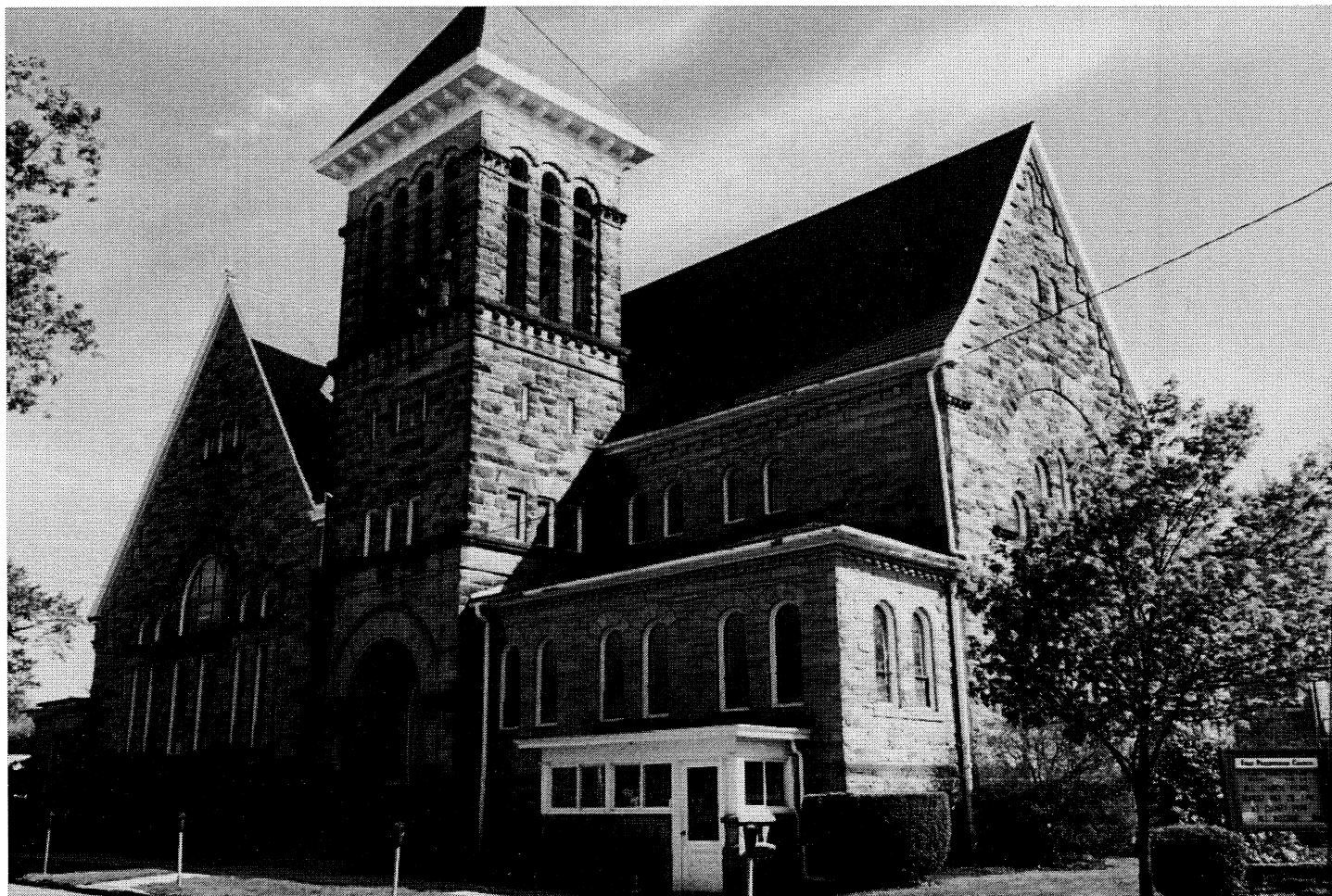


Large Print Bulletin

First Presbyterian Church



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 16, 2023



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Elaine Matticks

Minute for Mission

Pam Reid

Prelude

As The Deer
(Harpist: Phyllis Howard)

Martin Nystrom
arr. Phyllis Howard

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Let us offer our praise to God,
for we come to learn God's way.

