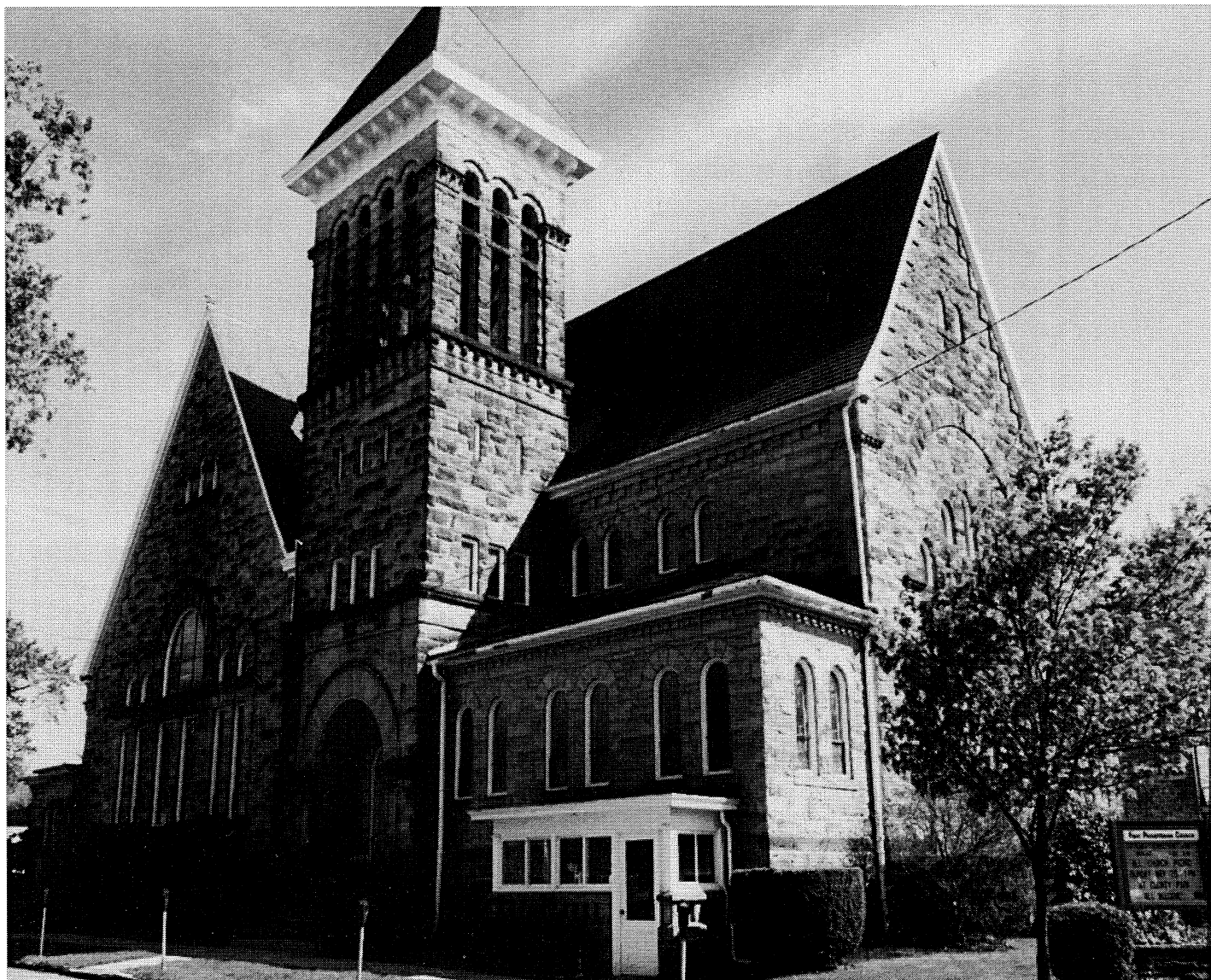


First Presbyterian Church



*11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 9th, 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)

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Welcome and Announcements

Lector, John Joy

Prelude

Prelude on "Bunessan"

Gregory Hamilton

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Prince of peace, you calm the raging seas,

and make the chaos be still.

You are the source of salvation,

and wisdom and hope and love.

You are with us all the time,

help us to live within that truth.

We worship you, dear Lord.

We praise your holy name.

✠ Hymn No. 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts. 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

Kara Willy

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

(pp. 556-557)

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.

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

Sermon

“The Sea and Jesus”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦Hymn No. 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save.

We Give Thanks To God

✦Affirmation of Faith

9.15 The Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man’s mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Your Way’s Better Forrest Frank, Pera Krstajic

Soloist: Audrina Champion

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 353

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Little Partita on “Old Hundredth”

David Lasky

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: John Joy
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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, Joyce Alberta, Aubrie Scovel

The Sanctuary flowers: Happy Birthday in Heaven to my wonderful husband, David. By Bert Louder.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/26, 8/2/26

7/26/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions **\$3,445.00**

Weekly Donations

Food Bags \$35.00

Rental Income \$1,245.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$25.00

Men's Fellowship \$20.00

Memorial Donation \$150.00

\$1,475.00

Total

\$4,920.00

8/2/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions \$3,293.00

Misc. Cash Contributions \$30.00

Per Capita \$40.66

\$3,363.66

Weekly Donations

Food Bags \$100.00

Blessing Box \$200.00

Caring Callers \$25.00

Mission for tee Shirt \$10.00

\$335.00

Total

\$3,698.66

Monday, August 10

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, August 11

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, August 13

2:00 p.m. Food Distribution

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Saturday, August 15

5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Pets — Pavilion

Sunday, August 16

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— **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.

— **The annual Blessing of the Pets** will be held on Saturday, August 15, at 5:00 p.m. It will be located on the church lawn, beside the pavilion. Pets and owners are welcome. Your pets must be on leashes or in a carrier for safety reasons. If your pet is not comfortable, you may bring a picture of your pet. Please bring a chair also. Refreshments will be served after the blessing.

— **Our Team Jesus Bible School**, which begins Monday, has chosen SAFE through the United Way as our mission project this year. We thought the congregation might want to join in with the project. We are planning to provide Night-time security bags for children in the elementary age bracket. We plan to include the following items, and are hopeful that some of you may be able to donate some of these items:

...Pajamas for boys and girls in sizes M & L

...Books

...Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

...Combs/brush

...Small stuffed animal

...Underwear

If you choose to provide items, please have them to the church by next Sunday, Aug. 16. There will be a table in the sanctuary for you to leave your purchases. Thank You!

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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
Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Ellen Fulton
Clarion Health Care & Rehab
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