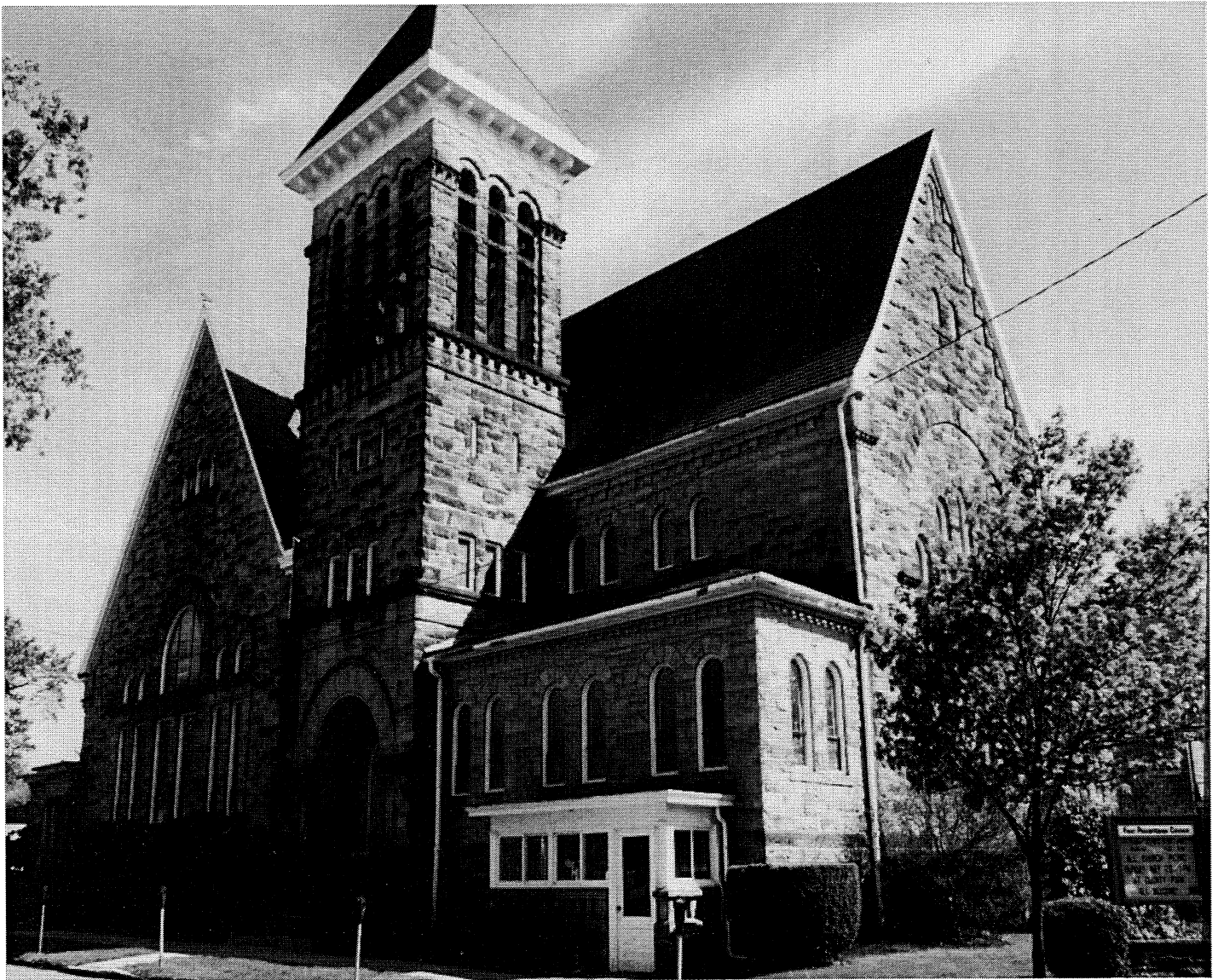


First Presbyterian Church



*14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30th, 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)

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, John Joy

Prelude

Bist Du Bei Mir (Thou Art With Me)

J. S. Bach

Trumpet: Cayden Bowser

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

We sing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recount all of God's wonderful deeds.

Lamb of God, your burden is easy.

Good Shepherd, your way is righteous.

Give us the resolve to follow wherever you lead.

May we live our lives worthy of the calling you have given.

We come to worship you, Good Shepherd of our lives.

✦ Hymn No. 14

For The Beauty Of The Earth

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Wonderful Lord, sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and lose our lives. Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace. It's in your name we pray, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✦ Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Kara Willy

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture
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Psalms 26: 1-8

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Second Scripture

Romans 12: 9-21

(p. 162)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Love, Love, Love”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 300

We Are One In The Spirit

We Give Thanks To God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

4.107 The Heidelberg Catechism

By condemning envy, hatred, and anger, God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring
Trumpet: Cayden Bowser

J. S. Bach

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“The Heavens Declare The Glory Of God”
Trumpet: Cayden Bowser

Benedetto Marcello

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, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

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

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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 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
Lector: John Joy
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: Bert Louder, Cindy and Jeff Kapp

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

8/23/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,960.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	<u>\$20.00</u>
	\$1,980.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$330.00
Blessing Box	\$100.00
Rental Income	\$1,245.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Property/Bat Control	<u>\$25.00</u>
	\$1,720.00

Total	\$3,700.00
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Tuesday, September 1

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, September 2

10:30 a.m. Caring Callers—Ministry Central

4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, September 6

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars!

Fall Fellowship Salad Luncheon

Please join us for a Fall Salad Luncheon after church on September 13 to gather & kick off the fall season. We'll have salads, sloppy joes, and desserts. If you would like to add your favorite salad or dessert to the table, there is a sign up sheet in the ramp room. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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PRAYER LIST

Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Ron Montgomery
Jim McConnell
Jean Mitrosky
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
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Terry
Darlene Hargenrader
Bernice Yockey
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Emily Champion
Mark Willy
Syncere Caesar (7 yr. old with leukemia)
Lynn Hefner
Archer Kunselman
Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Larry Jamison
Bill Peterson
Scott Apel
Gigi
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman
Cynthia Copenhaver
Dottie Lockwood

Around the World

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

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and
family of:

Randy Cable

Homebound Member of the Week

Gail Baptist
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