

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST IS FPCNE'S MONTH to volunteer at the North East Community Food Pantry on Friday and Saturday mornings. Please sign up in the Assembly Room.

WE'LL BE WORSHIPPING IN GIBSON PARK WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM PARK METHODIST CHURCH during the month of August, through Labor Day. Mark your calendars.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR BACKPACKS! Help out our local children and participate in the "Back to School Backpack" program. It's the 18th year for this terrific mission project. We'll be picking up forms after July 21, so stay tuned for more information on when you can pick up forms and instructions. There's a sign up sheet in the Assembly Room to give us an idea on the interest, and then we'll contact you when the forms are in!

ERIE GIVES DAY IS AUGUST 12, 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
The Erie Community Foundation and the North East Community Foundation will match a percentage of each donation given to FPCNE. Let's support our church with another year of generous donations!

GOT FLOWERS IN YOUR GARDEN? Bring a little bit of God's beauty indoors to beautify our chancel area. We have lots of vases on hand.

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

LET'S ALL PITCH IN TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR. All you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host." If you'd like to just donate snack/goodies, please leave them in the kitchenette. Sign up in the Assembly Room.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FPCNE?
Speak with Pastor Gregg. He'd love to talk with you.

We don't
shrink back—
We press on in

faith
and
are saved.

Based on Hebrews 10:39

First Presbyterian Church

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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.

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

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS by Wednesdays.
Please 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 at FPCNE.ORG.
3. Scan the **QR code** with your phone camera using the card located in the pew pockets to go right to the church's Paypal account.
4. Speak with Pastor Gregg for information 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** “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
(Chorus)

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
(Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. **(Chorus)**

* **OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**



First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 13, 2025, 10:00 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

* **GREETING**

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beth Seymour

Leader: Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Congregation: Let us worship God!

—Matthew 11:28-29, NIV

* **OPENING PRAISE**

“The Earth Is Full of the Goodness of the Lord”

**The earth is full, full of the goodness, the goodness of the Lord.
The earth is full, full of the goodness, the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,
The people he has chosen as his heritage.
Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him.
Who hope in this merciful love. **(Chorus)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy. We trust in his holy name. **(Chorus)**

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.
(Chorus)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

* SONG OF THANKSGIVING "Great God Who Saves"

Oh, the promises of God. The rock on which I stand.
The truths to which I cling. His love that knows no bounds.
He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing

**When I stumble and my faith is small,
I will call Your name—Great God who saves
And I would have despaired if I had not believed
That You would come to me, great God who saves
And in my darkest hour Your mercy and Your power
Are reaching out to me—Great God who saves**

Oh, the mystery of God who holds all space and time,
Yet knows my ev'ry need. The vastness of Your power.
The strength You give the weak. I soar on eagle's wings. **(Chorus)**

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in.
And saved a wretch like me; saved a wretch like me.

And I would have despaired if I had not believed,
That You would come, that You would come to me,
And in my darkest hour Your mercy and Your power.
Are reaching out to me—Great God who saves.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:8-12

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* RESPONDING IN SONG "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No
2. We may then, touch His hands and side; Nor
3. Help our Lord, our of un- be- lief; And
4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra- cious words we hear _____ From Christ, who spoke as
fol- low where He trod; _____ But in His prom- ise
may _____ our faith a - bound _____ To call on You when
realms of clear - er light _____ We may _____ be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and are God!"
You are, And seek where You end - less found.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.