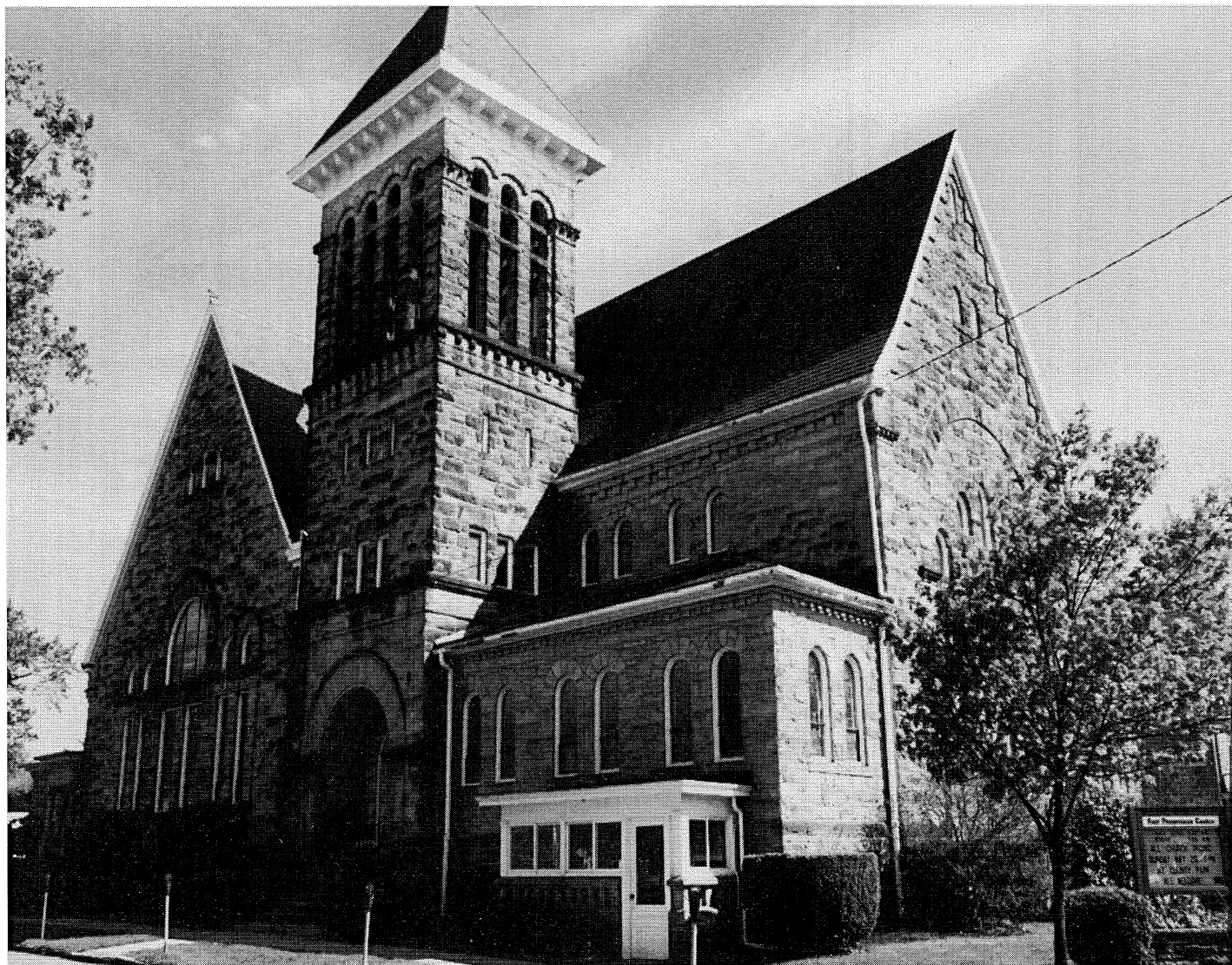


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*21st Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 30, 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.

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

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

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

BANNER CARRIERS:
Barbara Beggs
Michelle Deitz
Cindy Kapp
Jeff Kapp
Bert Louder
Elaine Matticks
Pastor Rebecca Mihm
Dana Solida
Kara Willy

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Robin Cable

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Jason Payne

Procession of Banners

Chiming of the Trinity

THE CHURCH ARISES

Information

✦ Hymn No. 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Text: Prudentius, 5th Cent.
Music: Plainsong, Mode V

Nicene Creed

Bert Louder

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God... He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CHURCH IS REFORMED

Holy and gracious God, we confess today to the same sins that have always plagued your church: we are too stuck in our ways, too resistant to your Spirit, too attracted to power and privilege, too quick to build walls, too slow to build bridges. Send more reformation our way until we are formed perfectly by you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Friends, hear the good news! Sin has always been at work in the world, yet God's grace meets it toe-to-toe. We believe that when the story is over, it is forgiveness that will have the last word.

In Christ we are forgiven, now and as often as we come before him. Alleluia! Amen.

