



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH EAST

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**GATHERING MUSIC:** “Patricia” by Paul Carson

**GREETING:** Pastor Gregg Townsend

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

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,

**Together: “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

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

**Together: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

—Psalm 57:5, 7, 11, NIV

**\* OPENING PRAISE:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided: Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me.**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun moon and stars in their courses above.  
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness mercy and love. **(Chorus)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth; Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow; blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.  
**(Chorus)**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.

Leader: For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.

**Together: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

Leader: For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

**Together: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

Leader: For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

**Together: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

Leader: For the times we refused to forgive others.

**Together: Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

**Together: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "My Life Is an Offering"

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Luke 9:18-27

## **MESSAGE**

\* **RESPONDING IN SONG:** "Christ Be in My Waking"

Christ be in my waking as the sun is rising; in my day of working with me every hour.

Christ be in my resting as the day is ending; calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking and my understanding; guarding me from evil, walking in the light.

Christ be in my speaking, every word a blessing; pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

**Jesus this is my devotion; all my life to know You. Every day to walk with You.**

**Savior, You're my deepest longing. You're the One I live for. Teach me Lord to walk with You.**

Christ be in my gladness for the joy of living; thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.

Christ be in my sorrow in my day of darkness, knowing that I follow in the steps He trod. **(Chorus)**

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to, every pleasure jaded, every well is dry.

Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with His kindness, leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

**(Chorus)**

## **PASTORAL 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.**

\* **CLOSING SONG:** “Standing on the Promises (Promises)”

Standing on the promises of Christ my King through eternal ages let His praises ring.  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing: standing on the promises of God.

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior!**  
**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God!**

Standing on the promises that cannot fail when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail.  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail: standing on the promises of God. **(Chorus)**

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord; bound to Him eternally by love’s strong cord.  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s Sword: standing on the promises of God. **(Chorus)**

Standing on the promises I cannot fail; listening every moment to the Spirit’s call.  
Resting in my Savior as my All in All: standing on the promises of God. **(Chorus)**

\* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

## OFFLINE: OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

For our online worshippers: there are four easy ways to give your financial gift to the church:

1. Send in your financial support via the **US mail**.
2. Contact the church office (814-725-8641) to set up **direct deposit** from your bank account to the church.
3. You can also now give through **PayPal**. Just click on the link: [paypal.me/fpcne](https://paypal.me/fpcne). Or click on the “Shop Now” button on the church Facebook page, which will take you to the link.
4. Download the “**Give Plus† Mobile**” app from the App Store. Enter our zip code (16428) and select “First Presbyterian Church.” It takes about five minutes to set up your account and connect with the church. Then simply select the ‘+’ sign at the top to add your giving.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTION

Join Pastor Gregg on Facebook LIVE every Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. for a time of prayer and devotion. Use the “Send Message” button on Facebook to submit a prayer request, or message Pastor Gregg.

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## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Pastor Gregg and Jane in honor of their wedding anniversary on August 13.

**TUESDAY IS ERIE GIVES DAY.** From 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, you can donate to non-profits in our area, including FPCNE. The Erie Community Foundation will match a percentage of each donation. It’s a great way to maximize your giving. Visit [ERIEGIVES.ORG](http://ERIEGIVES.ORG) and search for First Presbyterian Church of North East.

**IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ADOPT-A-STUDENT PROGRAM** sponsored by the North East Council of Churches, all filled Backpacks must be returned to Park UM Church by noon on Monday, August 10.

**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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