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## First Presbyterian Church

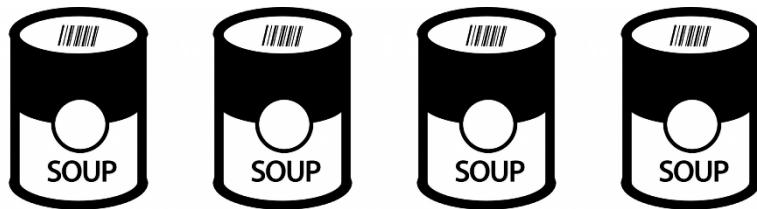
### Announcements and Things to Know

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**BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICES** have resumed on Thursday evenings. Bells practice at 6:00 PM followed by Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM. We welcome new members to join. Speak with Jane Livingston for more info.

**TODAYS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN** by Selina and Dave Uglow.

**THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** is on! We're collecting soup for the North East Community Food Pantry now through February 8. Bring in a few cans or cases! Order online and have soup shipped to the church. Or, you can also make a donation, and we'll shop for you!



**IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR FOR WINTER COAT SALES.** Please consider taking advantage of winter coats and clothing sales that are happening right now in your favorite stores. It's a great way to stretch your dollar in support of our Coat and Clothing Ministry. Just drop off your bags in the Assembly Room, and we'll store them until our Clothing Giveaway Day in the fall.

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**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN  
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS.**

Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

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The Word  
became flesh  
and moved  
into our  
neighborhood.



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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 at the back of the sanctuary or give directly to Pastor Gregg. We are glad you are here.

**TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**, please turn off or silence cell phones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary.

**FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**, nursery care is available for infants and young children through pre-K.

**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 during evening hours and on 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.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL** is held on Facebook on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM (ET). Please contact Pastor Gregg directly to share any prayer requests.

### CONTACT INFO YOU MIGHT NEED

- Contact Pastor Gregg anytime at (814) 460-3123 (call or text) and [pastortownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jmlivingston20@outlook.com](mailto:jmlivingston20@outlook.com).

### OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

1. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Give through PayPal at [paypal.me/fpcne](https://paypal.me/fpcne) or [FPCNE.ORG](http://FPCNE.ORG).
3. Scan the QR code in the pew pocket to go right to the church's Paypal account.
4. Speak with Pastor Gregg for details on setting up direct deposit.

Join us in the Assembly Room following the worship service for Fellowship and Coffee Hour.



### CHURCH OFFICERS

	2026	2027	2028
Elders	Dave Poor	Al Cramer	Marcia Regan
	Steve Seymour	Dianne Tyler	
		Dave Meehl	
Deacons	Barb Sweet	Selina Uglow	Megan Drab
	Cathy McClure	Donna Roesch	Jenn McClure
	Beth Seymour		Janice Hirneisen
	Bev Walz		
Trustees	J.B. Salter	Rick Anderson	Jerry Weinheimer
	Bob Murray	Fred Lucore	Neil Hirneisen
			Jamison Drab

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Shepherd of the soul, the light of everyone,  
The King of Kings who reigns in glory now.  
Where else can I turn? Where else can I go?  
You alone have the only words I need to know.  
You alone have the only words I need to know.

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

### SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* CLOSING HYMN                    “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine.  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**This is my story. This is my song.  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story. This is my song.  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending, bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love. **(Chorus)**

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest.  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love. **(Chorus)**

### \* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

### \* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

## First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA  
January 18, 2026, 10:30 A.M.  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music  
Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

*SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS. Please fill out a Prayer Card located in the pew racks and give to Pastor Gregg before the service.*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\* GATHERING MUSIC                    “The Heart of Worship”

When the music fades, all is stripped away and I simply come.  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth,  
That will bless Your heart.

**I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear.  
You're looking into my heart.**

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
And it's all about You, all about You Jesus.  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it.  
When it's all about You, all about You Jesus.**

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours... ev'ry single breath.  
**(Chorus)**

**WELCOME**

Pastor Gregg Townsend

**\* GREETING**

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**Congregation: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

## \* OPENING PRAISE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise.  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word.  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF DEACONS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he 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.

—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we**

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have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

—Psalm 32:1-2, NRSV

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:19-28

### MESSAGE

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \* RESPONDING IN SONG

“Jesus You're the Way”

Jesus you're the way. In You all truth is found.  
The Fountainhead of life, the only Door.  
Where else can I turn? Where else can I go?  
You alone have the only words I need to know.

Jesus, Prince of Peace  
The Branch from David's throne,  
Messiah, Son of God, the Great I Am.  
Where else can I turn? Where else can I go?  
You alone have the only words I need to know.