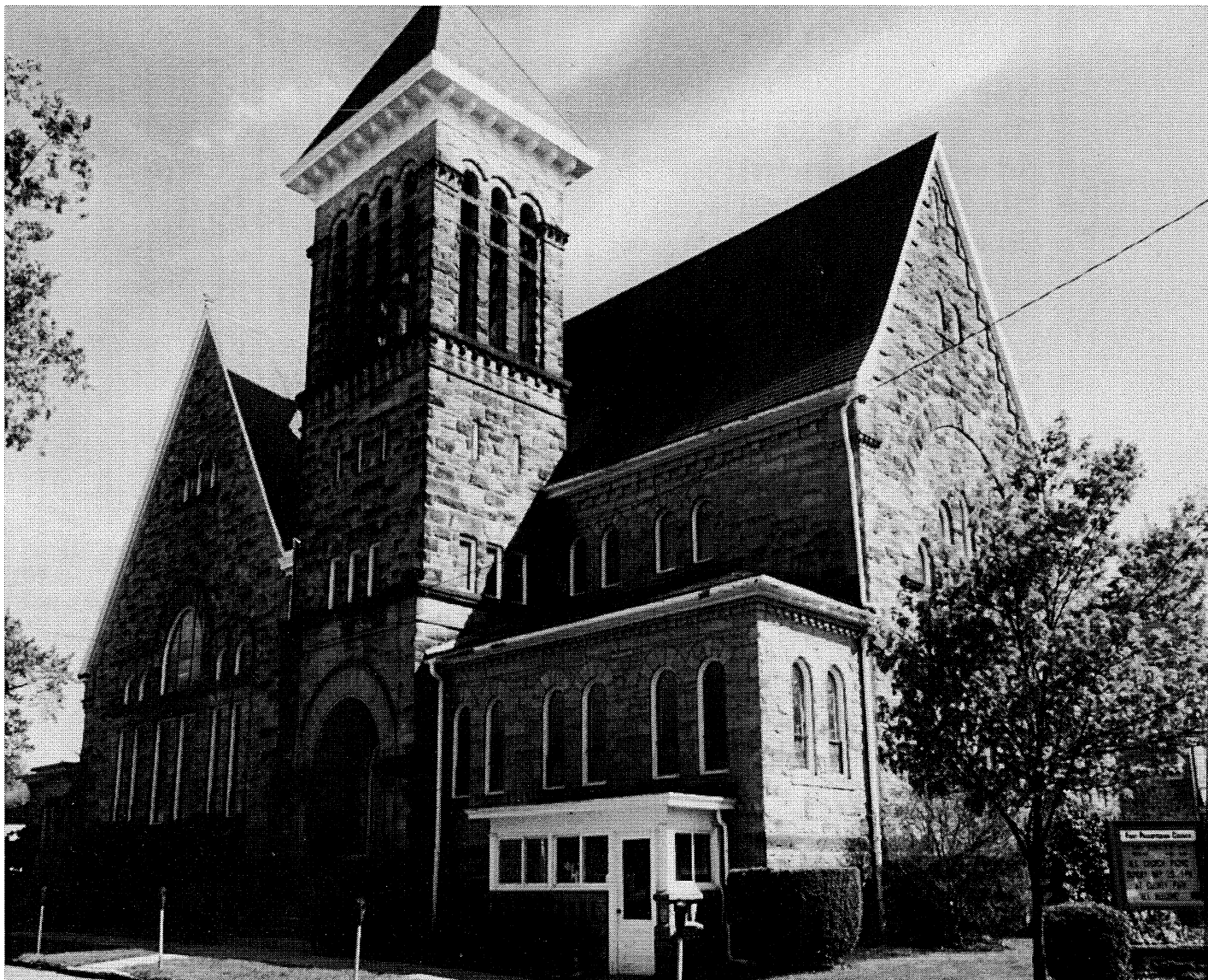


First Presbyterian Church



*6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 5th, 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, Bill Champion

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

Prelude

A Hymn For The Nation

Gilbert M. Martin, John B. Dykes

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

The Spirit of the Lord is here;

let us humble ourselves.

The Spirit of the Lord is here;

let us sing the praises of our God.

The Spirit of the Lord is here;

let us surrender ourselves to God in worship.

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

✦ Hymn No. 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we get to do, nor who we get to be. You have freed us from sin, but we choose to harm others with our selfishness. We turn away from you and think we can live life our own way. We come before you now to remember who you are and what you have done. We come before you to repent and to seek to follow you. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to start anew. 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

Bill Champion

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Psalm 45: 10-17

(p. 517)

Second Scripture

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

(pp. 11-12)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Jesus, the Gentle Rabbi”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦Hymn No. 824

There Is a Place Of Quiet Rest

We Give Thanks To God

✦Affirmation of Faith

5.024 The Second Helvetic Confession

In all crises and trials of our life we call upon him alone, and that by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ. For we have been explicitly commanded: “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” Moreover, we have a most generous promise from the Lord who said: “If you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you,” and “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Come Unto Me

John W. Peterson

Duet—Bonnie Champion, Cindy Kapp

✦Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

All Sing

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:	Bill Champion
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: Glen Beichner, Mary Swanger, Tammy Huey

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Ellen Lawrence, by Pauline Henry.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

6/28/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,910.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$133.00
Total	\$3,043.00

Weekly Donations

Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Vacation Bible School	\$50.00
	\$70.00
Total	\$3,113.00

NOTES

Tuesday, July 7

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, July 12

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Pastor Rebecca's presentation on
Rwanda — CE room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

—**After worship** on July 12th, Pastor Rebecca will be giving a presentation on her trip to Rwanda in the **CE Room**.

—**The Fellowship Team** would like to thank everyone who helped make last Sunday's Strawberry Social such a wonderful success. There are too many names to list specifically, but a truly heartfelt "thank you" for the slicers and cleaners of the strawberries on Saturday and for all who helped set up, serve, and clean up on Sunday. You are all so much appreciated.

—**The office will be closed** on Monday, 7/6/26, in observation of the 4th of July holiday.

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PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Isaac Solida
Ron & Judy Montgomery
John Joy
Jim McConnell
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

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Archer Kunselman
Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Larry Jamison
Bill Peterson
Scott Apel
Gigi
Dave Williams
Kami (3 year old at Children's)
Rick Shreckengost
Luis
John Kerr
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Marielle Reynolds

Around the World

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

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

James Eaker

Paul Carter

Homebound Member of the Week

Gail Baptist
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