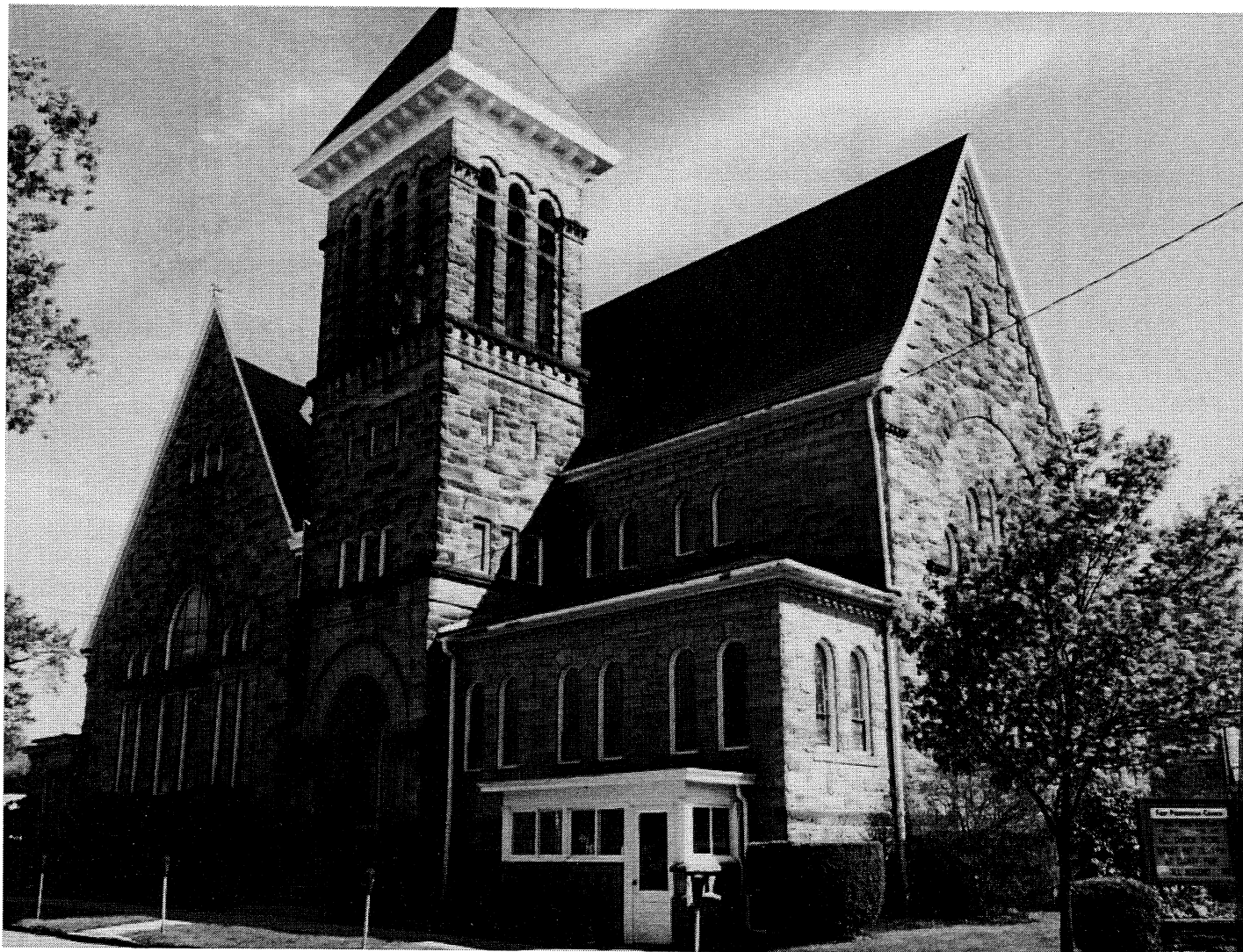


First Presbyterian Church



*19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 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)

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Dave Larimer

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

Prelude

On Eagle's Wings
Echoes of Joy Handbell Choir

Michael Joncas
arr. By Jeffrey Honore

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when, just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow and destroy,

so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

I will put my law within the people, and I will write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and God will grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night.

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. 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world. In Jesus' 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

Dave Larimer

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Psalm 121

(p. 571)

Second Scripture

Luke 18: 1-8

(p. 81)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon	“Unjust”	Rev. Rebecca Mihm	
Organ Interlude			
✦Hymn No. 39	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>		
We Give Thanks to God			
Affirmation of Faith			
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.			
Call for the Offering			
Offering and Offertory	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> Echoes of Joy Handbell Choir	Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski	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.
✦Doxology			
✦Prayer of Dedication			
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer			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. 720	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>		
✦Charge and Benediction			
Postlude	<i>With Trumpets and Horns</i>	G. F. Handel Arr. by Edward Broughton	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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CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor:	Rev. Rebecca Mihm
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 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:	Dave Larimer
Time with Children:	Dave Larimer
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:	Tamalyn Goble, Lynn Grejda, and Suellen Gourley.

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Pat Steward, by Lori Smith.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

10/12/25

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,230.00
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$21.00
Total Contributions	\$2,251.00

Weekly Donations

Wonder of Worship Children Grant	\$5,000.00
Mission	\$100.00
Food Bags	\$35.00
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$125.00
	\$5,260.00

Total	\$7,511.00
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NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, October 20

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

Tuesday, October 21

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, October 22

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting—Chapel

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, October 23

4:30 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell practice

5:30 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell practice

Sunday, October 26

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

__ALF Parking Passes are available in the office. These are for Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25. They are \$10.00 each. Stop by the office Mon-Thurs. 9:00-3:00.

__Our ALF concession stand is Saturday, October 25. We need help from everyone to make this a success and to help less fortunate families at Christmas. We need people to work the concession stand and cookie bakers. Those cookies can be dropped off in the social hall on Friday, October 24. Please mark what your cookies are, and especially if they have nuts. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

__Next Sunday, 10/26/25, there will be a congregational meeting following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Josh Deitz
Jim McConnell
Deb Owens
Charlie Kurtas
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
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Kathy Meley
Shawn Martin
Clayton Hayden & family
John McConnell
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer
Terry Wensel
Kathy Lahr
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Greg Nesbitt

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Terry
Denny Hickman
Elise Burns Pasles
Darlene Hargenrader
Sara Riggins
Sherrie Kapp
Bernice Yockey
Bill Burnworth
Colleen Donovan
Steve Payne
Kara's friend
Karen McMillen
Del Bailey
Nancy Mills
Isaac Solida

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

Homebound Member of the Week

Kathleen Fye
Purple Iris Personal Care
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