

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIGN UP TO HELP THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WITH CHERRY PIES! We will be making, baking, and selling cherry pies this year for the 2022 Cherry Festival, and we need your help. There are jobs for everyone of all ages and all skill-levels! Sign-up sheets are in the Assembly Room. We will be making pies on July 5-8, beginning each morning about 7:00 AM and working until about noon. You can sign up for 1 hour or for the whole time. Invite your family and friends along to help with this mission fundraiser for the Presbyterian Women's Association.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Jane Livingston in honor of Pastor Gregg's birthday on July 8.

JULY IS FPCNE'S MONTH TO HELP AT THE NORTH EAST COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. We need two people each on Friday and Saturday mornings during the month of July on July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30. A sign-up sheet is in the Assembly Room. Thank you!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST/READER FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, please speak with Jan Trojanowski, Pastor Gregg, or Jane Livingston. We'd love to add a few more folks to our list. Please prayerfully consider!

GOT FLOWERS BLOOMING IN YOUR GARDEN? Share them with your church family on Sunday mornings and help to beautify our sanctuary.

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

THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS is Wednesdays. Please email your announcements to Pastor Gregg or Jane.

So if anyone is
in CHRIST,



there is
a new
creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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 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. Sunday School is available for grade school ages following the Children’s Blessing.

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 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.

America! America! May God thy gold refine.
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years.
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

*** OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

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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.

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (UNISON)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten not made being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us all, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*** CLOSING SONG** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” #564

O beautiful for spacious skies. For amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress.
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, across the wilderness.
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control. Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

July 3, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER REQUESTS. Please fill out one of the Prayer Cards located in the pew racks to share your joys, concerns, and prayer requests with your church family. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Gregg Townsend

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Fred Lucore

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

Together: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.
We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.
We watch and wait for the Word of God.

*** OPENING PRAISE** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised

Does sadness fill my mind, a solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Or fades my earthly bliss, my comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we cry to you to heal our wounds. We call to you in distress and plead for your salvation. We have sinned against your law and failed to do your will; we confess that we've disobeyed your holy Word. We pray, purge our lives of selfishness and our hearts of bitterness. Lead us back to righteousness; save us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—based on a text of Ulrich Zwingli (1529)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

—Ezekiel 36:25-26, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Corinthians 4:1-6

MESSAGE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

* **RESPONDING IN SONG** “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious, Redeemer and Friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

**You are the One that we praise! You are the One we adore!
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (**Chorus**)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please eat the bread, then drink the cup.)

Prayer