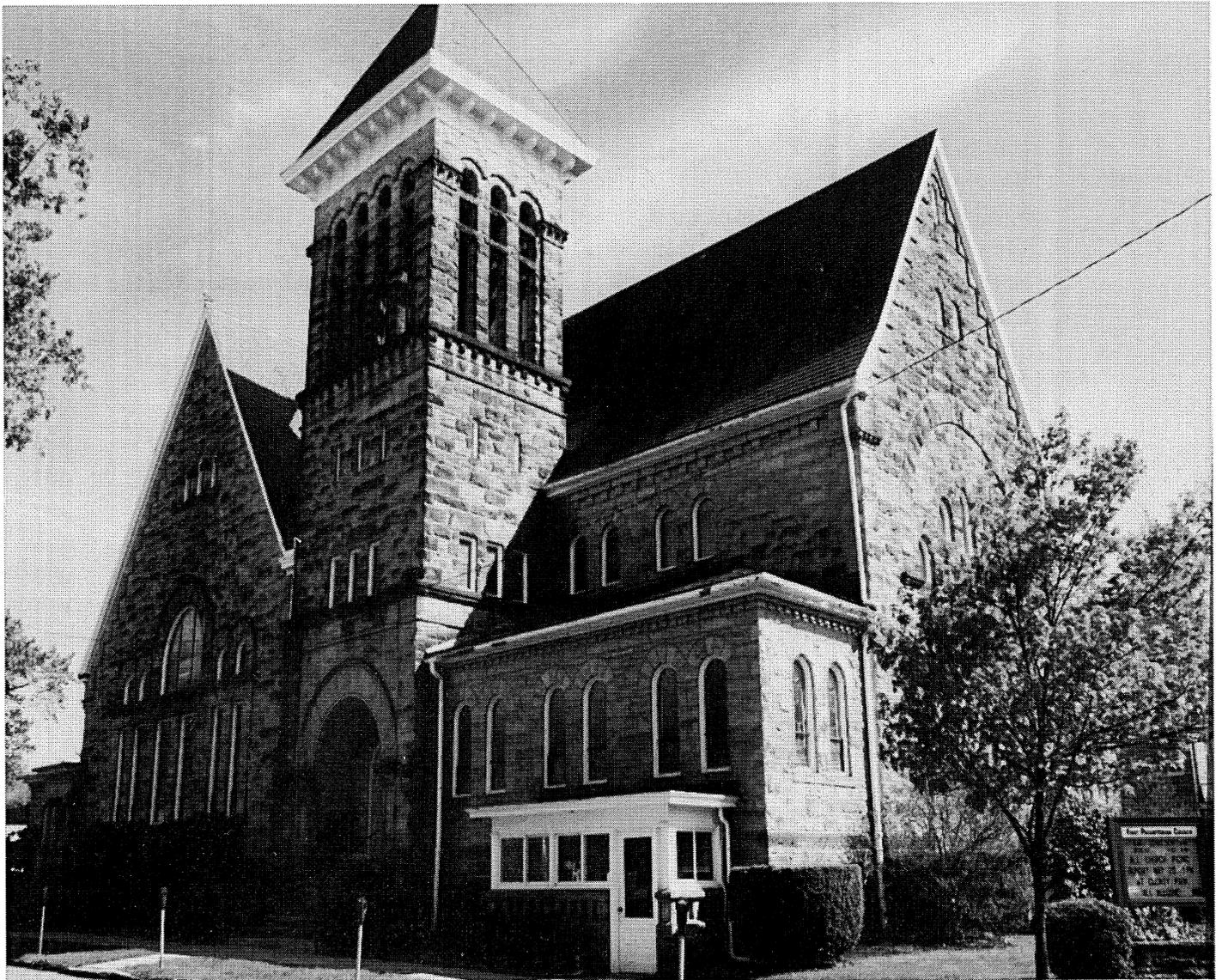


# *First Presbyterian Church*

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*4th Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2026*



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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)

4th Sunday in Lent

**Welcome and Announcements**

Lector, Kathy Larimer

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

**Prelude**

*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

Johann Gottfried Walther

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Introit**

*You Are Holy*

**Call to Worship**

We are children of light,  
**rejoicing in everything good and right and true.**

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

**In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake, and we stand in the light of Christ.**

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. 41**

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

✦ **Call to Confession**

✦ **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✦ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

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**

Kathy Larimer

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture**

John 9: 1-12

(p. 102)

**Second Scripture**

1st Samuel 16: 1-13

(pp. 259–260)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“David's Anointed As King”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

**Organ Interlude**

## We Give Thanks to God

### ✦ Affirmation of Faith

7.152 The Larger Catechism

**Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the office of prophet, priest, and king of his Church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.**

### Call for the Offering

### Offering and Offertory

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

Arr. By Harry Wilson

### ✦ Doxology

### ✦ Prayer of Dedication

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

## We Go Forth to Serve

### ✦ Hymn No. 853

*We Are Marching In The Light of God (sung twice)*

### ✦ Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*Lenten Meditation*

Catherine Croker

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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.

## 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 YouTube channel.

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 Thursday.

For more information visit our website at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org).

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

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).

