

## LOOKING AHEAD

**CHECK OUT THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM.** We have new sign-up sheets for hosting Coffee Hour, providing chancel flowers (bring in your garden flowers), and volunteering in the nursery to help our young families.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAES ON SUNDAY!** Join Pastor Gregg and Jane at their home at 20 Gibson Street after worship on July 28 for “Sundae Sunday” coffee hour. Walk on over right after worship and enjoy some fellowship and tasty treats! After all, July is National Ice Cream Month, so you have to eat Sundaes on Sunday!

**ERIE GIVES DAY IS AUGUST 13, 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!

## OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

1. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Send in your financial support via the USPS.
3. Contact Pastor Gregg (814-460-3123) for information on setting up direct deposit.
4. Give through PayPal at [paypal.me/fpcne](https://paypal.me/fpcne) or [FPCNE.ORG](https://FPCNE.ORG). Scan the QR code with your phone camera to go right to the church’s Paypal account.



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Blessed  
IS THE  
nation  
WHOSE  
GOD  
is the LORD.

A black silhouette of an eagle with its wings spread, flying towards the left. It is positioned to the right of the text.

Psalm 33:12

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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. 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 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](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com).

## SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \* CLOSING SONG

### “ O Church Arise”

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; Hear the  
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
 4. So Spi - rit, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith to

they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - lor. When faced with  
 neath His feet, for the Con - que - ror has ri - sen. And as the  
 win the prize of a ser - vant, good and faith - ful. As saints of

faith trials and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's  
 stone on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -  
 old is rolled a - way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the  
 re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing  
 cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -  
 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry  
 grace, We hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with

out to those in dark - ness.  
 her - i - tance of na - tions.  
 eye and heart shall see Him.  
 Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

### \* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

### \* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

**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*

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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.

# First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

July 7, 2024, 10:00 A.M.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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**      “Voice of Truth”      Hall | Chapman

**WELCOME**      Pastor Gregg Townsend

**\* GREETING**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**      Dianne Tyler

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**Congregation: Maker of heaven and earth.**

Like an eagle teaching her young to fly, catching them safely on her spreading wings, the Lord kept Israel from falling. Praise the Lord!  
**The Lord’s name be praised!**

Let us sing, give thanks, and pray for God to bless and heal our nation.

**\* 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**

**To you, Holy God, we confess our sin with as much shame and sorrow as we can muster. We know it won't be enough because we are on easy terms with our sin. We confess to you, O God, that we deceive ourselves about our sin, and then we deceive ourselves about whether we deceive ourselves, slipping and sliding and sidestepping the truth.**

**O God, you are holy beyond all that we can think or imagine. You are the source of righteousness, the overflowing fountain of goodness. You made us to be like you in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness. And yet here we are, so often soiled, smudged, distracted from your purposes, and running after the gods of this world. Please forgive and restore us through Jesus, your Son. Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

#### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 6:10-20

#### **MESSAGE**

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\* RESPONDING IN SONG**      "Song For the Nations"

May we be a shining light to the nations,  
A shining light to the peoples of the earth.  
'Til the whole world sees the glory of Your name,  
May Your pure light shine through us.

May we bring a word of hope to the nations,  
A word of life to the peoples of the earth;  
'Til the whole world knows there's salvation through Your name,  
May Your mercy flow through us.

May we be a healing balm to the nations,  
A healing balm to the peoples of the earth;  
'Til the whole world knows the power of Your name,  
May Your healing flow through us.

May we sing a song of joy to the nations,  
A song of praise to the peoples of the earth;  
'Til the whole world rings with the praises of Your name,  
May Your song be sung through us.

May Your kingdom come to the nations,  
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth;  
'Til the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
May Your kingdom come in us.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*