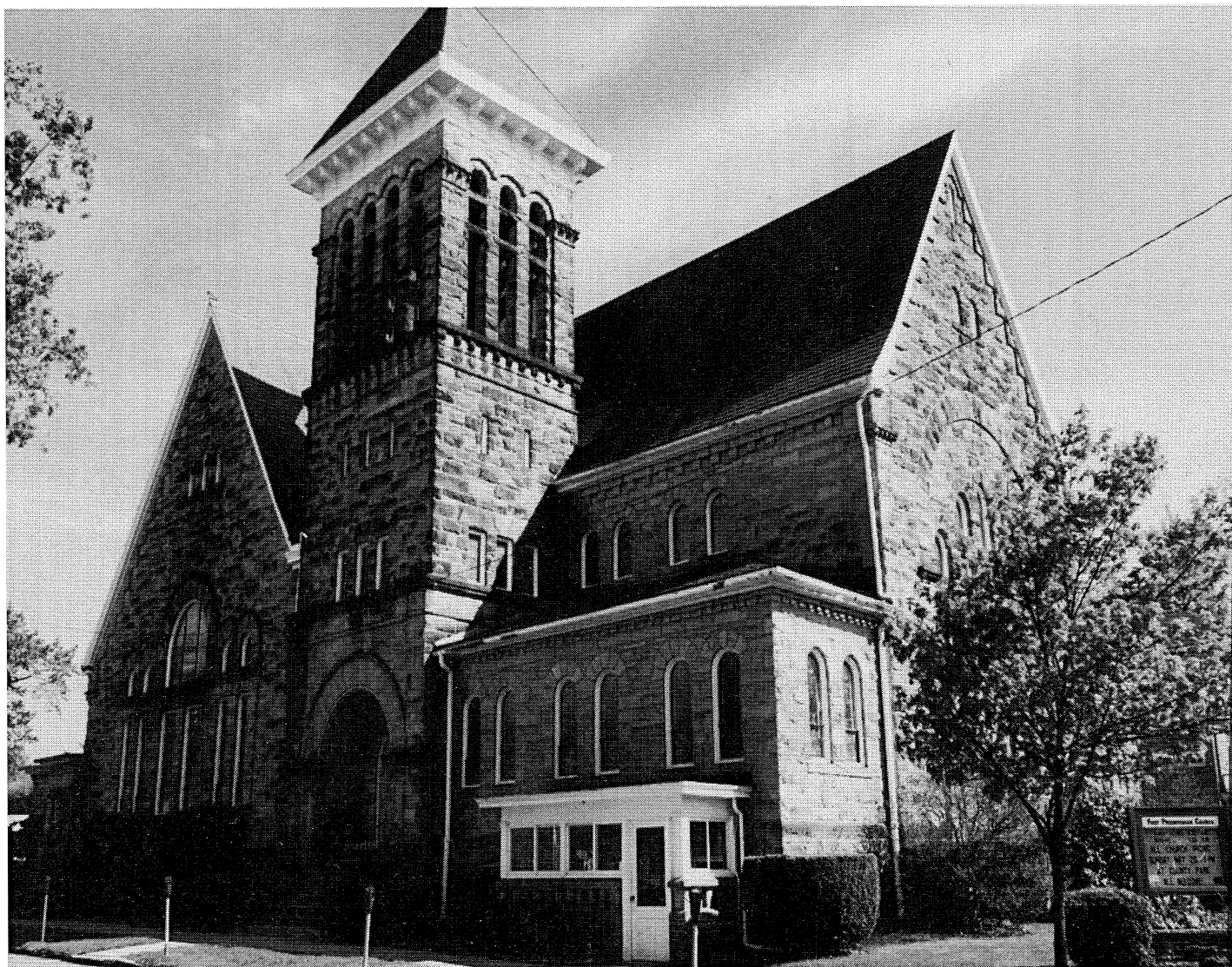


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
November 13, 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)

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

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.

**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

## Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Jim McConnell

## Prelude

*Morning*

Edvard Greig, arr. Carol Kumter

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Introit

*For the Life That You Have Given*

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

## Call to Worship

The work of our hands, our labor of care,  
**The joy in our smiles,**  
The expression in our songs,  
**Our open hands, our tender embraces,**  
Our care for all people,  
**Is a manifestation of our gratitude for your love and grace.**

## ✦ Hymn No. 761

*Called as Partner's in Christ's Service*

Text: Huber, 1981  
Music: Zundel, 1870

## Call to Confession

Remember that our great high priest, the Lord Jesus, can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every way he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Because of this, we can approach the throne of God's grace with boldness, to seek to get rid of those things that drag us down and hurt others, to seek God's mercy, and to receive God's grace in our times of need. With that in mind, let us confess our sins before God.

