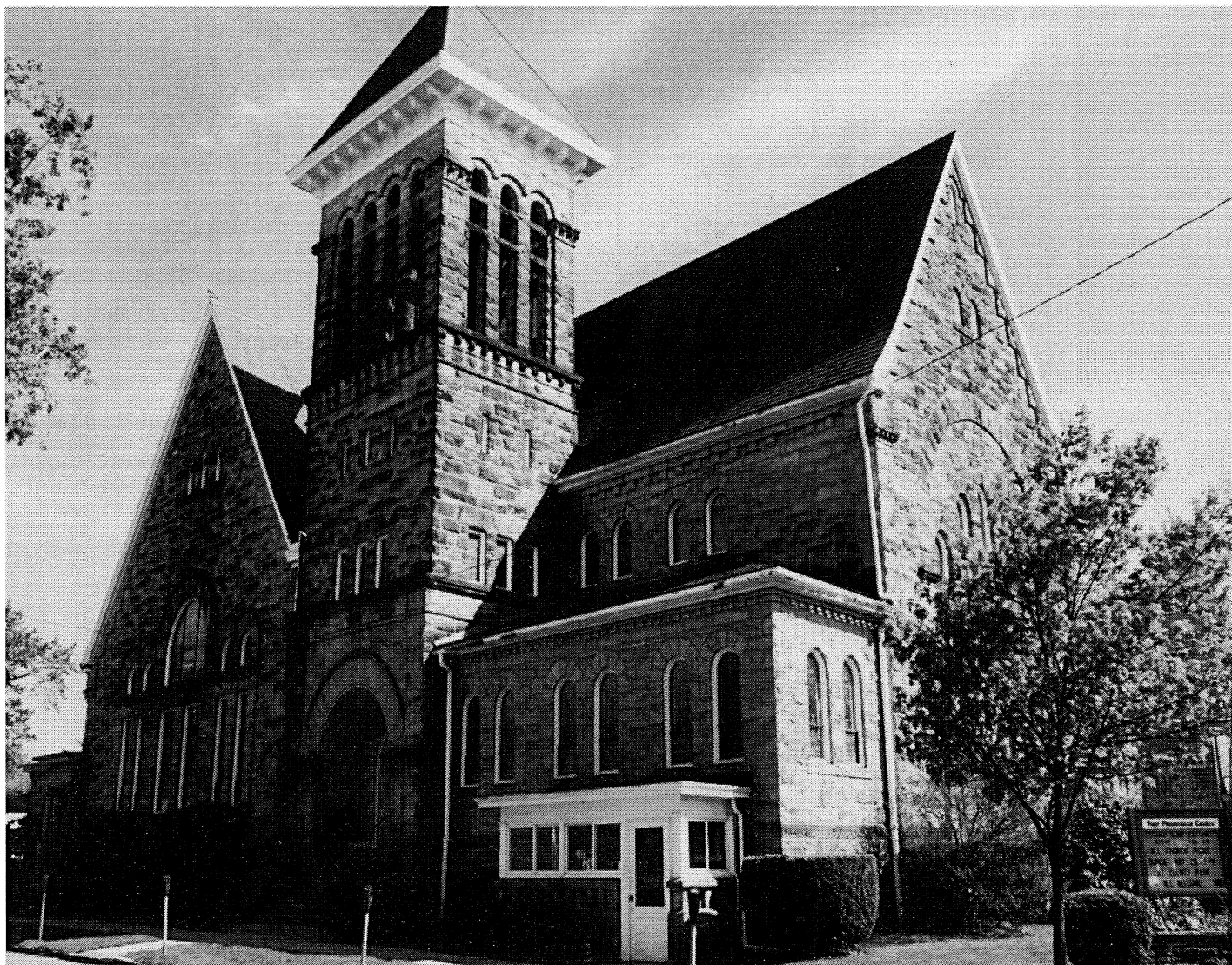


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022*



700 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214

814-226-8145

churchoffice@clarionfirstpresby.org

www.clarionfirstpresby.org

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William B. Bradbury

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me.

Incline your ear to me, and save me!

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust.

My praise is continually of you.

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

Morning Prayer

O God of our Hearts You yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the covenant of justice, peace and love you have written on our hearts. So may your desires become our desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

✦Hymn No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Text: Fosdick, 1930, alt.

Music: Hughes, 1907

Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. **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

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-8

(p. 554)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Time with the Children

Kara Willy

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O Lord, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

(p. 76)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Tamalyn Goble

“Stand Up Straight”

✠Hymn No. 22

God of the Sparrow

Text: Vajda, 1983
Music: Schalk, 1983

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

Rain Down

Jaime Cortez

(Duet: Bert Louder and Elaine Matticks)

✠Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

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. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Text: African American spiritual
Music: arr. Whalum, 1984

✠Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Carl G. Glazer

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).

