

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.

A new 2025 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office. Please email jlivingston@neo.rr.com with bulletin details.

FEBRUARY IS FPCNE'S MONTH TO VOLUNTEER AT THE NORTH EAST FOOD PANTRY. Sign up sheets are in the Assembly.

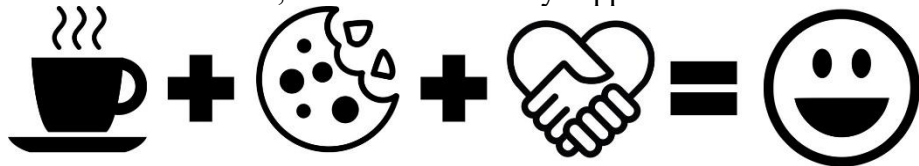
THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is on! We're collecting soup for the North East Community Food Pantry now through February 9. Bring in a few cans or cases! Order online and have soup shipped to the church. Or, you can also make a donation, and we'll shop for you!

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR FOR WINTER COAT SALES. While you're out and about shopping, 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 take care of storing them until our Clothing Giveaway Day in the fall.

JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN. Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at jlivingston@neo.rr.com to be added.

THE NORTH EAST FOOD PANTRY is collecting Giant Eagle recycling cloth bags. If you have extras that you'd like to donate, place them in the basket in the Assembly Room.

SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR. All you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host."



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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, 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.

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 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.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jlivingston@neo.rr.com.

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* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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CHURCH OFFICERS			
	2025	2026	2027
Elders	Jan Trojanowski	Bob Nelson	Al Cramer
	Jean LaFuria	Christy Reinsel	Dianne Tyler
	Marcia Regan	Steve Seymour	Dave Meehl
Deacons	Janice Hirneisen	Barb Sweet	Selina Uglow
	Beth Poor	Cathy McClure	
	Leila Zorzie	Beth Seymour	
		Bev Walz	
Trustees	Tom McClure	J.B. Salter	Rick Anderson
	Jerry Weinheimer		Neal Woomer
	Neil Hirneisen		Fred Lucore
	Pete Hirneisen		

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS by Wednesdays. Email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

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 or FPCNE.ORG. Scan the QR code in the pew pocket to go right to the church's Paypal account.
3. Speak with Pastor Gregg for details on setting up direct deposit.

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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

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

**Arise! Arise! Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Arise! Arise! Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.**

He ever lives above, for me to intercede.
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead.
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. **(Chorus)**

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers. They strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!” **(Chorus)**

My God is reconciled. His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child. I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. **(Chorus)**

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 26, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

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

WELCOME

Pastor Gregg Townsend

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Swindlehurst

Leader: Let us worship God.

Congregation: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 146

*** OPENING PRAISE** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise.
The glories of my God and King. The triumphs of God’s grace.

Jesus the name that charms our fears that bids our sorrows cease.
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears. ‘Tis life and health and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free.
Christ’s blood can make the sinful clean. Christ’s blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim.
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in
your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless
when you pass judgement. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner
when my mother conceived me.**

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom
in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and
gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit
within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not
take your holy spirit from me.**

Psalm 51:1-11

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 8:38, 39

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 7:20-28

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG**

“King of Salem, Bless My Soul” (Melchizedek a Type of Christ)

King of Salem, bless my soul, make a wounded sinner whole.
King of righteousness and peace,
Let not thy sweet visits cease! Let not thy sweet visits cease!

Come! Refresh this soul of mine with thy sacred bread and wine!
All thy love to me unfold,
Half of which cannot be told. Half of which cannot be told.

Hail, Melchizedek divine! Great high priest, thou shalt be mine;
All my pow’rs before thee fall,
Take not tithes but take them all! Take not tithes but take them all!