O God, your word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.

We lift our hearts to you
as we seek to worship, adore and follow you.
O God, we praise you.

✠ **Hymn** No. 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Text: Wesley, 1747, alt.

Music: Prichard, 1831, alt.

✠ **Call to Confession**

As much as we try not to stray: we do.

As much as we try to follow God's word: we don't.

As we continue on this journey, let us seek God's forgiveness.

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.

✠Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we are quick to say, “We didn’t know.” “We didn’t mean to.” “We didn’t expect that to happen.” But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

✠Declaration of Forgiveness

There is no condemnation for us: God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit. The Spirit of God dwells within 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

We Share God’s Word

Time with the Children

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Prayer of Illumination

Elaine Matticks

First Scripture

Psalm 119:105-112

(p. 569)

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. ¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word. ¹⁰⁸Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances. ¹⁰⁹I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. ¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. ¹¹¹Your

decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Second Scripture

Romans 8:1-11

(p. 157)

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

“The Law of the Spirit”

Piano Interlude

✠ **Hymn No. 744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Text: Duck, 1974

Music: Walter, 1894

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 heav-
en, hallowed be
thy name. Thy
kingdom come,
thy will be
done, on earth
as it is in heav-
en. Give us this
day our daily
bread; and for-
give us our
debts as we for-
give our debt-
ors; and lead us
not into tempta-
tion, but deliver
us from evil.
For thine is the
kingdom, and
the power, and
the glory forev-
er. Amen.

We Give Thanks to God

✠ Affirmation of Faith

7.302 *The Larger Catechism*

When we pray, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” we are acknowledging that by nature we and all people are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God, but prone to rebel against God’s Word, to repine and murmur against God’s providence, and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil. We pray that God would by his Spirit take away from ourselves and others all blindness, weakness, indiposedness, and perverseness of heart, and by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things, with the like humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity, and constancy, as the angels do in heaven.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
(Harpist: Phyllis Howard)

Daniel L. Schutte,
arr. Phyllis Howard

✠ Doxology

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✠ **Hymn** No. 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Text: Hatch, 1878

Music: Jackson, 1888

✠ **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude*

Psalm XX

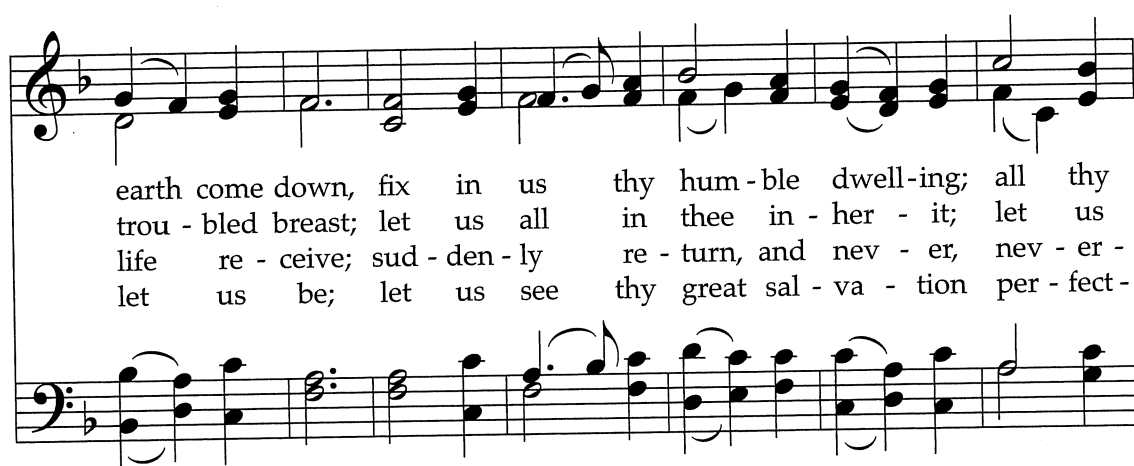
Gordon Young

*Please remember at the close of the service, the Postlude is a time to silently reflect on God and the mission to which we are called. We ask that you please remain silent and seated until the music has ended.

