

# **First Presbyterian Church**

Announcements and Things to Know

**THANK YOU TO TOM MCCLURE AND BARB SWEET** for leading worship and providing music for today's service.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONAL IS ON HIATUS** for through May.

## SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.

A sign-up sheet is located in the Assembly Room.

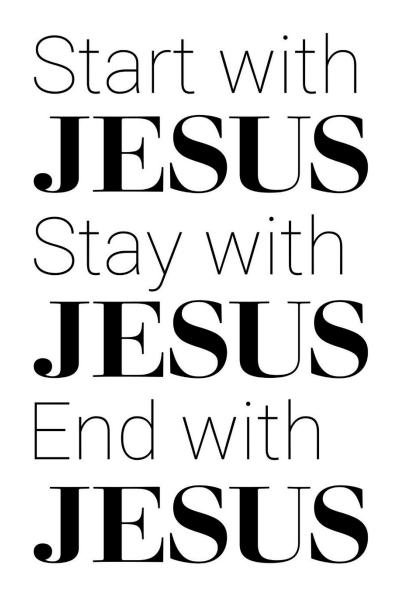
**JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN.** Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at jlivingston@neo.rr.com to be added.

**LET'S ALL PITCH IN TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR.** All you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host." If you'd like to just donate snack/goodies, please leave them in the kitchenette. Sign up in the Assembly Room.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 29. We're going to an Erie SeaWolve's baseball game. Details coming.



## PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS by Wednesdays. Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.



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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.

**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 during evening hours and on 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 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. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
- 2. Give through PayPal at paypal.me/fpcne or at FPCNE.ORG.
- 3. Scan the QR code with your phone camera using the card located in the pew pockets to go right to the church's Paypal account.
- 4. Speak with Pastor Gregg for information on setting up direct deposit.



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### SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \* CLOSING SONG

"Amazing Grace"

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 hath 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 first begun.

## \* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

### \* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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## **First Presbyterian Church**

North East, PA Fourth Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day May 11, 2025, 10:30 A.M. 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**

WELCOME

Elder Tom McClure

### \* GREETING

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

J.B. Salter

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen. **Congregation: Hallelujah!** 

This is the good news— the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out. **Hallelujah!** 

This is the good news— once we were no people; now we are God's people. Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other. Hallelujah!

### \* **OPENING PRAISE** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise. The glories of my God and King. The triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus the name that charms our fears that bids our sorrows cease. 'Tis music in the sinner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free. Christ's blood can make the sinful clean. Christ's blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim. To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.

### Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. 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**

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

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING** 

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 35 Revelation 22: 1-7

MESSAGE

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### \* RESPONDING IN SONG

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah. Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven. Feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar, Lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still, my strength and shield. Be Thou still, my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will ever give to Thee. I will ever give to Thee.