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Father, we are quick to judge others, quick to measure ourselves against others, quick to be jealous and envious of others. We are quick to throw parties for ourselves, quick to selfishly hold on to what is really yours. Father, forgive us. Change our hearts and lives to be more like yours. Make us people soaked in your love, who ache to lavish this love on all your precious children. In your name, Lord Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Because of what Jesus did, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us of all our sin, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.  
Friends, believe the Good News:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## ✦ Gloria Patri

## ✦ Passing of the Peace

# We Share God's Word

## Time with the Children

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

## Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture	Isaiah 65:17-25	(p. 696)
Second Scripture	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	(p. 207)
The words of scripture, inspired by God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	Rev. Rebecca Mihm	
	“What Are You Doing?”	
✦Hymn No. 719	Come Labor On	Text: Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863, alt. Music: Noble, 1918

# We Give Thanks to God

✦Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Westminster Confession of Faith 6.088

Good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

## Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory	Marchin’ to the Beat of God	John Horman
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## ✦Doxology

## ✦Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

# We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 720	Jesus Calls Us	Text: Alexander, 1852 Music: Jude, 1887
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## ✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Toccata and Variation on “Hyfrydol”	Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Gordon Young
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**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.

**POSTLUDE**  
Please remember at the close of the service to remain quiet and seated until the conclusion of the Postlude, which marks the end of the worship service.

## 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 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

**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		

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** Rev. Rebecca Mihm  
**Lector:** Jim McConnell  
**Time with Children:** 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:** Tamalyn Goble, Kevin and Carol Roth

**Flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Terry Henry, by Pauline Henry.**

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

11/7/2022

Envelope Contributions	\$3,375.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$134.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$3,509.00</b>

Christmas Flowers	\$45.00
Food Bags	\$725.00
Men's Fellowship	\$320.00
Hygiene Kits	\$40.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$4,639</b>

### Online Donations

Contributions	\$617.86
Food Bags	\$75.00
Men's Fellowship	\$25.00
<b>Total Online Giving</b>	<b>\$717.86</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

### Monday, November 14

7:00 p.m. Worship Meeting, Chapel

### Tuesday, November 15

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle, Parlor

### Wednesday, November 16

12:00 p.m. Adult Study

7:00 p.m. Session, Chapel

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

### Thursday, November 17

2:00 p.m. Food Bag Distribution, CE Building

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

6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Rehearsal

### Saturday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Perkins

### Next Sunday, November 20 Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m. Joyful Bells 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

4:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens and Pizza

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Joyful Bells** will play during Worship on Sunday, November 20th.

**The Adult Choir** will present the cantata, "God With Us!," during worship on December 11th.

**We want your gently used kitchen ware!** Do you have pots, pans, casserole dishes, Tupperware, flatware, dishes, coffee cups, etc. just taking up valuable space in your kitchen, attic or basement? The Food Bag Ministry plans to offer these items to our recipients, along with food, just in time for the holiday season. Please place your items in the black box in the Ramp Room, before November 17th. Thanks!

**Our deepest sympathies** to the family and friends of Dave Richardson who was born on April 16, 1949, joined our church December 4, 2012 and entered the church triumphant on November 5, 2022.

## 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; Deb Owens' sister, Lee Proctor; and Michelle Deitz's sister, Roxanne Uplinger.
- *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 Virginia Mohney, 49 N. 3rd Avenue, Clarion, PA 16214-1831.

## 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.**

**The Worship meeting is Monday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**Evening Circle meets Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.**

**Session meets Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**Food Bag Distribution is this Thursday, November 17th.**

**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.

**GO TELL! is the adult lunch program that will study Advent.** The program begins November 30th and runs through December 21st. We will meet from noon until 1:00 pm in the Chapel. Bring your lunch. To participate, contact the church office via phone or email so we can order your book.

NOVEMBER 13, 2022  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

taking  
faith  
home

*We are witnesses of God's faithfulness.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Monday	Malachi 4:1-2a	The great day of the Lord
Tuesday	2 Thess. 3:6-13	Warning against idleness
Wednesday	Acts 10:34-43	Gentiles hear the good news
Thursday	Psalms 33:1-9	The greatness of God
Friday	Hebrews 3:1-6	Jesus is greater than Moses
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. Psalm 98:1 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Come Lord Jesus; come Holy Spirit, give us courage to bear witness to your love and faithfulness with songs of joy during the good times and the bad times. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food, a sign of your faithfulness that gives us strength to endure all things through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God give you peace during the good times and the bad times.

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Drawn to the Light*

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 are some scary or troubled times you have experienced?
- When bad things happen, who do you turn to? What do you do?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 21:5-19.

Luke's Gospel is written after Roman soldiers demolished the Jerusalem temple in 70 A.D. Jesus' followers were not to pin their hopes on the glory of the temple or on anything in life that seems to promise security and stability. Jesus warns that there will not be an end to daily struggles. There will continue to be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines. Jesus could have added hurricanes, floods, droughts, and more examples of instability. Truth itself has always been under assault, making life even more unstable. In the meantime, what do we do? We announce the truth of Jesus and God's promises that will not be conquered. We live as witnesses to the truth of God's final conquest in Christ and faithfully endure life-threatening occasions. Troubled times—whether in the first or twenty-first century—are an opportunity to speak the truth of God's love and faithfulness in Christ.

*Discuss:* In what ways have you experienced God's love and faithfulness in difficult times?

*Pray:* Almighty God, as we experience scary times, give us faith to trust in your promise of victory over sin and death and the confidence to speak the truth in love through Christ. 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 encourage those who experience difficulties in daily life?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 98 calls on all the earth to make a joyful noise. This week take a walk outside and look at God's creation around you. When you return home, draw a picture or write a list of things you saw. Then make up your own tune to use as you sing these words: *O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things* (v. 1a).