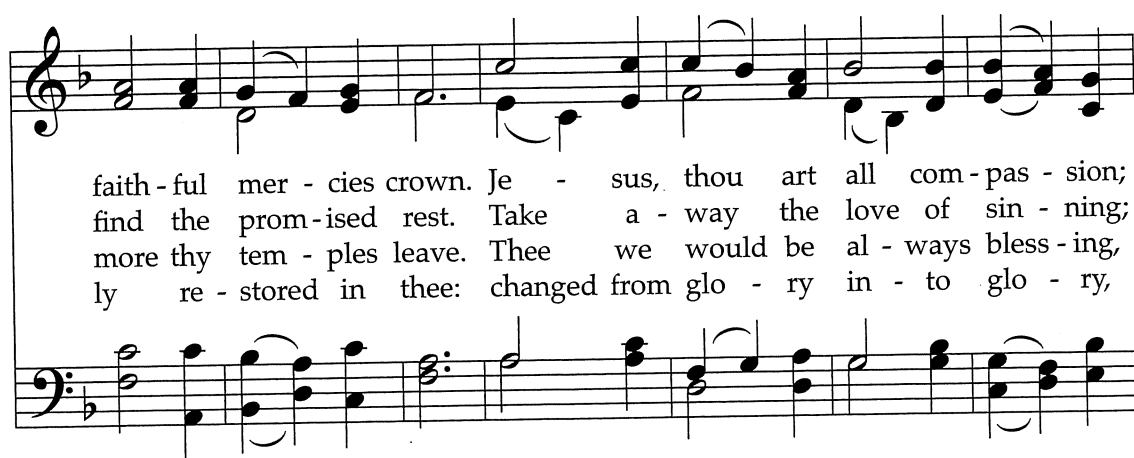
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



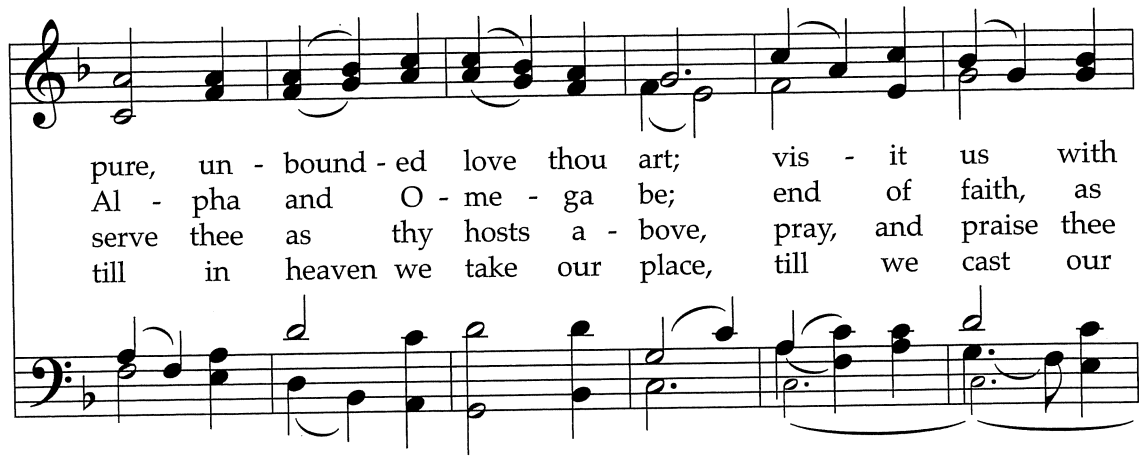
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

