



First Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission: Making devoted followers of Jesus

Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

(see Matthew 28:18-20)

To complete our mission, we have six goals.

We are seeking to:

1. Share the good news of what God has done, is doing, and shall do through Jesus.
 2. Care for, encourage, and support all of God’s children.
 3. Worship God properly and habitually.
 4. Maintain the truth of God’s unchanging, life-giving Word in a world of mixed-up and misguided messages.
 5. Stand up for what is right in God’s sight and against what is harmful or evil.
 6. Live in the world as citizens of God’s Kingdom and servants of Jesus in every area of our lives.
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WELCOME



WELCOME TO ALL. You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a child of God, joining in worship with our Christian family. Please take a moment to complete a Visitor/Guest Card, located in the pew racks, and place it in the collection plate during the time of Offering. We are glad you joined us today.

TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP, please turn off or silence cell phones, tablets, and all other wireless electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary. Welcome and make room for others by leaving space at the end of the pews.

FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: Nursery care is available for infants and young children through pre-K. An usher will be happy to direct you to the Nursery-Crib Room. We welcome children in the worship service, and children's worship bags are available in the Assembly Room.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING and VISUALLY IMPAIRED is available. Please contact a member of the media team if you wish to use the assisted listening devices.

RESTROOMS are located across from the office area and down the hallway in the Christian Education wing.

PARKING IS AVAILABLE in the designated church parking spaces on the south and east side of the church, as well as street parking. The municipal building parking lot west of the church is also available on nights and Sunday mornings.

TODAY'S LITURGICAL COLOR IS GREEN, which symbolizes spiritual growth and is used during Ordinary time—all time periods during the church calendar not marked by a specific season.

PASTOR TOWNSEND'S SERMONS are available on our church website (FPCNE.ORG). Simply click on the **SERMONS LINK**. You may also download our church bulletins and newsletters from the church website.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 29

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Office Hours

Wednesday, July 31

Bulletin Submissions Due
8:00 P.M. – AA

Thursday, August 1

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Office Hours
8:00 P.M. – AA

Friday, August 2

7:00 P.M. – NA

Sunday, August 4

9:30 A.M. – Worship Service

USHER SCHEDULE

- **USHERS TODAY:** Kathy & Lynn Peterson, John Morton, Steve Seymour
- **USHERS AUGUST 4:** Dave Meehl, John Wilcox, Roger Meehl, Dianne Tyler, Sophie Tyler

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Thursdays 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST, JOY OR CONCERN TO SHARE, speak with Pastor Gregg or call or text his cell phone at (814) 460-3123. You can also email our prayer chain at jlivingston@neo.rr.com or text Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135.

LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK, AND STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY AND THE HAPPENINGS AT FPCNE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAXIMIZE YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS ON ERIE GIVES DAY. Once again, our church will be participating in “Erie Gives” day, which is August 13 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Erie Community Foundation provides this free service to nonprofit organizations. During this 12-hour period of online giving, the Foundation will match a percentage of each donation. Please consider planning for the event. Any portion of your regular giving given via “Erie Gives” day would mean more financial support for the church. Our church office will be open to help anyone needing help with the online giving portion. More information will follow in coming weeks.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME IS AROUND THE CORNER. Our church will once again be participating in the Adopt-a-Student program and supplying children in our community with clothing (outfit, underwear and socks) and a backpack to start the new school year. Our goal is to adopt at least 25 students. Be on the lookout for more details and forms to pick up in the Assembly Room. Please help with this excellent local mission outreach program.

FPCNE CLOTHING MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP. We are once again accepting gently used clothing for our annual clothing giveaway in early November. We are especially in need of children’s clothing but will take any type of clothing. Last year we served over 100 families and would love to double that number this year!

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE and ready for pick-up in the Assembly Room. Please help us save on postage costs and pick yours up today.

NEW BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE. We have reduced Church Office Hours. Please submit all announcement requests to Debbie Shields in the office office@fpcne.org and Jane Livingston jlivingston@neo.rr.com by EOD Wednesdays. The bulletin will be printed on Thursday mornings.

BRING IN YOUR GARDEN FLOWERS. As spring and summer flowers begin to bloom, please consider signing up to bring in a **FRESH CUT BOUQUET** from your garden to add the beauty of God’s creation to our sanctuary. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office.

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July 28, 2019, 9:30 A.M.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER REQUESTS. Please fill out one of the Prayer Cards located in the pew racks to share your joys, concerns, and prayer requests with your church family. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Pastor Gregg Townsend

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Psalm 95:1,2

*** OPENING PRAISE**

The Church’s One Foundation #442

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

I John 1:9, 10

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

LAMENT *Upon a Life*

Upon a Life I have not lived, upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death, I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed, not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs, on these I rest, on these alone.

**O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read,
My guilt, and pardon there I see.**

Lord, I believe; O deal with me, as one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me, as one who has Thy gift received.
(Chorus)

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore
our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

Amen.

1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE

I John 2:12-14
Page 989, Pew Bible

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN** *I've Got Peace Like a River* #368

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.

OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

**Offertory
Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN OF SENDING** *The Same Love*

You choose the humble and raise them high
You choose the weak and make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside and give us life

**The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name
The same God that spread the heavens wide
The same God that was crucified is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name**

You take the faithless one aside and speak the words you are Mine
You call the cynic and the proud, come to Me now **(Chorus)**

You're calling, You're calling, You're calling us to the cross
You're calling, You're calling, You're calling us to the cross **(Chorus)**

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* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**