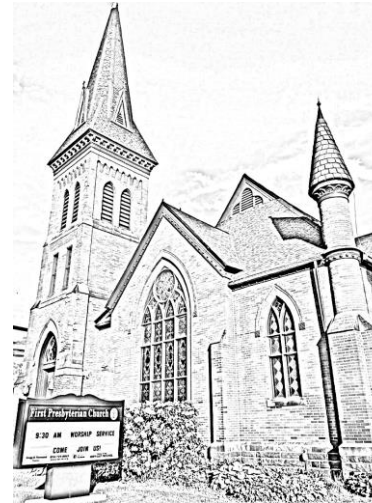


2022 CHURCH OFFICERS

2022	2023	2024
ELDERS		
J.B. Salter	Bob Nelson	Mary Ann Reid-Boyd
Jan Trojanowski		Kathy Taylor
DEACONS		
Tracy Connors	Dianne Lucore	Deanna Ott
Kerry Morton	Kristen Streeper	Sally Murray
Beth Poor	Beth Seymour	
Bev Walz	Cathy McClure	
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Al Mohnkern	Vern Hurlburt	Dave Meehl
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Dave Uglow	Bob Murray	



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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.

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.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED is available. Please contact a member of the media team 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 for all time periods during the church calendar (called Ordinary time) not marked by a specific festival or season.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL is held on Facebook LIVE 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.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jlivingston@neo.rr.com.
- Please send announcements or calendar events to Jane.

OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

1. For in-person worshippers, place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Send in your financial support via the USPS to **25 West Main Street, North East PA 16428.**
3. Contact the church office (814-725-8641) to set up **direct deposit.**
4. You can also now give through **PayPal.** Just click on the link: paypal.me/fpcne.

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, WE HAVE SUSPENDED BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIRS AS WELL AS COFFEE HOUR until further notice due to the current surge in Covid cases. Stay tuned for updates.

JANUARY IS FPCNE'S MONTH TO VOLUNTEER AT THE NORTH EAST COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. Sign-up sheets are in the Assembly Room, or you can speak with Kathy Taylor for info.

ATTENTION CHURCH OFFICERS. Recognition of Trustees will be held on January 30. Please plan to attend worship.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN, speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at jlivingston@neo.rr.com to be added. We have a very active prayer chain, and it's wonderful to lift up our church members, friends and family for prayer needs throughout the week.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR OUR CHANCEL IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION, please email Jane to sign up. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office.

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST, JOY OR CONCERN TO SHARE, please 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.

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 SONG

“Knowing You”

All I once held dear built my life upon.
All this world reveres and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss.
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You.

There is no greater thing.

You're my all! You're the best!

You're my joy my righteousness, and I love You Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness. **(Chorus)**

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die. **(Chorus)**

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

January 23, 2022, 10:30 A.M.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Pastor Gregg Townsend

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Lilly

Leader: “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Together: What did God do to help us?

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.
**They received God's covenant and prepared the way
for Jesus to come as our Savior.**

Let us worship the God

* OPENING PRAISE

“Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of seas and sky. I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (**Chorus**)

I, the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (**Chorus**)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God,
who sets suns and moons above us,
mountains and valleys beneath us,
and friends and strangers among us:
how often have we tried to hide from your presence,
how seldom have we looked for your creating face
and your fashioning hand!
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,
who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,
and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of
yourself
in the face of Jesus Christ:
how often we have forgotten you,
how seldom have we really loved and followed you!

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,
who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:
how often have we ignored your promptings,
how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Love Like This”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:24-2:7

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG**

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone this solid ground.
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace!
When fears are stilled. When strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness.
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home:
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.