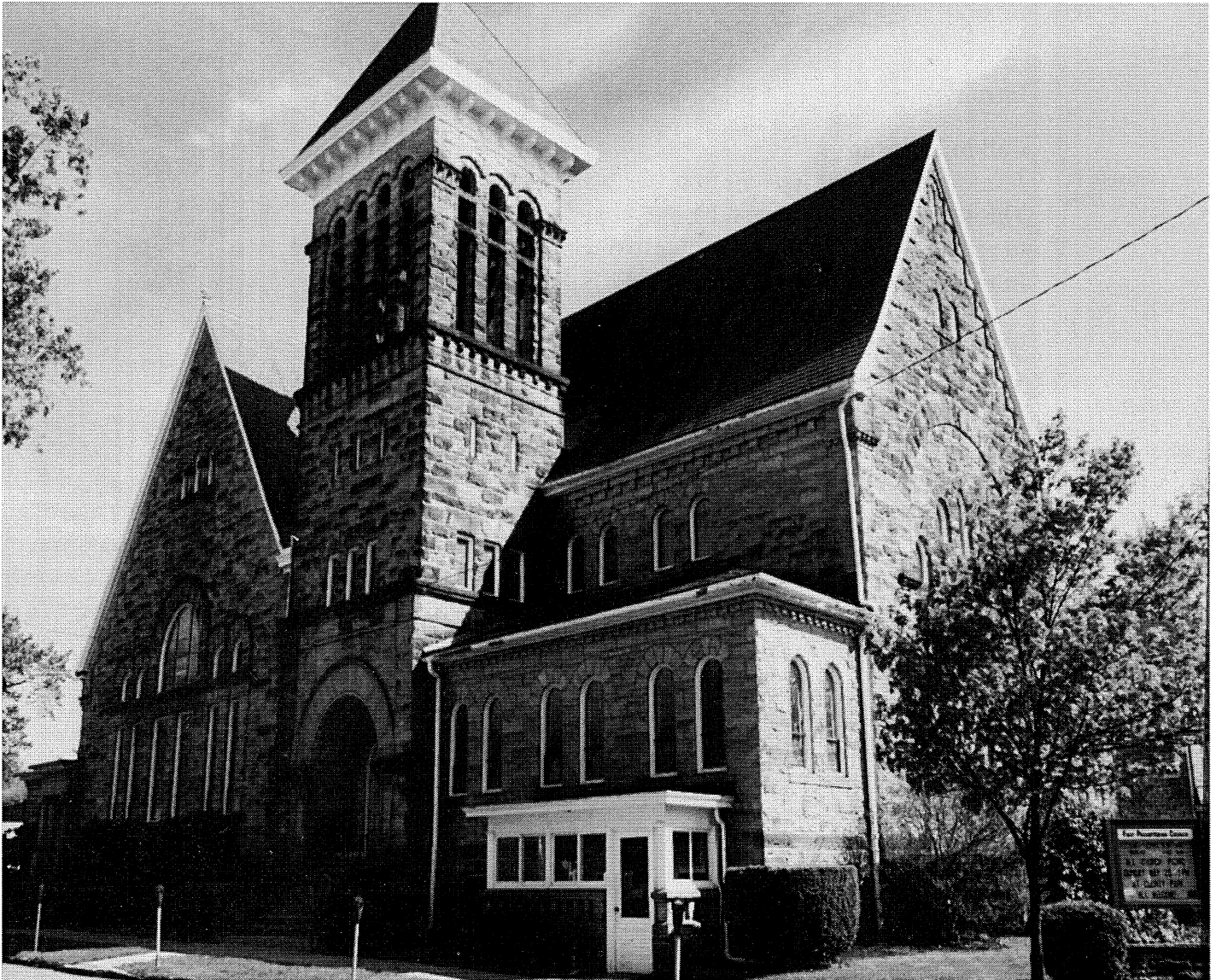


First Presbyterian Church



*3rd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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 of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Cindy Stants

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

Prelude

In The Glow of Early Morning

J. Prentiss/W. Macomber

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord

Call to Worship

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

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.

Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.

In genuine, mutual love, let us worship with one heart and one voice.

In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!

✠ Hymn No. 252

Day of Arising

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

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, "What should we do?" And again and again, you tell us, "Repent and return to me." Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you. 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

Cindy Stants

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19

(pp. 564-565)

Second Scripture

Luke 24: 13-35

(p. 90)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"In The Middle of Anywhere"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

Hymn No. 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart (sung twice)

We Give Thanks to God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

9.27 The Confession of 1967

“The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel.”

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Stay With Us

Brokering/Pelz

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 543

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I Know Whom I Have Believed

David Lasky

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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
Lector: Cindy Stants
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
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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: Carolyn McFarland, Robin Cable, Joyce Alberta, Amy Widmer

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Bob Henry, 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

4/12/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,190.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	<u>\$88.00</u>
	\$1,278.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$1,135.00
Men's Fellowship	\$40.00
Caring Callers	\$50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$1,525.00
Total	\$2,803.00

NOTES

Monday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

Tuesday, April 21

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Mtg.—Sisterhood Rm.

7:00 p.m. Session Mtg.

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 23**No Personnel Meeting**

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

5:30 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell Practice

Sunday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School

—**Come join us** for music and fellowship on Saturday, April 25th. The NBC Chorus will be singing The Beatles vs Beach Boys at 7PM at the Redbank Valley High School. If you RSVP by the 19th, FPC will pay for your ticket. You can also join us for dinner at Eat-n-Park at 4:00PM (pay for your own meal) and/or stay for the After-Glo for \$10.00. Sign-up sheet is in the Ramp Room.

—**SAVE THE DATE!** May 9th will be clean-up day at the church and manse grounds. 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Rain date will be May 16th.

—**Church office hours** are Mon. Wed. and Thurs. 9:00am-3:00pm.

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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
John Kerr
Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Larry Jamison

Around the World

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

**Homebound Member
of the Week**

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