

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO J.B. SALTER AND BARB SWEET for leading worship today.

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE BURROWS AND HOLMES SCHOLARSHIPS are now available for students entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college. Please see or email Pastor Gregg for an application. The due date of the finished application, essay, and grade transcripts should be returned to Pastor Gregg by June 30.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR OUR CHANCEL IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION, the sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office. Please email Jane (jlivingston@neo.rr.com) with bulletin details.

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

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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.

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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There will be no Wednesday Evening Prayer & Devotional on June 22.

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST, JOY OR CONCERN TO SHARE, please speak with Pastor Gregg or call or text his cell phone at (814) 460-3123. You can also email our prayer chain at jlivingston@neo.rr.com or text Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135.

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!

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **CLOSING SONG** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #438

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne, we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one. Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes. Our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow toil and pain and sin we shall be free.
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

* **OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

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First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

June 19, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Second 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

J.B. Salter

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Together: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

* **OPENING PRAISE**

“This Is My Father’s World”

#293

This is my Father’s world and to my listening ears,

All nature sings and round me rings, the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world. I rest me in the thought,

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us.

Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

—Isaiah 44:21-22, NRSV

*** SONG OF THANKSGIVING** "Amazing Grace" #280

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found. Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:11-24

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG** "Savior Like A Shepherd" #387

Savior like a shepherd lead us. Much we need Thy tender care.
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us. For our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.
Thou hast mercy to relieve us. Grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor. Early let us do Thy will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior with Thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still
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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.