

First Presbyterian Church



Trinity Sunday
June 15, 2025



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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)

Trinity Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Jeff Kapp

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

Prelude

In the Glow of Early Morning

Joseph Prentiss, William Macomber

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Call to Worship

O God, we daily see the work of your fingers and the work of your wisdom, which causes us to be in awe of you.

Sheep, birds, and fish, you made with detail and care.

And then you made us: each formed from the earth.

Fragile and strong, and with so much to learn, we can't help but sing your praises.

Let us worship God!

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

✦ Hymn No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in three persons, mutual and whole, we confess our relationships are not that way. We have been too selfish; or we have given too little, or we have accepted too much. Our sin drives us away from one another and from you. Forgive us and restore us. Draw us close that we may know life to its fulness. It's in His name we pray, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Debra Owens

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

(p. 590)

Second Scripture

Romans 5:1-5

(p. 155)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Boasting in Hope"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

7.193 *The Larger Catechism*

The members of the invisible Church have committed to them, in this life, the first fruits of glory with Christ, as they are members of him their head, and so in him are interested in that glory which he is fully possessed of, and as an earnest thereof, enjoy the sense of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, and hope of glory.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

There's A Quiet Understanding
(Soloist: Terry Perucci)

Tedd Smith

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on "Nicaea"

Nancy Hill Cobb, John Bacchus Dyke

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.

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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 Friday.

For more information visit our website at 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 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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Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Treasurer: Ann Brooks
Secretary: Debra Owens
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman	Bill Champion
Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas
Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Kim Lewis	Robin Cable	Barb Beggs
Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble	Stacy Hoffman
Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Jeff Kapp
Time with Children: Debra Owens
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
Ushers in Charge: Lee Seitz, Kim Lewis, Pam Reid

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of mother and daughter Kay Wilson and Ellen Lawrence, by Pauline Henry.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

6/8/2025

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$3,230.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$60.00
Total Contributions	\$3,290.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$86.00
Vacation Bible School Donation	\$100.00
PMEF Distribution	\$17,873.10
Pentecost Offering	\$70.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Music Fund	\$200.00
Caring Callers	\$25.00
Total	\$18,374.10

Total \$21,664.10

Online Donations May 2025

Offering Contributions of \$708.82	\$695.98
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Grand Total \$22,360.08

NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Tuesday, June 17

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting, Step Down Room

Wednesday, June 18

6:00 p.m. CE/VBS Committee, Ministry Central

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

Thursday, June 19

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle, Marilyn's

12:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle, Chapel

Next Sunday, June 22

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Deadline: Have news from your family or ministry team to share? Please contact Deb in the church office by June 20 for inclusion in the July-Aug-Sept edition of The First Press.

The Date Has Changed!! Vacation Bible School will be held on Monday, July 14 - Thursday, July 17; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The theme is **Road Trip**. The time will be filled with Bible lessons, crafts, and games aimed at learning: "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9. The program will culminate with participants singing during worship on Sunday, July 20. The First Presby Christian Education team is busy planning and creating and cannot wait to work with the children this summer!

The New Wilmington Mission Conference is among the longest-standing mission conferences in the USA, and it's right in our backyard along I-80. This year's conference will be held from **July 18 - 23 at Westminster College**, and will feature national and international speakers of faith. Our mission committee would love members of the congregation to attend and grow in faith: to make it easier for you or your whole family to attend, the committee will hear requests for scholarships to reimburse mileage, lodging, or meals. You may attend for a day trip, or the whole conference, depending on your needs. Conference details are online : <https://www.nwcmmission.org/>. To discuss reimbursement/scholarship opportunities (all ages), email the church office: churchoffice@clarionfirstpresby.org to meet with a representative from the Mission Committee.