✦ Hymn No. 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Text & Music: Martin Luther, 1529

Time with the Children

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

The Scots Confession

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. HE has fully paid for all my sins with this precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of evil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Second Helvetic Confession

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

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Robin Cable
Readers: Robin Cable, Bert Louder, and Rev. Rebecca Mihm
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: Mary Swanger, Marilyn Fox, Tammy Huey, Marianne Reynolds

Flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Chris Fox, by Marilyn Fox.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Adult Vocal Choir
 12:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal
 3:30 p.m. Installation Service for Rev. Rebecca Mihm
 —Reception following in Chapel

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Treasurer: Brenda Nesbitt
Secretary: Debra Owens
Sexton: Jeff Kapp/Cindy Kapp
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		

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

10/24/2022

Envelope Contributions	\$1,205.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$84.00
Total Contributions	\$1,289.00
Head Start Rent—November	\$1,245.00
Food Bags	\$273.41
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Total Deposit	\$2,827.41

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, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

12:00 p.m. Adult Lunch Study, Sisterhood Room

12:00 p.m. Caring Callers, Ministry Central

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

Thursday, November 3

5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Bell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Rehearsal

Next Sunday, November 6 All Saints

9:30 a.m. Adult Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School (Children, CE Building)

11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Chapel

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir Practice

12:00 p.m. Cantata Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Advent will begin on Sunday, November 27th, this year. The hanging of the greens will take place prior to that date. Please watch your bulletin for the announcement of that date so you don't miss it!

The Adult Choir will present a cantata during worship on December 11th. The title is "God With Us!" It's not too late to join! Let Bonnie Champion know and she will have a book and CD ready for you!

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.

Caring Callers meets Wednesday, November 2nd, at noon in Ministry Central. Join them if you are interested in supporting our church family through cards and correspondence for birthdays, encouragement, illness, and loss.

Adult Lunch Study continues Wednesday, November 2nd at noon. Study Hope with other adults. Class meets in the Sisterhood Room at noon this week

The First Press Newsletter for November/December 2022 will be mailed out at the end of this month. It will contain the basic info on church happenings for the next two months. Be sure to hang on to your copy so you have your schedule for the holidays.

All Saints Sunday is November 6th. We will be remembering those who entered the Church Triumphant and honoring them.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, November 19th at Perkins at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited to join us for fellowship and a speaker while we enjoy a meal together.

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Fred Port, Randy Cable, and Jim & Pat McConnell.
- *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; Bert Louder's grandson, Anthony Louder; Ron Alberta; and Deb Owens' sister, Lee Proctor; and Dave Richardson.
- *And all of those serving in the US Military* including members and friends of our own faith family.

Homebound Member of the Week: Please remember Marsha Spencer, Shippenville Health Care & Rehab, Rm. 101A, 512 S. Paint Blvd., Shippenville, PA 16254. Her birthday is November 10th.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

taking
faith
home

Word alone, faith alone, and grace alone.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	Jesus sets us free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	John 14:1-7	Jesus is the way to the Father
Thursday	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved by faith
Friday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our strength
Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31b-32 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you renew your church in every age. Come Holy Spirit, renew us now with faith in Christ that we may rest in peace and serve all people in love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who are our fortress and strength, we thank you for this meal and for keeping us safe and secure through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace and power of God grant you faith in Jesus now and always.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

A Mighty Fortress

Is Our God

taking
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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:

- Talk or think about a relationship you have with someone that makes you smile.
- God's righteousness is God's loving power to have a relationship to you. How is that relationship with God strengthened for you day after day?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 8:31-36.

The Gospel of John offers a relational understanding of faith, freedom, and truth. Jesus gives us a living relationship to God daily. Jesus is God in the world with us, the Word made flesh (John 1:14). Jesus says, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life*" (John 14:6). Truth is not simply information; it is having a relationship to Jesus who is the truth. Jesus' truth sets people free to forgive sins (John 20:22-23). Those who have a relationship to Jesus grounded in trust are freed to receive grace upon grace (John 1:16), to see Jesus as Savior, to wash feet, to live in a community of faith, to see others as Jesus sees them, and much more. Word alone, faith alone, and grace alone are central themes to the Reformation. They are central to a life in Christ that sets us free from captivity to sin and sets us free to trust God in Christ and to love all people.

Discuss: What is it about the Reformation themes of God's Word, faith in Christ, and God's grace (undeserved kindness), that is pleasing to you and sets you free from being a slave to sin?

Pray: **Mighty God, we thank you for your undeserved kindness that gives us an eternal relationship to you that we receive through faith in Christ Jesus 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 to experience the mercy and love of Christ?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them. Talk about what you have learned about your faith, when you learned it, and from whom. Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the head of the household to teach the Christian faith to the members of the household. If you do not have a copy of the Small Catechism, consider ordering one and then take time to look through it. Conclude by reciting the Apostle's Creed and praying the Lord's Prayer.



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