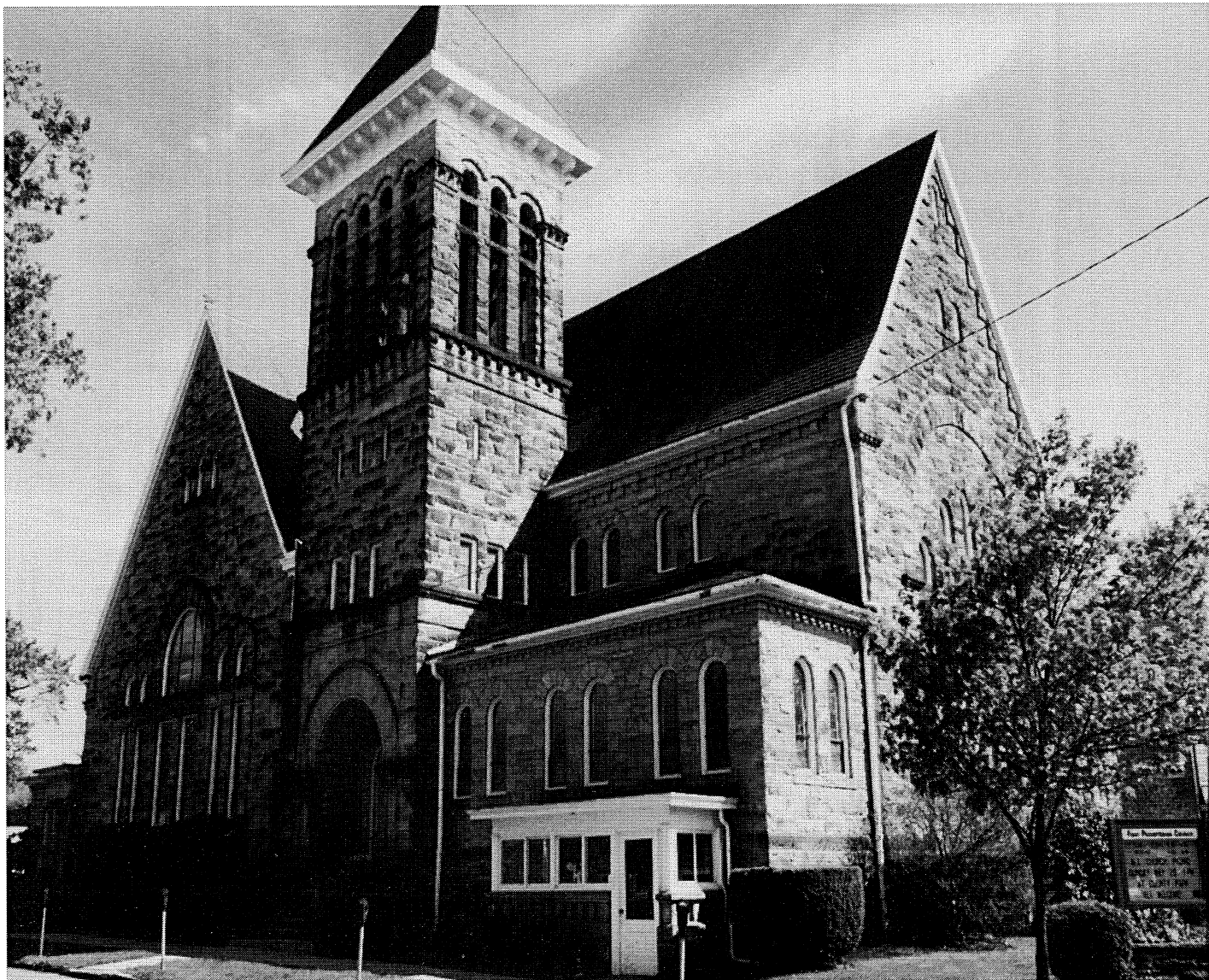


First Presbyterian Church



*2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 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

Prelude

Improvisation on "Slane"

Saxophone: Brian Ahn

Eleanor Henrietta Hull

Mary Elizabeth Byrne

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

In the midst of celebration, we are also in sorrow.