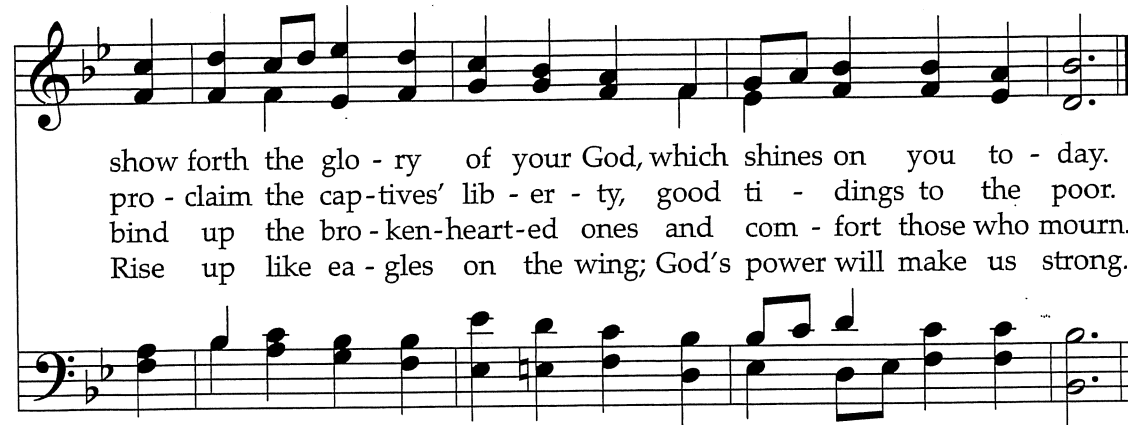


thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

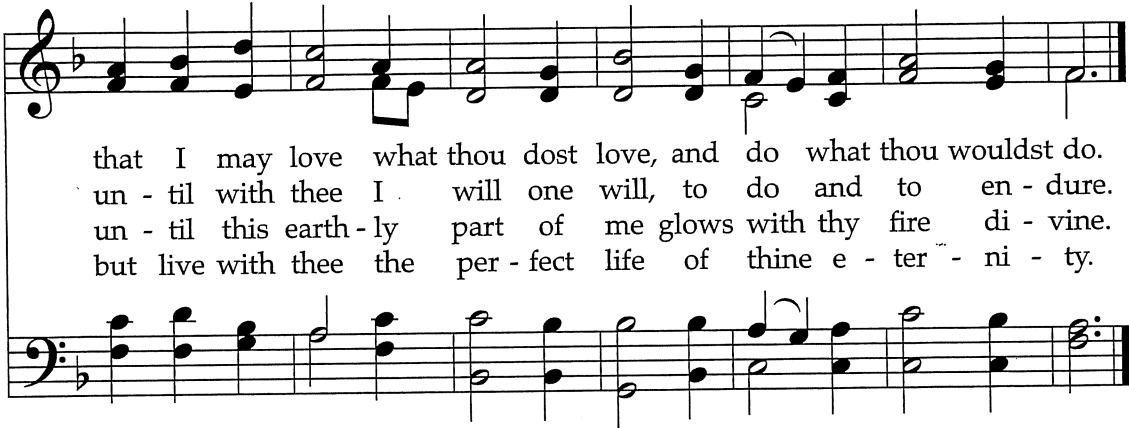
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 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
SM

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, July 17

All Day Head Start Registration

7:00 p.m. Called Session Meeting, Chapel

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, July 20

2:00 p.m. Food Bag Distribution

Saturday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Heavenly Gaits Work Day

Next Sunday, July 23

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Social Hall

11:00 a.m. "Planning for the Future" in the Social Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hymns and Scriptures for today's service are included in the bulletin for your convenience.

There will be a Called Session Meeting, Monday, July 17th, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

Ready, Set, Glow! Vacation Bible School will be July 24-27 from 6:30-8:15 pm for all

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

ages. Registration forms are on the church website Resources page. You can also register at 6:15 p.m. the first day of VBS. Volunteers welcome! To participate in any capacity, whether it be planning, helping during VBS week, or monetary & supply donations, contact Pam Reid, CE Chair, at 227-5410 cell or 226-5820.

