

OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

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*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

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The earth
is full
of the
goodness
of the
LORD

Psalm 33:5



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. 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.

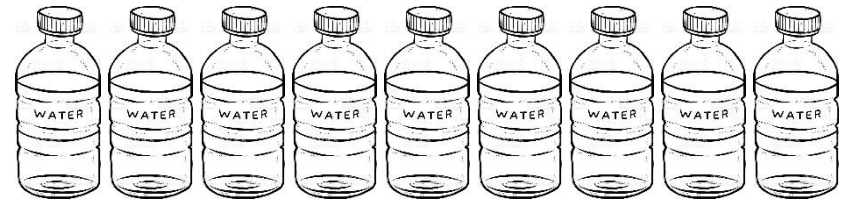
CONTACT INFO YOU MIGHT NEED

- Contact Pastor Gregg anytime at (814) 460-3123 (call or text) and pastortownsend@yahoo.com.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jlivingston@neo.rr.com.

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WELCOME BACK THE REVEREND ANITA BERNHARDT to our pulpit. Anita is the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Lake Erie. Also, thank you to Barb Sweet for providing music for today's service.

WE'RE DOING MATTHEW 25! *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.* As part of our commitment to living Matthew 25, during the month of June, we will be collecting money and donations to help provide bottled water to children this summer through Community Shelter Services. Bring in cases of water. Drop a donation in the water pitcher in the Assembly Room. Or send your donations to the church.



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. Got flowers in your garden? Bring them in!

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

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.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS. Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

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.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*** CLOSING SONG** “In Christ There Is No East or West” #439

In Christ, there is no east or west. In Him, no south or north.
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere, their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate’er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ, now meet both east and west. In Him, meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

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*** BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

Join us in the Assembly Room for Coffee and Fellowship Hour following the service.



First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

June 9, 2024, 10:00 A.M.

Third 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

Barb Sweet

WELCOME

Rev. Anita Bernhardt

*** GREETING**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power. With the saints of all ages we say,

Congregation: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” —based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

*** OPENING PRAISE** “Come, Christians Join to Sing” #150

Come, Christians, join to sing. Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King. Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come. lift your hearts on high. Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend to us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again. Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain. Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore.
Singing forevermore. Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls.

Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

LAMENT "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" #403

What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit. O what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden? Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee. Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

Thanks be to God!

—Romans 5:1-2, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

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