

First Presbyterian Church



*13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23rd, 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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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**.

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

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

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, John Joy

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

David H. Hegarty

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

In a world where lies surround us,

your word is like fire.

In a world full of false prophets and empty promises,

your word is like fire.

In a world where words don't have meaning,

your word is like fire.

We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.

We are here to worship the God who is here.

✦ Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, and our station more than we fear you. Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right. 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

Time with the Children

Kara Willy

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Exodus 2: 1-10

(p. 49)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Followers”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ Hymn No. 220

Go To Dark Gethsemane

We Give Thanks To God

✦ Affirmation of Faith

4.124 The Heidelberg Catechism

“Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” means: Help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Lord, Show The Way
Soloist: Terry Pierucci

Don Doig/Johann
Sebastian Bach

✦ Doxology

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ Hymn No. 720

Jesus Calls Us

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Praise Ye The Father”

Charles Gounod

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. Rebecca Mihm
Lector:	John Joy
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: Bert Louder, Deb Myers, Joyce Alberta

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

8/16/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$2,445.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	<u>\$135.00</u>
	\$2,580.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$435.00
Mission	\$100.00
Vacation Bible School	\$25.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Caring Callers	<u>\$25.00</u>
	\$605.00

Total **\$3,185.00**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Tuesday, August 25

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

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

7:00 p.m. Session Mtg.—Chapel

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, August 27

2:00 p.m. Personnel Mtg.—Ministry Central

Sunday, August 30

10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

__Mark your calendars!

A Fall Fellowship Salad Luncheon is coming up on Sunday, September 13 after church.

—A contribution to the **Permanent Memorial Fund Endowment** has been received from Tom Michael, Mikki Gries, and Mary Jones in memory of Judy Montgomery.

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PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Ron Montgomery
Jim McConnell
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
Doug Arth

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

A family struggling with a difficult situation
Larry Jamison
Bill Peterson
Scott Apel
Gigi
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman
Cynthia Copenhaver
Dottie Lockwood

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
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New Bethlehem, Pa. 16242