

# *First Presbyterian Church*

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*5th Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 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)

5th Sunday in Lent

**Welcome and Announcements**

Lector, Kathy Larimer

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

**Prelude**

*Prelude on "Cleansing Fountain"*

David Paxton

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Introit**

*Surely It Is God Who Saves Me*

**Call to Worship**

As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

**We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.**

In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.

**God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still. Praise the Lord!**

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

✦ **Hymn** No. 494

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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

✦ **Call to Confession**

✦ **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths— however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice. 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**

Kathy Larimer

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture**

Psalm 130

(pp. 573-574)

**Second Scripture**

John 4: 5-42

(pp. 94-95)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Anticipating"

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

**Organ Interlude**

## We Give Thanks to God

### ✦ Affirmation of Faith

8.14 The Declaration of Barmen

**The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.**

### Call for the Offering

### Offering and Offertory

*Out of The Depths*

Franz Joseph Haydn

### ✦ Doxology

### ✦ Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## We Go Forth to Serve

### ✦ Hymn No. 626

*As The Deer*

### ✦ Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Matthew F. Walicke

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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 thru Thursday.

For more information visit our website at [www.clarionfirstpresby.org](http://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](http://www.clarionfirstpresby.org) or a phone app is available at [sermon.net](http://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:** Kathy Larimer  
**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:** Kathy Larimer  
**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:** Joyce Alberta, Stacy Hoffman, Janna Scovel

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Jeff and Cindy Kapp, 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

3/15/26

### Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$6,559.68
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$85.00
Per Capita	<u>\$121.98</u>
	<b>\$6,766.66</b>

### Weekly Donations

Caring Callers	\$43.68
Food Bags	\$835.00
Men's Fellowship	\$820.00
Flowers	\$81.00
Funeral Donation	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	<b>\$2,779.68</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,546.34</b>

## NOTES

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

**Tuesday, March 24**

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

**Wednesday, March 25**

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

7:00 p.m. Session Mtg.—Ministry Central

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, March 26**

2:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Mtg.

**Saturday, March 28**

9:00 a.m. Deacon's Spring Cleaning

**Sunday, March 29**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to know how communion began? Want to know what happened during Jesus' Last Supper? There will be a Seder dinner with (optional) foot-washing on April 2nd at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. Chicken will be provided, but bring a dish. Please sign up for it in the Ramp room by March 29th.

SAVE THE DATE! May 9th is clean-up day at the church and manse grounds, from 9:00am-12:00noon. Rain date 5/16/26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)



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  
Bonnie Champion  
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

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Mark Willy  
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)  
Jenn Yockey  
A young mother and child  
Lynn Hefner  
Archer Kunselman  
Jody Hall

**Bereaved:** Please remember the friends and families of :

Thomas Hanford  
Kathleen Fye

**Around the World**

Everyone serving in the US Military

Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

**Homebound Member  
of the Week**

Sam Spencer  
Edgewood Heights  
612 Keck Ave.  
New Bethlehem, Pa. 16242