Lord, hear our cries.

For all those who have given their lives so that we may have our freedom,

Lord, hear our cries.

For all those who struggle and strive against great difficulties,

Lord, hear our cries.

We praise God who has blessed us with freedom and peace.

Let our lives be a blessing to others as we serve God in this world.

Let us worship God.

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.

✦ Hymn No. 612

We Praise You, O God

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Congregational Confession (Unison)

O God, we confess our inability to follow you, no matter where the path may lead. Too often we have relied on the things of the world, as well as our own perceived strength. We have stumbled and fallen victim to the Evil One's ways that seek to destroy all that delights in you. Come to us, revive us as we seek to cling to the essence of your Spirit, breathed out upon us. Instill in us the very character of your beloved Son so that your will becomes ours. For to take up the cross and follow is to lose temporal gain only. In losing our lives, our souls shall be renewed by the very touch of Jesus' healing hand. Amen.

✦ Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ,

we are forgiven.

In our forgiveness, may we blossom fully with purpose and resolve, so that the world will know us by our love.

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

Time with the Children

Rev. Gary Lyon

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16: 24-25

(p. 18)

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 3: 19-30

(p. 823)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“It’s Cool in the Furnace!”

Rev. Gary Lyon

✦ **Hymn No. 756**

O God of Every Nation

✦ **Litany of Affirmation**

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

We call upon God who is near to us.

Let the wicked abandon their way of life.

Let those who are evil change their way of thinking.

May all people return to God who is merciful.

The Lord longs to forgive and restore us.

God’s thoughts are different from ours; they surpass anything we might think.

God’s ways are not like ours; they are beyond what we could imagine.

The Lord’s words never return void but always accomplish their purposes.

God’s word is everlasting. May it take root and grow in us. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

The Holy City

F.E. Weatherly, Stephan Adams

Saxophone: Brian Ahn

✦ **Doxology**

✦ **Prayer of Dedication Communion**

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Communion Prayer

We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ, and have received Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

✦ **Hymn No. 838**

Standing on the Promises

✦ **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Simple Gifts

Tom Birchwood

Saxophone: Brian Ahn

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. Gary Lyon
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: Robin Cable, Bert Louder, Suellen Gourley

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Marsha Beichner by Glenn Beichner.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Heritage Reception—Chapel

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

5/31/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,885.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$517.00
Per Capita	\$40.66
Total	\$3,442.66

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$135.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Caring Callers	\$25.00
Total	\$180.00
Total	\$3,622.66

NOTES

Monday, June 8

6:00 p.m. Mission Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 9

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, June 10

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, June 14

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roma Kline & Wayne L. Fulton Scholarship Fund applications are now available in the church office and on the resources page of our website. The Fulton Scholarship is available to church members and children of church members who are full time students pursuing a bachelors or associate degree at an accredited college or university; both first year and subsequent year students. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher in high school or during their previous year of enrollment. Applicants are eligible to receive this scholarship twice. The Deadline is June 21, 2026.

—Donations to the **Fulton Scholarship Fund** are always accepted. Please make checks payable to “The Presbyterian Foundation,” designate Fulton Scholarship Fund on the notation line and send to the church office.

—**The Property Committee** would like to thank the following volunteers for their help in cleaning up the church and manse grounds: Bill Champion, Marilyn Fox, Mike Hetrick, Jeff Kapp, Cindy Stants, and Jon Stants. Also, Property would like to extend a special thanks to Bill Champion and Jon Stants for providing their tractors for moving the 12 yards of mulch.

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PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Isaac Solida
Ron & Judy Montgomery
John Joy
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
James Eaker
Gigi
Dave Williams
Kami (3 year old at Children's)
Paul Tryon (Kathy Larimer's brother)
Rick Shreckengost
Luis
John Kerr
Paul Carter

Around the World

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

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

Dorothy Jean Foreman

**Homebound Member
of the Week**

Gail Baptist
42 E. 8th Ave.
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