WORSHIP NOTES

Guest Preacher: Tamalyn Goble
Lector: Kathy Larimer
Time with Children: Kara Willy
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: Carolyn McFarland, Bill Champion, Amy Widmer, Sue Widmer

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 Bert Louder and Elaine Matticks for providing today's special music.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Larry Rader, by his wife Monta Rader.

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 | | |

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. PW General Meeting, Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast (pre-recorded),
 WWCH 1300AM, 94.1 FM

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

8/15/2022

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Envelope Contributions | \$1,165.00 |
| Miscellaneous Cash Contributions | \$105.62 |
| Total Contributions | \$1,270.62 |
| Men's Fellowship | \$20.00 |
| Food Bags | \$25.00 |
| Reimbursement for personal use of CC | \$23.00 |
| Cincinnati Ins. Reimbursement for Roof | \$10,695.00 |
| Total Deposit | \$12,033.62 |

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Tuesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 24

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

Next Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m. Worship—Edd Myers

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.

Fall Parking Permits for weekday student parking are available in the church office, Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to noon. Free to church members and their children, \$100.00/semester for non-members the first semester, \$75.00/semester thereafter. Guaranteed space, no driving around before class!

Isaac Solida graduated from Army Basic Training on August 19th. He will remain in the reserves and return to his studies at Slippery Rock.

We still have a few weeks of Summer left to enjoy, but you may want to pencil in some dates for this Fall:

- ♦ **Sunday School resumes on September 11th.** It will continue to be held after worship.
- ♦ **Vocal Choir rehearsal returns on September 4th.** We will rehearse after worship that Sunday and begin participating in worship on September 11.
- ♦ **Echoes of Joy handbell rehearsal begins Thursday, September 1st.** Rehearsal is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Joyful Bells handbell rehearsal starts Thursday, September 1st.** Practice runs from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Fred Port, Randy Cable, Jim & Pat McConnell, Carol L'Insalata, and Judy Montgomery.
- *Our family and friends in need of prayer:* Shirley & John McKinley's relatives: Mary Biser, Charlotte Hartman, Kenneth Daugherty Jr., Ben McKinley, and David Mahle; Carolyn McFarland's relatives: Rick & Janelle Moore; Mary Kay Arth; Kristen Maze's neighbor Laurie Dickey; Bob & Paula Bowersox; Beverly Wentling's daughter, Rebecca Irwin; and Pat & 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 Louise Swarm, Clarion Health Care & Rehab Center, Rm. 193, 999 Heidrick Street, Clarion, PA 16214.



AUGUST 21, 2022 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Rest and healing on the sabbath.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday | Luke 13:10-17 | Jesus heals on the sabbath |
| Monday | Isaiah 58:9b-14 | Delight in the sabbath |
| Tuesday | Hebrews 12:18-29 | A kingdom that can't be shaken |
| Wednesday | Leviticus 26:1-13 | Blessings for obeying the Lord |
| Thursday | Exodus 20:8-11 | Remember the sabbath day |
| Friday | Mark 2:23-28 | A question about the sabbath |
| Saturday | Psalms 103:1-8 | Praise for God's benefits |
| Sunday | Luke 14:1, 7-14 | Humility and hospitality |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. Luke 13:12-13 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of sabbath rest and healing, help us to be satisfied with what we have so that others may rejoice at your goodness and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for the food that you provide us, for the rest you give us, and for your goodness that keeps us going, we give you thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God, who loves you dearly, give you rest and peace.



© 2021 Milestones Ministry, LLC. All rights reserved.

AUGUST 21, 2022 HYMN OF THE WEEK

taking faith home

*Take, Oh, Take Me
As I Am*

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:

- How does being tired affect your mood and your ability to think and work?
- The sabbath is a day of rest and healing. How do you observe and spend time on the sabbath?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 13:10-17.

A woman whose stature in the community was reduced by being crippled for 18 years was healed on a sabbath. That angered the leader of the synagogue. The woman was not of importance to the leader. What was likely important was his leadership. He was interrupted by Jesus. Jesus reminded the people that the sabbath is a time to show kindness, including kindness to animals. The sabbath, as part of the Ten Commandments, provides a day of rest for people and, thereby, fairness for tired and worn workers. The sabbath shows care for humans and animals, including the woman who was able to stand up straight and praise God. It also shows God's providence and generosity. Work should not consume people's lives every day. Six days is enough. Even God rested on the seventh day, the sabbath. We, too, are to rest, restore, and give praise to God.

Discuss: How do you participate in sabbath rest that includes time to worship God?

Pray: Dear God, you who care for all that you create, we thank you for your justice and mercy that includes time to rest from our labors and to praise you 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 help others enjoy a sabbath day of rest?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

One of the well-known verses of the Psalms is, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalm 103:1). The Hebrew word for "bless" is actually "to kneel," that is, to worship before God in a kneeling position. The verse literally means to kneel or worship God with all one's soul, with all one's self. This week, try the very humble position of kneeling as you pray.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org