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## CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

**Pastor:** Rev. Rebecca Mihm  
**Lector:** Kathy Larimer  
**Organist:** Jean Mitrosky  
**Director of Music:** Bonnie Champion  
**Treasurer:** Ann Brooks  
**Secretary:** Cindy Kapp  
**Sexton:** Mike Hetrick  
**Sound Engineer:** Josh Deitz  
**Video Engineer:** Dan Willy

### Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>	<u>Class of 2028:</u>
Norma Kooman	Bill Champion	John Joy
Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas	Marianne Reynolds
Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer	Tammy Slike

### Deacons:

<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>	<u>Class of 2028:</u>
Robin Cable	Barb Beggs	Carolyn McFarland
Mary Swanger	Stacy Hoffman	Glenn Beichner
Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder	Joyce Alberta

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** Rev. Rebecca Mihm  
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**Director of Music:** Bonnie Champion  
**Organist:** Jean Mitrosky  
**Sound Engineer:** Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp  
**Video Engineer:** Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt  
**Acolytes:** Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy, Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion, Logan Myers

**Ushers in Charge:** Joyce & Ron Alberta, Stacy Hoffman

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Tammy Slike, by Pauline Henry.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School

## WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

3/08/26

### Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$4,195.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$1,247.00
Per Capita	<u>\$81.32</u>
	\$5,523.32

### Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$3,045.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Flowers	\$67.00
PMEF Distribution	<u>\$18,186.16</u>
	\$21,318.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,841.48</b>

## NOTES

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

**Monday, March 16**

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle—CE Building

**Tuesday, March 17**

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

**Wednesday, March 18**

6:00 p.m. CE Team Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, March 19**

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle—Marilyn's

12:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle—Chapel

5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice

6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell Practice

**Saturday, March 21**

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship— Social Hall

**Sunday, March 22**

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Experience** the story of the Old Testament through a fun, compelling, and engaging event that will change the way you read the Bible. "Walk thru the Bible" is an interactive family event to encourage Bible reading & engagement. It will be held at the Brookville Evangelical Methodist Church (30 White St.) in Brookville from 9-noon on Saturday 3/21/26. Admission is \$20.00, reservations not required. All are invited to attend. A signup sheet will be in the ramp room if you want to arrange carpooling with others who may be attending. You may call Brookville Methodist Church at 814-849-2612 to register or if you want more details.

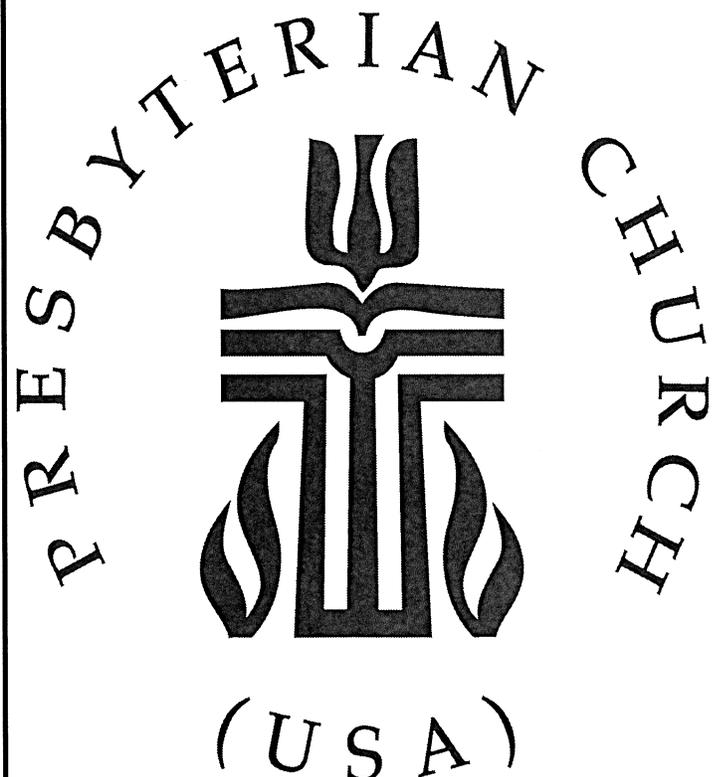
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ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**Easter Flowers** are on sale for \$9.00 each until *March 22nd*. If you would like to order flowers for our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, order forms are in your bulletins today. They can be returned to the church office or the offering plate with your payment. *PLEASE note the deadline date.*

**Want to know** how communion began? Want to know what happened during Jesus' Last Supper? There will be a Seder dinner with (optional) foot-washing on April 2nd at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. Chicken will be provided, but bring a dish. Please sign up for it in the Ramp room by March 29th.



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable  
Shirley McKinley  
Pauline Henry  
Jeff Deitz  
Mary Ann Lees  
Greg Rhoads  
Dave Steward  
Sue Widmer  
Charlie Kurtas  
Tom Goble  
Dorothy Jean Foreman  
Isaac Solida  
Bonnie Champion  
All our homebound members

Mary Biser  
Charlotte Hartman  
Ben McKinley  
Anthony Louder  
Pat Hargest  
Alexandra Sharrar  
Mary Kay Arth  
Mason Martin and family  
Rob Summerville  
Cori  
Chuck Reninger  
Kay Caller  
Amy Benhoff  
Ryan Cornicki  
Jerry Deitz  
Don Neiderriter  
Shawn Martin  
John McConnell  
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer  
Nina Faust Joslin  
Alec Booth  
Terry  
Darlene Hargenrader  
Sara Riggins  
Bernice Yockey  
Steve Payne  
Karen McMillen  
Nancy Mills

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Dudley Fye  
Emily Champion  
Mark Willy  
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)  
Jenn Yockey  
A young mother and child  
Lynn Hefner  
Archer Kunselman

**Bereaved:** Please remember the friends and families of :

Thomas Hanford  
Kathleen Fye

**Around the World**

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

**Homebound Member  
of the Week**

Beverly Wentling  
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