

First Presbyterian Church



Palm Sunday
March 29, 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)

Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Kathy Larimer

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

Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Edward Broughton

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit/Processional

Sing Hosanna

Michael Burkhardt

Instruments: Chimes—Nathan Myers, Emma Willy
Finger Cymbals—Austin Myers

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

Call to Worship

What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

✦ Hymn No. 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

✦ Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Kathy Larimer

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

(p. 681)

Second Scripture

Matthew 21: 1-11

(p. 23)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Triumphal Turmoil”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

7.158 The Larger Catechism

Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law, which he perfectly fulfilled, and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities in his flesh; whether common to the nature of humankind, or particularly accompanying that his low condition.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Fanfare for Palm Sunday

Katherine K. Davis

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The Palms

J. Faure

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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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: Joyce Alberta, Janna Scovel, Aubrie Scovel

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Cindy and Jon Stants, by Pauline Henry.

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

3/22/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,435.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$123.00
Per Capita	<u>\$40.66</u>
	\$2,598.66

Weekly Donations

New Covenant Fund	\$100.00
Food Bags	\$200.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Flowers	<u>\$72.00</u>
	\$392.00
Total	\$2,990.66

NOTES

PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Dorothy Jean Foreman
Isaac Solida
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
Bernice Yockey
Karen McMillen
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Emily Champion
Mark Willy

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)
Jenn Yockey
A young mother and child
Lynn Hefner
Archer Kunselman
Jody Hall

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and families of :

Thomas Hanford
Kathleen Fye

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 Ave.
Clarion, Pa. 16214

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Tuesday, March 31

- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Property Mtg.—Ministry Central

Wednesday, April 1

- 10:30 a.m. Caring Callers—Ministry Central
- 4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting—Food Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting—Ministry Central
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 2

- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner
—Social Hall

Sunday, April 5

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship—Easter Sunday
- No Youth Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

__ **Want to know** how communion began? Want to know what happened during Jesus' Last Supper? There will be a Seder dinner with (optional) foot-washing on April 2nd at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. Chicken will be provided, but bring a dish. Please sign up for it in the Ramp room by March 29th.

__ **SAVE THE DATE!** May 9th is clean-up day at the church and manse grounds, from 9:00am-12:00noon. Rain date 5/16/26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