Camp Lambec began as a joint venture among six Presbyteries, including our own, and offers amazing faith-based summer camp opportunities from June through August. Recent updates to facilities at the Camp have revitalized the camp experience. Our mission committee is hearing scholarship/reimbursement requests for local children or grandchildren of our congregation to attend any of the following 2025 camps: "Wet and Wild, grades 3-6"; "Wetter-N-Wilder, grades 7-12"; "Family Camps, all ages"; and "Music Camp, grades 4-college". Information is available at <https://camplambec.com/>. To discuss

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

reimbursement/scholarship opportunities (all ages), please reach out to the church office via email: churchoffice@clarionfirstpresby.org to meet with a representative from the Mission Committee.

PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Margy Port
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Ruth Ann Minich
Tam Goble
Jeff Deitz
Kathy Larimer
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
All our homebound members

Mary Biser
Charlotte Hartman
Ben McKinley
Anthony Louder
Pat Hargest
Alexandra Sharrar
Dr. Shannon Penland
Mary Kay Arth
Mason Martin and family
Rob Summerville
Evie Renwick
Cori
Chuck Reninger
Kay Caller
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neideriter
Tom Minich
Rev. Robin Sharp
Kathy Meley

Shawn Martin
Clayton Hayden & family
John McConnell
Ryan Kemmer and family
A 2-year-old with eye cancer
A 4-year-old with kidney
Cancer
Terry Wensel
Kathy Lahr
Scott and Sherry Keefer
Carolyn McFarland's son,
Mike
Bruce McClain
Nina Faust Joslin

Bereaved: Please remember
the friends and family of:
Stella Zubik

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US
Military
Gitwe Congregation in
Rwanda, our faith partners

Homebound Member of the Week

Gail Baptist
42 E. 8th Avenue
Clarion, PA 16214

JUNE 15, 2025
TRINITY SUNDAY

taking faith home

God is connected to us through Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth
Monday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	The gifts of wisdom
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-5	Experiencing God's peace
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people celebrate
Thursday	Lamentations 3:22-33	God's steadfast love endures
Friday	1 John 4:17-21	God is love
Saturday	Psalms 8	The wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"He [the Spirit of truth] will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you." John 16:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Triune God, we thank you that you reach out to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that we may experience the intimacy of your never-ending love for us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you and are in awe of your goodness and mercy that blesses us with food each day. How majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen. (Psalm 8:1, 9)

A Blessing to Give:

May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you.



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JUNE 15, 2025
HYMN OF THE WEEK

taking faith home

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God Almighty!*

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:

- When was a time you needed someone to guide and help you?
- What questions do you have about God as Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 16:12-15.

No one can fully define the eternal God. The Gospel of John simply affirms that God's presence is intimately connected with us through Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (named as the "Spirit of truth" in v. 13). John doesn't define the Trinity. He describes it in terms of an intimate relationship: all that is the Father's is Jesus', and most importantly for us, all that the Spirit speaks will be the message of Jesus declared to us as Jesus' disciples. So, what is the message of Jesus who is also the divine Word made flesh in John 1:14? It is the message (or the Word) at the heart of Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples on the night of his betrayal in John, chapters 13-17. It is the declaration—or commandment—to love one another (John 13:34). It is the message that even while he is being betrayed and denied by his own followers, love wins. Divine love never quits. In Jesus, God will not give up on us, even from the cross. Love, not coercion, love, not retribution, and love, not death is what the Triune God declares to us in Jesus. On this Trinity Sunday, we thank you, Triune God!

Discuss: How does the unending intimacy between God and you help you live as a follower of Jesus?

Pray: Thank you, Triune God, for your love that reaches us with your never-failing, never-ending love through God in Three Persons for us to enjoy forever. 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 show God's never-ending love through an act of kindness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

A doxology is an expression of praise to God. A very well-known doxology was written in 1709 by an Anglican bishop, Bishop Thomas Ken. It is a tradition around the world for congregations to sing or say this treasured doxology. Sing or say this hymn of praise to God before meals or before bedtime: **Praise God from who all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org