

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE'RE GOING TO THE ERIE SEAWOLVES GAME on Sunday, June 27, for the 1:35 PM game against the Somerset Patriots. Sign up in the Assembly Room. Tickets are just \$10. Should be fun!

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.

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.

**Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You. Yeah, I will follow You. Yeah.**

Light into the world, Light into my life, I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find.
All I need in You alone, in You alone. **(Chorus)**

In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy unending joy. And I will follow... **(Chorus)**

*** OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

*** BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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**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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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, O touch His hands - and side, Nor
3. Help Lord, our life 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 God!"
You are near, And seek where You are found.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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 “I Will Follow”

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure,
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life.
I will trust in You alone.

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 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 AND INVOCATION

Leila Shields

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

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to live you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

*** OPENING PRAISE**

“To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To ev'ry believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

Great things He has taught us. Great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be.
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

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Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners,
Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with
boldness, so that we may receive and find grace to help in time of
need. Trusting in god's faithfulness and compassion, let us sing and
confess our sin before God and one another.

Based on Romans 5:8 and Hebrews 4:16

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION “Kind and Merciful God”

Kind and merciful God, we have sinned in Your sight.
We have all wandered far from Your way.
We have followed desire. We have failed to aspire,
To the virtue we ought to display.

Kind and merciful God, we've neglected Your Word,
And the truth that would guide us aright.
We have lived in the shade of the dark we have made,
When You willed us to walk in the light.

Kind and merciful God, we have broken Your laws,
And in conduct have veered from the norm.
We have dreamed of the good but the good that we could.
We have frequently failed to perform.

Kind and merciful God, in Christ's death on the cross,
You provided a cleansing from sin.
Speak the words that forgive that henceforth we may live,
By the might of Your Spirit within.

Kind and merciful God, bid us lift up our heads
And command us to rise from our knees.
May our hearts now be changed and no longer estranged,
Through the pow'r of Your pardon and peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:13-16

MESSAGE