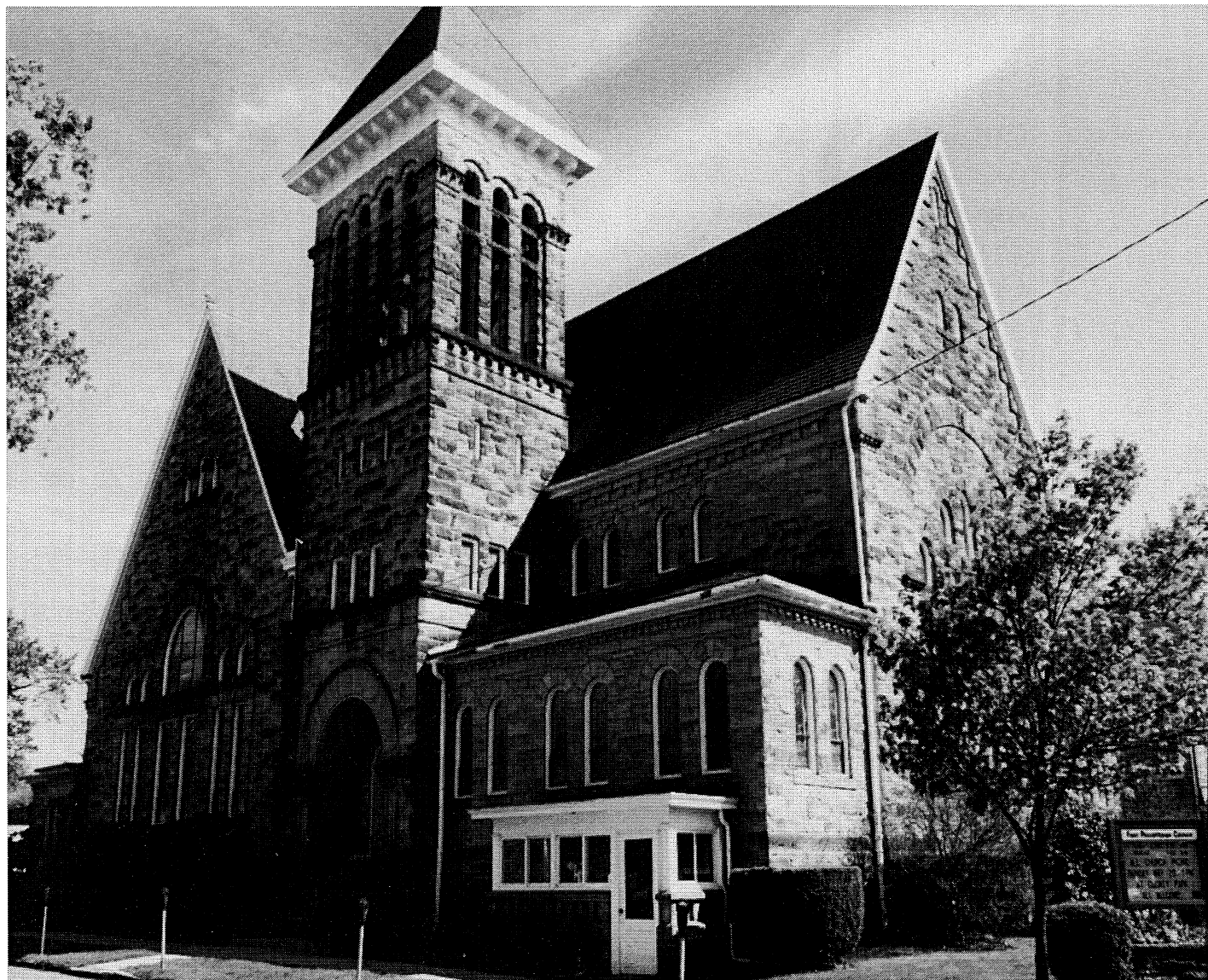


First Presbyterian Church



*10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2nd, 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)

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, John Joy

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

Prelude

Prelude on Cleansing Fountain

David Paxton

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

Soloist: Glenn Beichner

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

Call to Worship

God is great,

And greatly to be praised.

There is no end to God's greatness.

God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

God's dominion endures throughout all ages.

Praise be to God!

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

✦ Hymn No. 343

Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them. 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

Kara Willy

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Genesis 32: 22-31

(p. 30)

Second Scripture

Matthew 14: 13-21

(p. 16)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Counting”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

We Give Thanks To God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

7.284 The Larger Catechism

It is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper that, during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention, they wait upon God in that ordinance; diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions; heedfully discern the Lord's body, and affectionately meditate upon his death and sufferings, and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their graces; in judging themselves, and sorrowing for sin; in earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ, feeding on him by faith, receiving of his fullness, trusting in his merits, rejoicing in his love, giving thanks for his grace; in renewing their covenant with God, and love to all the saints.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

In My Heart There Rings a Melody

Elton M. Roth

Soloist: Glenn Beichner

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Minuet from the Water Music

G. F. Handel

arr. By Franklin Ritter

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)

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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, Janna Scovel

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Larry Rader, by Monta Rader.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship-Communion

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

7/26/26

No report this week.

NOTES

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Mission Meeting

7:00 p.m. Worship Meeting

Tuesday, August 4

6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, August 9

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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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

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
Kelli Bosworth

Homebound Member of the Week

Gail Baptist
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