

First Presbyterian Church



*The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 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, Cindy Stants

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

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

Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip Bliss

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

GTG#519

Call to Worship

To those who want to follow him, Jesus asks, "What are you seeking?"

Teacher, we do not seek worldly power, but a better way to live.

"What are you seeking?"

Teacher, we do not seek worldly wealth, nor prizes of paradise, but simply to be with you.

"What are you seeking?"

Teacher, we do not seek worldly praise or fame, only that you call us by name. Amen.

♦Hymn No. 443

There Is a Redeemer

♦Call to Confession

♦Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return to the path of righteousness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

♦Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

♦Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

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

Time with the children

Cindy Stants

Prayer of Illumination

♦First Scripture

Psalm 40: 1-12

(pp. 513-514)

♦Second Scripture

John 1: 29-42

(p. 92)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Lamb of God

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

We Give Thanks to God

†Affirmation of Faith

Portions of A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. We trust in God who acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. We trust in God the Holy Spirit who claims us in the waters of baptism. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Lamb of God

F. Melius Christiansen

†Doxology

† Prayer of Dedication

†Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

†Hymn No726

Will You Come and Follow Me

†Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Marianne Kim/William J. Kirkpatrick

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.

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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.

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
Lector:	Cindy Stants
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: Cindy Stants
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: Stacy and Stu Hoffman, Monta Radar

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of Kurt and Brenda Nesbitt, by Pauline Henry.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Chili Cook-off

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY 1/11/26

1/11/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,324.00
Per Capita	\$568.94
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$2,952.94

Weekly Donations

Caring Callers	\$25.00
Food Bags	\$200.00
Men's Fellowship	\$50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	<u>\$200.00</u>
	\$475.00
Total	\$3,427.94

NOTES: