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**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN  
ANNOUNCEMENTS** by Wednesdays.

Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

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**JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN.** Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com) to be added.

**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](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com) or text Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135.

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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 WHITE**, which is used for special days of great joy.

**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](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).

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\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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## CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR WILL CONTINUE AT 10:00 AM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3.** Stay tuned for more summer worship news.

**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](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com)) with bulletin details.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL** who have already signed up to work in the Cherry Festival tent. Several time slots still need to be filled. Please sign up to help on the sheets in the Assembly room today or call Jean La Furia (814-490-2385) or Deanna Ott (814-490-3899).

**FPCNE BOOK CLUB** is reading "Here Burns My Candle" by Liz Curtis Higgs and will meet at Billie Blosser's home on Thursday, June 8 at 2:00 PM. It is a story of the retelling of Ruth set in 1745 Edinburg. Book Club will be taking July and August off—not from reading, just from meeting together! Everyone is welcome.

## 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*

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: II Timothy 2:11-13

**It is a trustworthy saying: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.**

## SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \* CLOSING SONG

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice. Let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide.  
It trembles at His voice. It trembles at His voice.

**How great is our God, sing with me! How great is our God,  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb. The Lion and the Lamb. (CHORUS)

## First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

June 4, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Trinity Sunday

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 AND ADORATION** Beth Seymour

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**In the shadow of God's peace, in the powerful name of Jesus, and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.**

—based on Romans 5:1-5, NRSV

Let us pray:

**We have known you; we have loved you; we worship you, the triune God. To you we pray, upon you rests all our hope of salvation. Have mercy on us according to your great mercy, and save us in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.**

**\* OPENING PRAISE**

“Holy! Holy! Holy!

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Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and mighty.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy! Holy! Holy! All the saints adore Thee.  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee.  
Though the eye of sinfulness, Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy. There is none beside Thee.  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God, almighty.  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and mighty.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and table. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

**In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.**

—based on Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDREN’S BLESSING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

II Timothy 2:8-13

**MESSAGE**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**\* RESPONDING IN SONG**

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone this solid ground.  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love! What depths of peace!  
When fears are stilled. When strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all. Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness.  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is the pow’r of Christ in me.  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
‘Til He returns or calls me home:  
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.