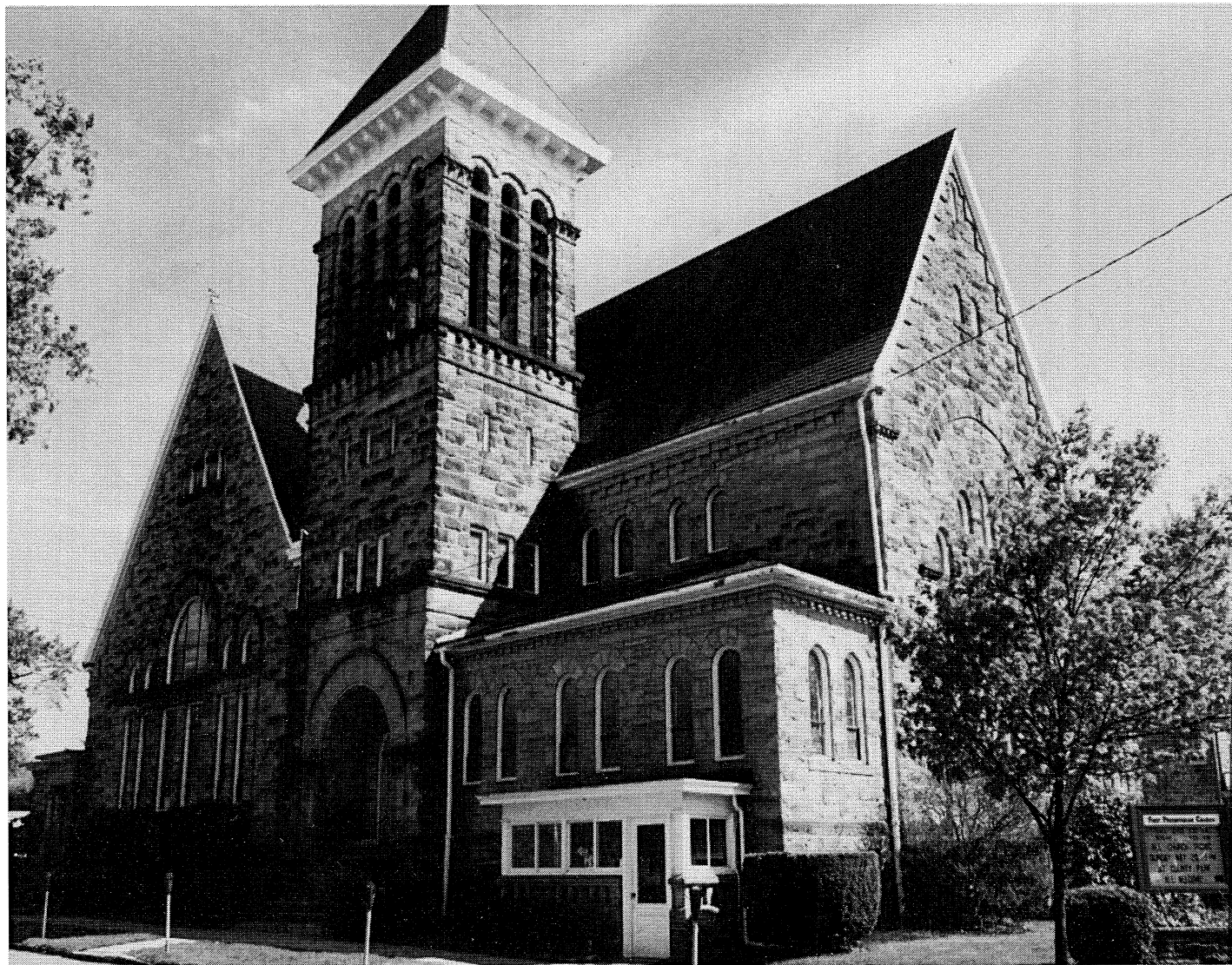


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



All Saints Sunday
November 6, 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)

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Jim McConnell

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

Prelude

Rise Up, O Church of God

Setting by Tammy Waldrop

Based on hymn tunes St. Thomas and Aurelia

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Call to Worship

We gather, centered in the promises of God,
caught in the web of grace, whirled in wonder and joy,
welcomed into the house of blessing.
We gather, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,
lifted up by stories of faith.
moved by challenging words and heartfelt prayer,
touched by joyous music and the power of God's love.

