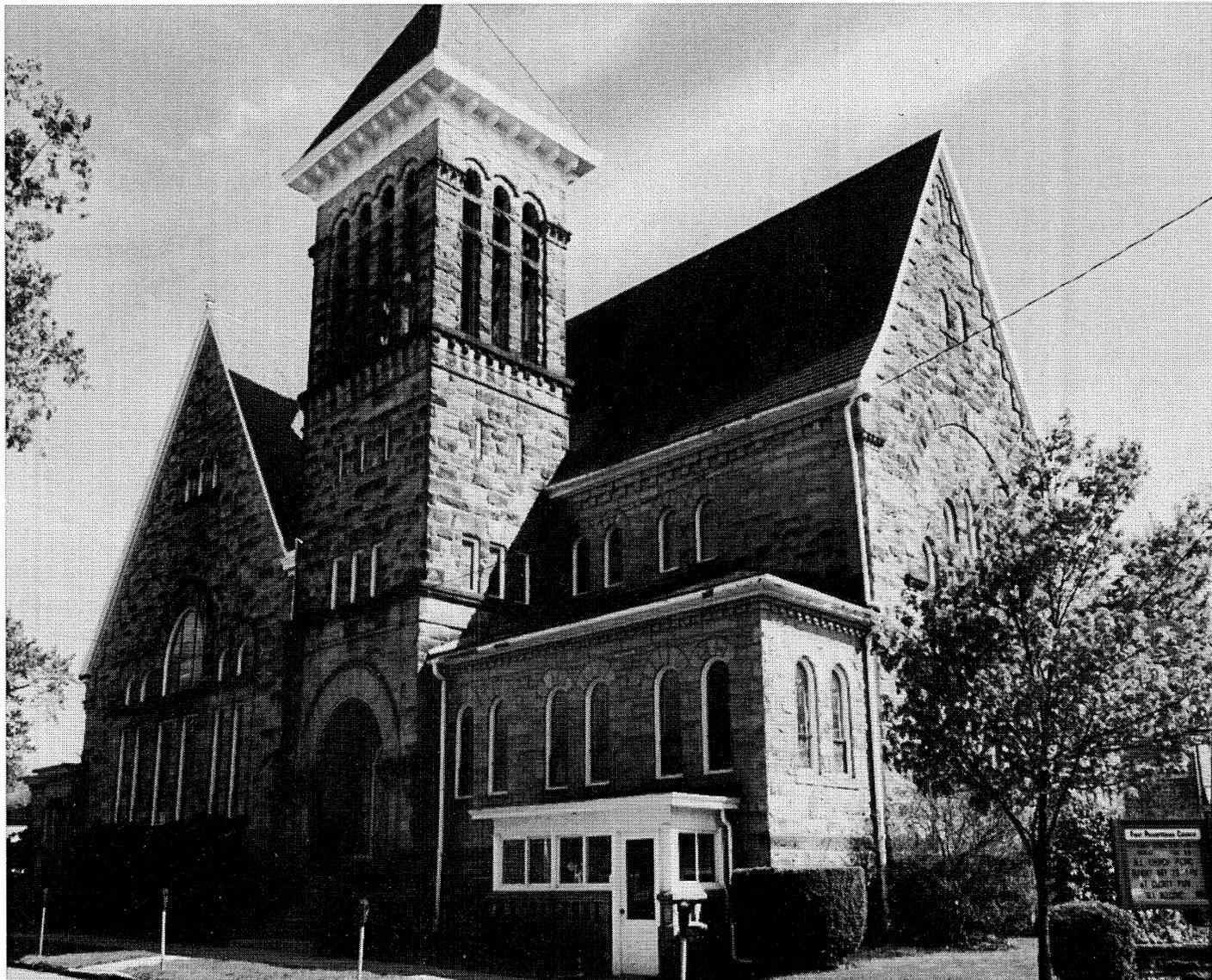


First Presbyterian Church



*3rd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 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)

3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Kathy Larimer

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

Prelude

The Inward Heart

Gilbert M. Martin

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!

We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!

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

✦ **Hymn No. 2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

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

✦ **Call to Confession**

✦ **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious God, once again we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifferences have let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us. 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

Kathy Larimer

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Romans 5: 1-11

(p. 155)

Second Scripture

Exodus 17: 1-7

(p. 64)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Times of Testing

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

We Give Thanks to God

✠ Affirmation of Faith

5.077 Second Helvetic Confession

For we teach and believe that Jesus Christ our Lord is the unique and eternal Savior of the human race, and thus of the whole world. The apostle Peter says: "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Paul says: "All our fathers ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. By Virgil Thomson

✠ Doxology

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✠ Hymn No. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

✠ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Hashivenu" Turn Us Back to You, O Lord

Christina Harmon

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.

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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 Thursday.

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
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

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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, Deb Myers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of my son, Zachary Botzer, by Norma Kooman.

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

3/01/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,273.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$82.00
	\$2,355.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$235.00
Men's Fellowship	\$40.00
	\$275.00
Total	\$2,630.00

On Line Donations for Month of February

\$390.95 with Net Amount of	383.71
Total	\$3,013.71

NOTES:

Monday, March 9

6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting

7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 12

2:00 p.m. Food Distribution

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

6:00 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell Practice

Sunday, March 15

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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkk63Ua1kOI>

<https://app.box.com/s/sags8ftgml15n03pmtb9vqgt4mjxxvt0/file/159847573418>

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 .*

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PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
 Shirley McKinley
 Pauline Henry
 Jeff Deitz
 Mary Ann Lees
 Greg Rhoads
 Dave Steward
 Sue Widmer
 Jim McConnell
 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

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

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

Around the World

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

**Homebound Member
of the Week**

Dorothy Jean Foreman
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