

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 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).

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CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
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 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Kathy Larimer	Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman
Elaine Matticks	Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer
Pam Reid	Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Bonnie Champion	Kim Lewis	Robin Cable
Marianne Reynolds	Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble
Mary Swanger	Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Pam Reid
Time with Children: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes: Gavin Kunselman, Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy
Ushers in Charge: Kim Lewis, Lori Smith, and Amy Widmer

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of my father, Ron McEntire, by Lori Smith.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Bell Practice
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
 11:15 a.m. Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

1/21/2024

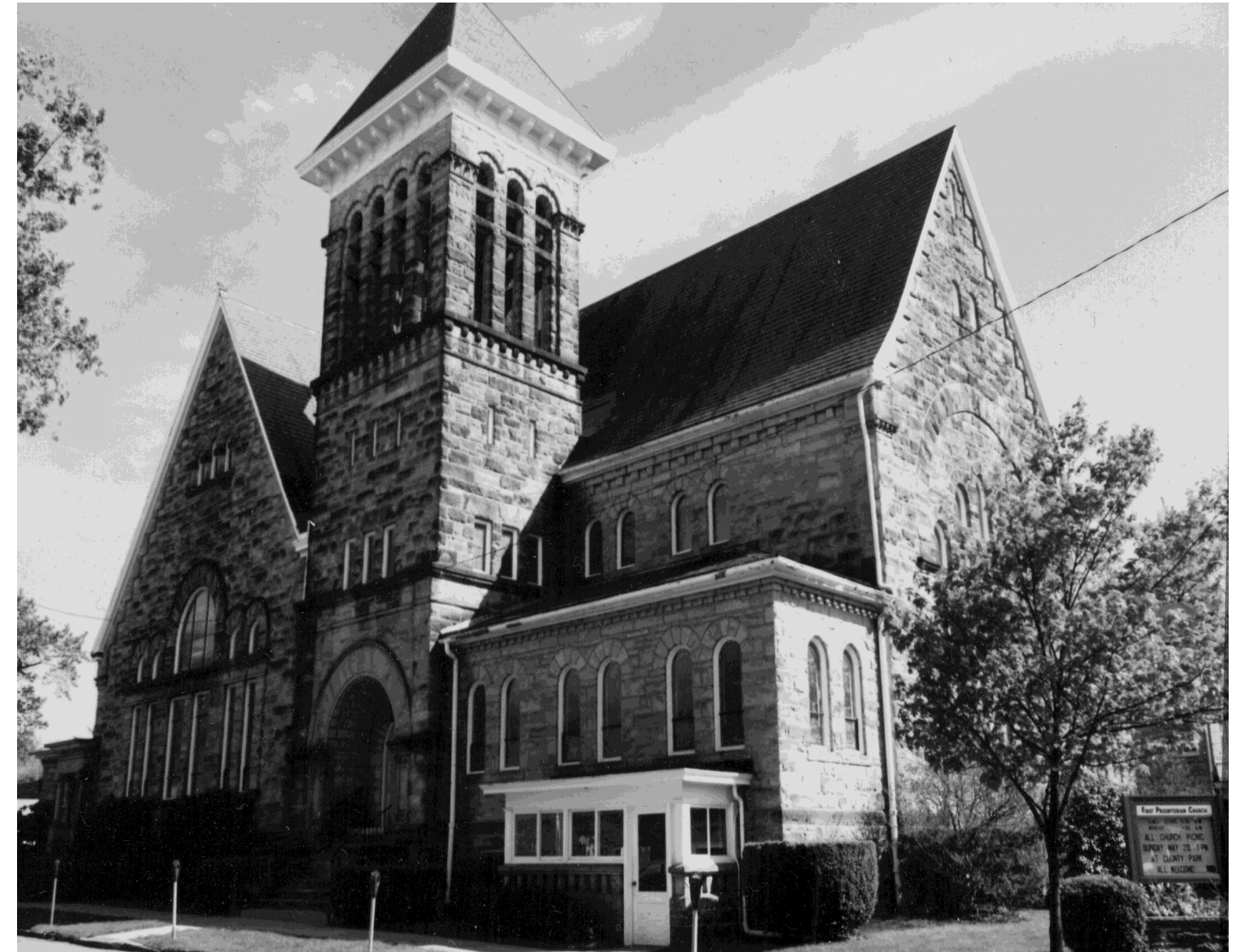
Weekly Contributions	
Envelope Contributions	\$2,115.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$77.00
Per Capita	\$214.80
Total Contributions	\$2,406.80
Weekly Donations	
Food Bag	\$5,025.00
Men's Fellowship	\$80.00
Food Bag	\$50.00
Total Contributions	\$5,155.00
Total	\$7,561.80

NOTES:

First Presbyterian Church



Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 28, 2024



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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)

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Pam Reid

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

Prelude

Pedalpoint

Hal Hopson

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

Great are the works of the Lord!

We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

God's righteousness endures forever.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Let us worship God!

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.

✦ Hymn No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Text: Williams, 1762

Music: Hughes, 1907

✦ 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.

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another. In Jesus' name 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

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

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Prayer of Illumination

Pam Reid

First Scripture

Mark 9:2-8

(p. 44)

Second Scripture

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(p. 174)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Prophet”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Text: Havergal, 1872, alt.
Music: Schumann, 1839, alt.

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

9.08 Adapted from the Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus a Palestinian Jew lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Passacaglia

Hal Hopson

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 157

I Danced in the Morning

Text: Carter, 1963
Music: American Shaker melody;
adapt. Carter, 1963

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Bouree in G

G. F. Handel

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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, 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.