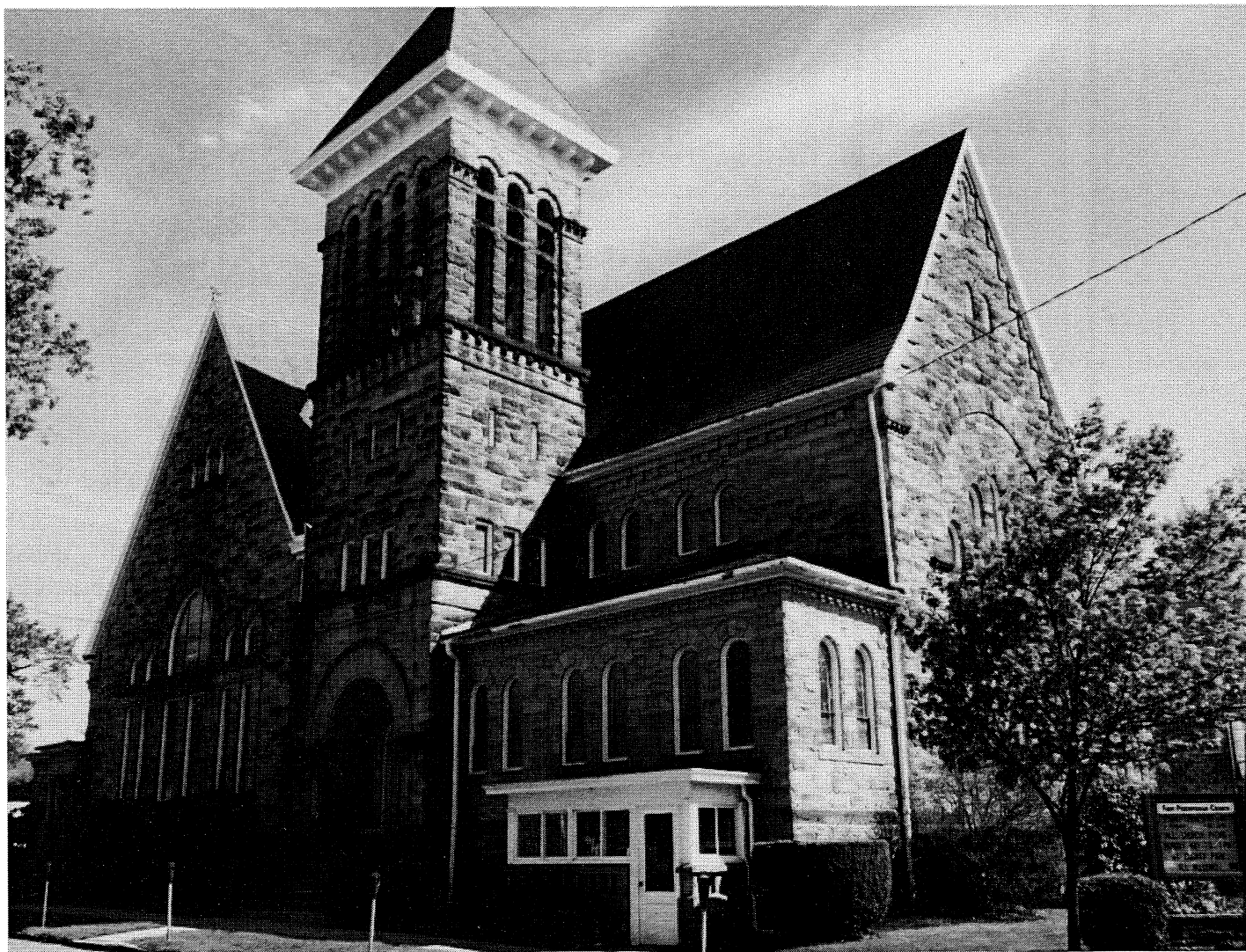


First Presbyterian Church



*16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025*



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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)

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Kathy Larimer

Prelude

If You But Trust In God To Guide You

Gerald Peterson

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

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

We Are Standing On Holy Ground

Call to Worship

Blest be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From sunrise to sunset, may the name of the Lord be praised.

God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God's people.

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants!

Praise the name of the Lord.

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. 402

How Lovely, Lord

✠ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Christ, your love is without limit; you gave your very life for us. Forgive us, Lord, when we your people are hesitant to share even the smallest of our gifts. O Christ, you model a life of service, always attentive to the ones in need. Forgive us, Lord, when we your people refuse to hear the cries of our neighbors. O Christ, you call us into community, joining the church in one faith, one baptism. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to live up to your calling. Forgive us, renew us, and remake us into your faithful people. Amen.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

"Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun." I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

✠ 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

Rev. Lisa Lyon

First Scripture

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

(p. 548)

Second Scripture

Luke 16:19-31

(p. 79,80)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Rich Man, Poor Man"

Rev. Lisa Lyon

Organ Interlude

✠ Hymn No. 43

You Who Dwell In The Shelter Of The Lord

Tuesday, September 30

7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, October 1

10:30 a.m. Caring Callers

4:30 p.m. Food Bag Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA meeting

Thursday, October 2

4:30 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell practice

5:30 p.m. Joyful Bells Handbell practice

Sunday, October 5

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deacons are planning to once again celebrate an Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving on Friday, November 21. We are asking for volunteers to share the work and help us make this fellowship time a success. If you think you might be able to help, please sign the sheet in the ramp room. You will be contacted in November. Joy—The Deacons



PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Greg Rhoads
Dave Steward
Sue Widmer
Josh Deitz
Jim McConnell
Deb Owens
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
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Kathy Meley
Shawn Martin
Clayton Hayden & family
John McConnell
A 4-year-old with kidney cancer
Terry Wensel
Kathy Lahr
Nina Faust Joslin
Mike Hiles
Alec Booth
Greg Nesbitt

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Barb Funk
Brian Galbraith and family
Terry
Denny Hickman
Elise Burns Pasles
Darlene Hargenrader
Sara Riggins
Ralph Williams
Sherrie Kapp
Bernice Yockey
Bill Burnworth
Colleen Donovan
Steve Payne
Michelle Pyrich
Nashir
Kara's friend
Karen McMillen

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

We Give Thanks to God

Affirmation of Faith

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away, the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desirable, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

They Shall Soar Like Eagles

Laura Manzo

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 767

Together We Serve

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Marilyn Thompson

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.

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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 Friday.

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 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman	Bill Champion
Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas
Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>
Kim Lewis	Robin Cable	Barb Beggs
Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble	Stacy Hoffman
Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Lyon
Lector: Kathy Larimer
Time with Children: Rev. Lisa Lyon
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
Ushers in Charge: Lee Seitz, Mary Swonger, Kim Lewis

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, by Rick and Barb Beggs.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

9/21/25

Weekly Contributions	
Envelope Contributions	\$3,336.76
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	\$55.00
Total Contributions	\$3,391.76
Weekly Donations	
Mission	\$100.00
Fellowship	\$11.08
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$25.00
Men's Fellowship	\$70.00
Food Bags	\$200.00
Caring Callers	\$50.00
	\$456.08
Total	\$3,847.84

NOTES: