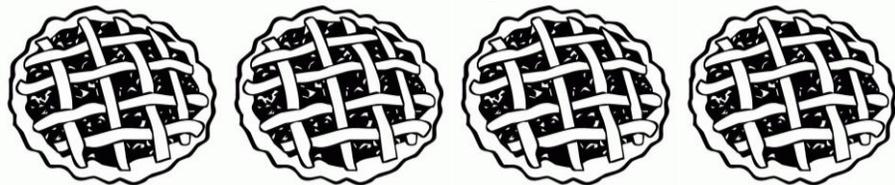


CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 the church and Pastor Gregg by June 30. The scholarships will be awarded in July.

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.

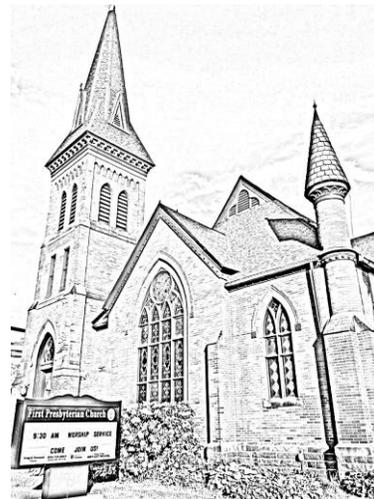
Get ready! Details coming soon



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.” Easy!

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.

JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN. Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at jlivingston@neo.rr.com to be added. We have a very active prayer chain, and it's wonderful to lift up our church members, friends and family for prayer needs throughout the week.



First Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission: Making devoted followers of Jesus

Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

(see Matthew 28:18-20)

**To complete our mission, we have six goals.
We are seeking to:**

1. Share the good news of what God has done, is doing, and shall do through Jesus.
2. Care for, encourage, and support all of God's children.
3. Worship God properly and habitually.
4. Maintain the truth of God's unchanging, life-giving Word in a world of mixed-up and misguided messages.
5. Stand up for what is right in God's sight and against what is harmful or evil.
6. Live in the world as citizens of God's Kingdom and servants of Jesus in every area of our lives.

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.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jlivingston@neo.rr.com.
- Please send announcements or calendar events to Jane.

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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.

HELP OUT WITH OUR CLEAN-UP DAY FOR MISSION. Join us on Monday, May 16 at 6:00 PM and give a few hours for mission work. We are going to clean out the "green room" and set up it up to store clothing for our clothing drives. Many hands make short work. Please come help—your muscles and tools are needed. Speak with Cindy Lilly if you have questions.

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To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat.
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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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.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*** CLOSING SONG** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**Sweet, Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
(Chorus)

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

May 15, 2022, 10:30 A.M.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Gregg Townsend

MOMENT FOR MISSION Cherry Pies

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Bob Nelson
Leader: Let us Worship God.

Together: O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.
—Psalm 5:3,7, and 8

*** OPENING PRAISE** "Baptized In Water"

Baptized in water. Sealed by the Spirit.
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King.
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise.
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water. Sealed by the Spirit.
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King.
One with His rising, freed and forgiven.
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water. Sealed by the Spirit.
Marked with the sign of Christ Our King.
Born of one Spirit. We are His children.
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

BAPTISM OF OWEN PAUL SHIELDS

Son of Leila and Matthew Shields

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

—Psalm 51-1-11

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Bell Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Corinthians 1:1-11

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG** “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom.
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine.
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken.
For by my side the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome.
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released. I can sing: I am free.
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus.
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day, I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.