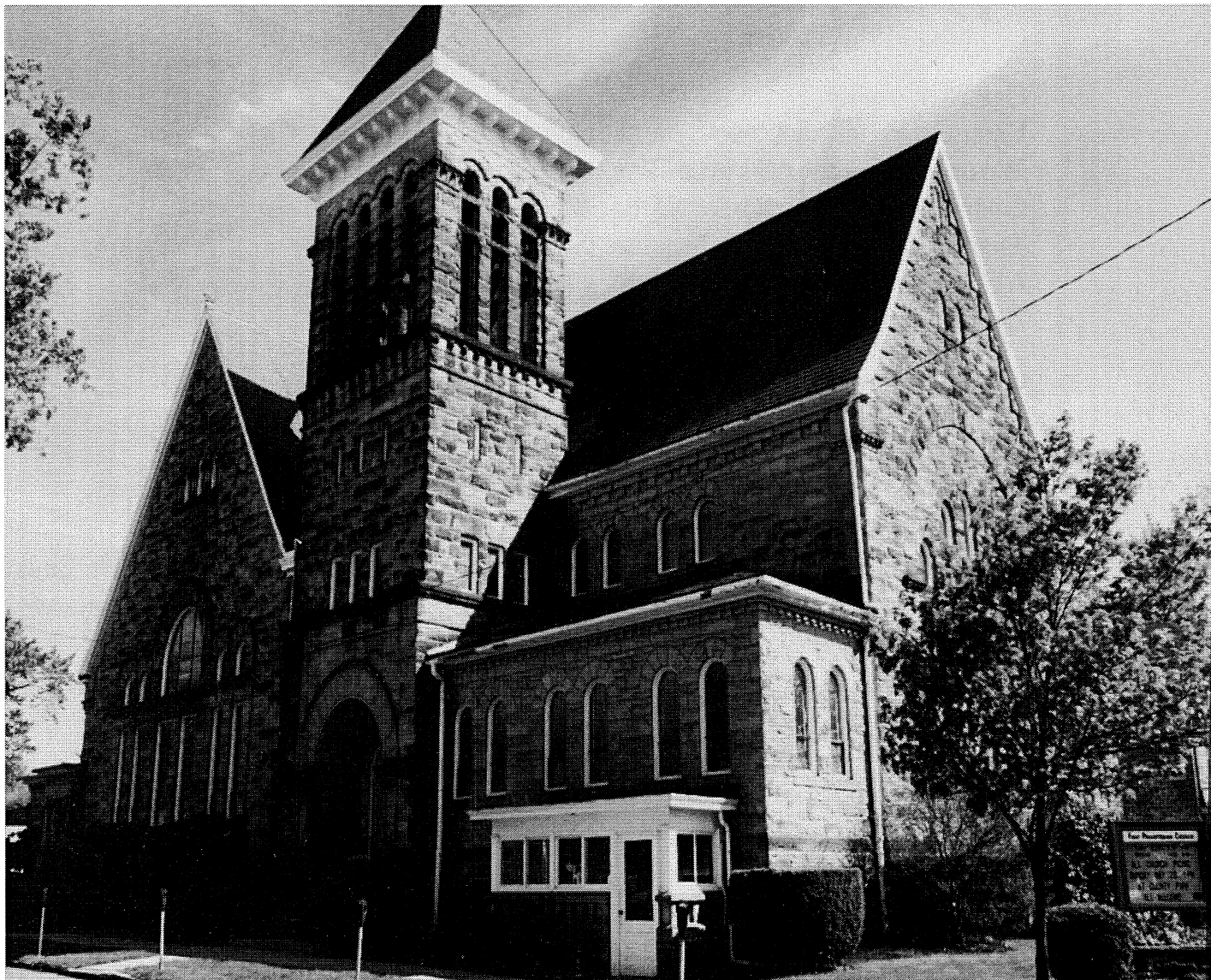


First Presbyterian Church



*9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26th, 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)

9th 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, Norma Kooman

Prelude

O Jesus King Most Wonderful

Joshua Leavitt, Tom Birchwood

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.

We order our footsteps according to God's Word.

God's loving-kindness is better than life.

There is nothing that can separate us from God.

All glory, power, dominion and majesty are God's.

Let us worship God.

✠ Hymn No. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, help us as we fall short of your glory, do not deserve your promises, and do not act like a member of your family. Help us as our words sometimes wound and our actions are far from what you have called us to do. Forgive us God. We repent. Form in us the image of Jesus and let us reflect who you are. In Jesus' 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

Norma Kooman

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Psalm 106: 1-11, 45b

(pp. 557-558)

Second Scripture

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

(pp. 14-15)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Kingdom of Heaven”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

We Give Thanks To God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

6.047 The Westminster Confession

The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of his Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto him.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Goodness of God
Soloist: Debra Owens

Ben Fielding

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro

Geoffrey Edwards

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)

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 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:	Norma Kooman
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: Stacy Hoffman, Mary Swanger, Lee Seitz

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of our anniversary, by Michelle and Jeff Deitz.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/19/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$4,525.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$500.00
Per Capita	<u>\$162.64</u>
Total	\$5,187.64

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$310.00
Rental Income	\$60.00
Building User Fee—Donation	\$200.00
Men's Fellowship	\$40.00
Caring Callers	\$125.00
Memorial Donation	<u>\$25.00</u>
	\$760.00

Total **\$5,947.64**

NOTES

Tuesday, July 28

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, August 2

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Food Bag Ministry Team would like to sincerely thank those who stepped up to help in the food distribution this month. A few of our regular volunteers were not able to attend and we were unsure if we would have enough people to keep the operation running smoothly. The answer was a resounding YES. Clarion First Presbyterian has a group of amazing people in its congregation. We are truly blessed!

Vacation Bible School, Team Jesus, is coming up soon. It will be held Monday, August 10 through Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 6:00pm-8:15pm. All children, age 4 through those who have completed 6th grade, are welcome! Registration forms can be obtained on the church's website at clarionfirstpresby.org or by calling the church office at 814-226-8145. Feel free to pass on the information to friends and relatives—we'd love to have more kids join us!

Tammy S.

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PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Ron Montgomery
Jim McConnell
Tammy Slike
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

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Larry Jamison
Bill Peterson
Scott Apel
Gigi
Rick Shreckengost
Luis
John Kerr
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Benjamin

Around the World

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

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

Joann Ganoe
Judy Montgomery
Greg Rhoads
Kelli Bosworth

Homebound Member of the Week

Sam Spencer
Edgewood Heights
612 Keck Rd.
New Bethlehem, Pa. 16242