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

✠ Hymn (See Insert)

Rejoice in God's Saints

Text: Green

Music: Croft

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. And because we have faith in him, we can approach God with confidence. So, in humility and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Steadfast Lord, we acknowledge that we have not been faithful to you as you have been faithful to us. Fill us with hope and faith so that we may renew our promises to you every day as we seek to serve you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The love of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Luke 20:27--38

(p. 84)

Second Scripture

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

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

(p. 878)

Sermon

“Discouragement”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

✦Hymn No. 81

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Text: Newton, 1775, alt.
Music: Haydn, 1797, alt.

We Give Thanks to God

✦Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Larger Catechism 7.290

To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name; but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Come Away/Swing Low

Arr. by Vicki Smith

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

All Saints Prayer and Necrology List

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 326

For All the Saints

Text: How, 1864
Music: Williams, 1906

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

John Henry Hopkins,
arr. Hugh S. Livingston

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.

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

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: Bill Champion, Kristen Maze, and Monta Rader

Flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Marcella Seitz who just turned 101 years young, by Lee Seitz and the family.

Thank you to Echoes of Joy for providing special music today.

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

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

10/31/2022

Envelope Contributions	\$4,045.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$355.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$4,400.00
Women's Fellowship	\$2,140.28
Food Bags	\$225.00
Men's Fellowship	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$6,785.28

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.

Rejoice in God's Saints 531

1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;

a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own;
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
 MUSIC: William Croft (1678-1727)

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, November 7

7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Chapel

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle, Parlor

12:00 p.m. Adult Study, Chapel

3:30 p.m. Deacons, Ministry Central

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

Thursday, November 10

12:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle, Chapel

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

6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Rehearsal

Next Sunday, November 13 Veteran Recognition

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

Office as soon as possible if you have not already.

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.

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!

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!

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 Finance meeting is Monday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Morning Circle meets Wednesday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

Adult Lunch Study continues Wednesday, November 9th at noon. Study Hope with other adults. Class meets in the Chapel at noon this week.

Deacons meet Wednesday, November 9th at 3:30 p.m. in Ministry Central.

Afternoon Circle meets Thursday, November 10th at noon in the Chapel.

The First Press Newsletter for November/December 2022 has gone out. There are extra copies available in the CE Building Lobby.

Veteran Recognition will take place next Sunday, November 13th during Worship. The Caring Callers want to write to all those currently serving (active duty and reserves). Please forward their contact info to the Church

MEMBER CARE

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Fred Port, Randy Cable, Jim & Pat McConnell, and Dave Richardson.
- *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 Randy Cable, 450 Greenville Pike, Clarion, PA 16214-6122.

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

taking
faith
home

Our God is the God of the living.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection
Monday	Job 19:23-27a	I know my redeemer lives
Tuesday	2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17	Be faithful
Wednesday	Colossians 3:1-11	The new life in Christ
Thursday	John 11:17-27	Jesus the resurrection and the life
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:20-22	The resurrection of the dead
Saturday	Psalms 17:1-9	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Luke 21:5-9	Suffering for Jesus' sake

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living: for to him all of them are alive." Luke 20:38 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of the resurrection, give us faith to love what you love and to care for what you care for through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For life and health and every good, we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of the living give you courage to love others in Jesus' name.

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*My Faith Looks
Up to Thee*

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:

- If you could ask Jesus a question, what would it be?
- How does belief in the resurrection help you live a life of love and mercy today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 20:27-38.

The Sadducees had a question for Jesus about the resurrection. They accepted what was written in the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament) and did not believe in life beyond the grave. They tried to trick Jesus with a question about the resurrection by asking about a woman who had married seven brothers. Jesus wisely responded to the Sadducees in a way they could understand. The answer came from Exodus (in the Torah) about Moses when he speaks to the Lord God of Abraham, *"Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."* (v. 38). Jesus uses this reference to affirm life beyond the grave. We are children of God, and children of the resurrection (v. 36). The resurrection promotes life as God intends life to be, full of grace, mercy, and peace for all.

Discuss: How has Jesus' answer to the Sadducees helped you better understand the resurrection?

Pray: **Living God, help us to lead lives full of grace and mercy believing in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus 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 share the love of the living God with someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The image of a butterfly has been used to signify the resurrection. The butterfly changes from a caterpillar to a chrysalis then to a beautiful creature and symbolizes life, death, and resurrection. Draw or find a picture of a butterfly and put it up in your home as a reminder of the promise of the resurrection and the love of God we see most completely in Jesus.