



First Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Things to Know

THANK YOU TO STEVE SEYMOUR 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.

TAKE ME
✦ *out to* ✦
 **THE** 
BALLGAME

**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.

Sign up to host!



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SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING SONG

“We Are One In the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other. We will work side by side.
We will work with each other. We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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North East, PA

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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

Barb Sweet

WELCOME

Elder Steve Seymour

* GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

David Uglow

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Congregation: We know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

—based on Romans 6:9-10, NIV

* OPENING PRAISE

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

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 "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God until my heart is pure.
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God till I am wholly Thine
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God so shall I never die
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled.
Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 4: 18-22
John 21: 2-8; Acts 18: 1-3

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* RESPONDING IN SONG "Called as Partners"

Called as partners in Christ's service. Called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment. Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing. Side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring.
Christ's clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer. All God's people young and old.
Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus, new patterns for Christ's mission in a small or global sense.
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort words of vision. Words of challenge said with care.
Bring new power and strength for action.
Make us colleagues free and fair.

So, God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life.
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living. Our compassion to increase.
Messengers of faith, thus giving, hope and confidence and peace.

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.