

Clarence Presbyterian Church

9675 Main Street, Clarence, New York 14031
(716)759-8396

office@clarencepresby.org
www.clarencepresby.org

Growing, Serving, Celebrating



**18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026
10:00 am**



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage
we bid you welcome
with the hope that here you will find
the love of God, which He offers
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier, BWV 634"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are God's acts.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

*HYMN No. 620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: Hymn No. 578 "Kyrie eleison"

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son (4x)

Chri-ste e-le-i-son (4x)

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 447 "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

Spiritual/arr. D. Linda McKechnie

Combined Handbell Choir for Three Octaves

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible (OT) p.61

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Pew Bible (OT) p.508

¹Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

³things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

⁴**We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

¹²In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

¹³**He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.**

¹⁴In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.

¹⁵**He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**

¹⁶He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 581 "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.***

SECOND READING: Matthew 21:23-32

Pew Bible (NT) p. 22

SERMON: "Trust the Source"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal p. 35

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 50 "Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our church family members who are in care facilities or homebound:
Lois Benedict, Janet Hodges, Sue Kinnin, Renee Mavis, Ruth Shupe.

Our church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments and/or recovering at home:
Jared Grenzabach, Norm Kreib, Margaret Thayer, Bill Weikert, Paull Utter, Julie Furminger,
Bonnie Beebe, Sandra Kronmuller, Betty Johnston, Lynn McConnell, Dave Weidman.

**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.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Call" George Herbert (1593-1633)/Music by Z. Randall Stroope
Chancel Choir

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all
strife: Such a Life, such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast,
as mends in length: Such a Strength, such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.
Come, come my Joy. Come, come my Love. Come, Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.*

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn No.609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high
and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit
one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*HYMN: No.313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Canzona"

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

Minister:	Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing
Director of Music Ministry:	Kotoe Shimojo
Sunday School Superintendent:	Jenna Abel
Children's Choir:	Connie Allison
Bell Ringer:	Cecilia Mohsini
Acolyte:	Carrie Cashing
Bible Carrier:	Nora Chidester
Lay Reader:	Jenna Mohsini
Greeters:	Nancy Miller
Ushers:	Lynn & Paul Hornbuckle
Nursery:	Margie & Steve Dale
Live Stream:	Raymond Cich
Counters:	John Story, Dave Burghardt, & Gene Koszarek

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, September 27th 18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am	Worship/Communion —Sanctuary
	Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing
9:15 am	Coffee Fellowship—Narthex/Courtyard
9:20 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
10 am	Worship —Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sunday School
11 am	Coffee Fellowship—Courtyard/Narthex
	PreK - 4th grade choir
11:15am	Mission Committee Meeting
11:30 am	5th - 8th grade choir

Monday, September 28th

9 am—2 pm	Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room
6 pm	Gordon Highlanders—Upper Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 29th

9:30 am	Wellspring Bible Study - LFH
7 pm	Christian Ed Meeting

Wednesday, September 30th

9 am	Loose Screws Social Club
------	--------------------------

Thursday, October 1st

7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
---------	-----------------------------------

Friday, October 2nd

6 pm - 8 pm	Kids Night Out - various
-------------	--------------------------

Sunday, October 4th 19h Sunday after Pentecost/

World Communion Sunday

8:30 am	Worship/Communion —Sanctuary
	Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing
9:15 am	Coffee Fellowship—Narthex/Courtyard
9:20 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
10 am	Worship/Communion - Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sunday School
11 am	Coffee Fellowship—Courtyard/Narthex
	PreK - 4th grade choir
11:30 am	5th - 8th grade choir

BPO Holiday Pops Concert

(coffee and donuts too!)

at Kleinhans Music Hall

Thurs, December 17, 2026

9:30 am

Group Sale Tickets \$41

Make checks out to **Gene Koszarek by Dec 3**
(Only 36 tickets available! Sign up **today!**)

Our church runs itself through the many volunteers that help us live out what God has called us to do as a congregation. The election of new church officers will take place in the coming months for terms starting in January 2027. The Nominating Committee needs your help in preparing a list of church members to serve as Elders, Trustees, Deacons, and members of the 2027 Nominating Team. You can nominate yourself, or someone else through blue forms found in the Narthex, or by contacting the Nominating Committee (Debbie Gardiner: djgardiner@roadrunner.com). To submit nominations through Staying Connected, just click on the tab for "2026 Board/Nominating Committee Nomination Form" and it will guide you through submitting nominations online.

We will be gathering for a Harvest Potluck meal on Sunday, October 18th, following worship. Please mark your calendars, and sign up on the sheet on the narthex kiosk, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Our next project date with Habitat for Humanity will be Saturday, October 24. This is an opportunity to work alongside your church brothers and sisters while helping to provide safe and affordable housing to those in need in our local community. All skill and ability levels are welcome. Supervision and instruction are provided. All you need to bring is yourself, a pair of work gloves, and a can-do attitude! Ages 16 and above are welcome to participate, but you must be 18 or older to use power tools. We're looking to form a team of up to 8 people. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. Alternatively, you can reach out to Paul Belanger at (585) 735-6763. We look forward to working with you!

Pantry needs this week are Plastic Wrap, Aluminum Foil, Quart Bags, Pancake Syrup and Vinegar. Thanks!