The New Wilmington Mission Conference (NWMC) will be held July 21-26 at Westminster College. Missionaries and church workers from all over the world come to this event to share what God is doing in the world and to worship together. It is a place of fellowship, learning, encouragement, and love. NWMC has programming for all ages. This year there will be speakers from Ghana, Sri Lanka, Ohio, South Africa, Italy, and Massachusetts. For more information either go to nmwcmmission.org or see information available in the Ramp Room.

Heavenly Gaits Workday is scheduled for July 22nd at 9 a.m. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at the Usher's table on Sunday.

Preparing for the Future: On July 23rd, after worship, there will be a discussion on "Preparing for the Future." When a loved one passes away, family members face an overwhelming amount of questions and decisions within the first 72 hours. This is all complicated by feelings of grief and family dynamics. If one has a conversation with

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

MEMBER CARE

their family about their wishes in advance, the needed information will be available and accurate. Join us for the discussion.

August 11th—Ice Cream Social at 6 p.m. We'll be outside in the Aharrah Pavilion. There will also be a blessing of the animals.

Other Area Events:

Fisher Homecoming: First Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk, August 5th at 8:00 a.m. SHARP. This benefits Millcreek Presbyterian Church and Millcreek Township Volunteer Fire Department. You can register by going to station590.online and clicking the 5K link. Cost is \$20. Register by 7/21/23 to ensure a t-shirt. Arrive that day at 7:30 a.m. to register. Startline is Fisher, PA Firehall. This is an out and back course with awards for individuals and age groups.

Please pray for:

- *Members with known health concerns:* Randy Cable, Virginia Mohney, Dorothy Jean Foreman, Beverly Wentling, Ruth Ann Minich, Jean Mitrosky, and Jim McConnell.
- *Our family and friends:* Shirley & John McKinley's relatives: Mary Biser, Charlotte Hartman, Kenneth Daugherty, Jr., Ben McKinley, and David Mahle; Carolyn McFarland's relatives: Rick & Janelle Moore; Kristen Maze's neighbor, Laurie Dickey; Bob Bowersox; Beverly Wentling's daughter, Rebecca Irwin; Bert Louder's grandson, Anthony Louder; Jim & Pat McConnell's friend, Pat Hargest; Marianne Reynolds' mother, Alice Davis; Jeff Deitz's friend, Alexandra Sharrar; Daniel Manson, Kurt Nesbitt's brother-in-law; Peggy, Dee Wenner's sister-in-law; Brenda, Brian Summerville's cousin; the family and friends of Joni, Kristen Maze's sister; and the family and friends of Vincent Widmer.
- *And all serving in the US Military* including members/friends of our own faith family.

Homebound Member of the week: Please remember Beverly Wentling, 157 S. Fifth Avenue, Apt. 301, Clarion, PA 16214. Her Birthday is July 25th.

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, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and 9 to noon on 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 the 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).

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Class of 2023: John Joy, Bert Louder, Jim McConnell

Class of 2024: Kathy Larimer, Elaine Matticks, Pam Reid

Class of 2025: Jeff Deitz, Jeff Kapp, Kurt Nesbitt

Deacons:

Class of 2023: Suellen Gourley, Cindy Kapp, Norma Kooman

Class of 2024: Bonnie Champion, Marianne Reynolds, Mary Swanger

Class of 2025: Kim Lewis, Lee Seitz, Lori Smith

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Elaine Matticks
Time with Children: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Pianist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy
Acolytes: Ruby Collett, Gavin Kunselman, Aubrie Scovel, Emma Willy
Greeter and Ushers: Jeff Deitz and Michelle Deitz

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in honor of their Wedding Anniversary, by Dave & Kathy Larimer.

NOTES:

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY 7/10/2023

Envelope Contributions	\$3,067.75
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$360.00
Per Capita	<u>\$145.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$3,572.75

Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Food Bag Account	\$195.00
Women's Fellowship	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,987.75

Online Donations June 2023, Deposited July1 2023

Offering Contributions	\$629.62
Men's Fellowship	\$25.00
Food Bag Account	<u>\$75.00</u>
Total	\$4,7173.37