August. Regular meetings will resume in September.

Nominating Committee is meeting Thursday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

The Food Bag Ministry Team has one (1) lonely, frozen ham left. It can be purchased for a donation of \$20. Please contact Elaine Matticks (814) 229-5245 (cell) or the Church Office if you wish to purchase it. The proceeds benefit the Food Bag Ministry.

The next Food Bag Distribution is Thursday, August 18th from 2-4 pm. Bags will be passed out until we run out or it's 4 pm, whichever happens first. The only requirement is need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Presbyterian Women is holding a meeting for all members on Sunday, August 21st. The meeting will start immediately after Worship in the Chapel.

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 remaining 4 weeks of basic by sending him letters. No packages are allowed:

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Our deepest sympathies to Angelia Burns & her family on the death of her mother, Ann Cherico on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- Members with known health concerns:* Ruth Showers, Fred Port, Randy Cable, Tom Wenner, Jim & Pat McConnell, Carol L'Insalata, and Judy Montgomery.
- 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; Laurie Dickey, neighbor 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 Terry Tobolski, Jefferson Manner, Rm. 339A, 417 PA-28 N, Brookville, PA 15825.

AUGUST 7, 2022
NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking
faith
home

We are strangers and foreigners on earth.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	The meaning of faith
Wednesday	Psalms 33:1-11	Sing praises to the Lord
Thursday	1 Chronicles 29:10-22	David's praises to the Lord
Friday	Isaiah 40:27-31	The Lord gives strength
Saturday	Psalms 33:12-22	Trust only in God
Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

They [Abraham's descendants] confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. Hebrews 11:13b-14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, direct us to long for what you long for and to thirst for what you promise, that we may treasure what you want for us through Jesus, the Son of Man. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of steadfast love, fill our hearts with trust in you, as you fill our bodies with the riches of this meal. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love and faithfulness give you peace.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Blessed Assurance

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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 something you have longed for and desired for some time?
- What is something you desire for the benefit of humanity?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16.

Hebrews 11 is a famous chapter focusing explicitly on the Christian faith: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (v. 1). The focus is on the future; faith involves a God-given longing filled with God's promises, assurances that lead us not to sit down and rest as though satisfied. Faith longs for something more, a "homeland," a country of heavenly peace that is not yet fully experienced. Therefore, in this life we are foreigners and strangers. We are people on the move, looking ahead, and often not satisfied with things as they are. It is very tempting to settle down and be content with the way things are, but that is not the mindset of the Christian faith. We want God's promises to be fulfilled for all. Until that happens, we join others as travelers on earth longing for something more, something better, nothing less than the perfect peace and mercy of God.

Discuss: What is missing in your life that only God can fulfill?

Pray: **God of promise, help us to be restless for the comfort and security only you can bring, not only for ourselves, but for all your people through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out to a friend or a new neighbor who might feel like a stranger in a group of people?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them. Hebrews 11 lists people from the Bible who showed faith in God. Who have been examples of faith to you and your family? Write a thank you card to these people thanking them for their example. One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is deep and meaningful connections with other witnesses to the faith. Ask adults who are friends and family to share their own faith stories with children and youth.