

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.

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION. A sign-up sheet is located in the Assembly Room. Bring flowers from your gardens! If you need vases, we have plenty 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.

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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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.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

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.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING SONG “My Country 'Tis Of Thee”

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died. Land of the pilgrims' pride.
From every mountain side, let freedom ring.

My native country thee, land of the noble free. Thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills.
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake. Let all that breathe partake.
Let rocks their silence break the sound prolong.

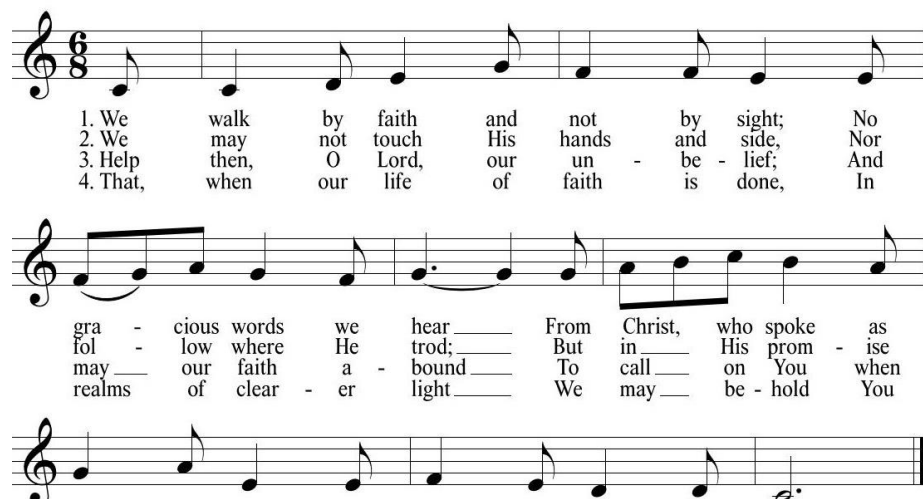
Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King.

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

* **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 Lord, our faith - and be - lief; Nor
3. Help That, when our life of faith is done, 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 And cry, "My Lord and are found.
You are near, With full and end - less sight.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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 and then drink the cup.)

Prayer

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 6, 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 “America the Beautiful” Bell Choir

WELCOME Pastor Gregg Townsend

* **GREETING**

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Christy Reinsel

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Congregation: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

—Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6, NRSV

* **OPENING PRAISE** “America the Beautiful”

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.
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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
we confess before you and each other
that our lives are not pure and holy
apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ.
And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions
that wound rather than heal,
that tear down rather than build up.
Open our eyes,
that we may see you in the ones we say we love.
Open our ears,
that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.
Open our mouths
to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.
Open our hands
in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.
Open our hearts
to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience
to your will and your way.
We pray trusting in your forgiveness and
in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us
in paths of justice and righteousness
for your name's sake. Amen.

LAMENT

“This Is Our God”

A Refuge for the poor, a Shelter from the storm—this is our God.
He will wipe away your tears and return your wasted years.
This is our God. Oh mmm, this is our God. Oh mmm, this is our God.

A Father to the orphan, a Healer to the broken—this is our God.
He brings peace to our madness and comfort in our sadness.
This is our God. Oh mmm, this is our God. Oh mmm, this is our God.

This is the One we have waited for.

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A Fountain for the thirsty, a Lover for the lonely—this is our God.
He brings glory to the humble and crowns for the faithful.
This is our God. Oh mmm, this is our God. Oh mmm, this is our God.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God pardons our sins and forgives our disobedience. Our God
does not stay angry forever. Instead, our God delights to show mercy.
Our God again has compassion on us. Our God tramples our sins
underfoot and hurls our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
Thanks be to our God, for our God is good!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:6,7

MESSAGE