

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 18

Office Hours – 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Tuesday, October 19

Office Hours – 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 20

Office Hours – 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 21

Office Hours – 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. – Bell Choir Practice

7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir Practice

Friday, October 22

Office is Closed

Saturday, October 23

10:00 A.M. – Clothing Sorting for Clothing Giveaway (at FPCNE)

Sunday, October 24

10:30 A.M. – Worship Service

11:45 A.M. – Fellowship & Coffee Hour



First Presbyterian Church

25 West Main Street
North East, PA 16428
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FPCNE.ORG

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.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING and VISUALLY IMPAIRED is available. Please contact a member of the media team if you wish 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 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.

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE STAY FOR A SPECIAL PUMPKIN EXTRAVAGANZA COFFEE HOUR in honor of Pastor Gregg for Pastor and Clergy Appreciation Month.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY DAY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6. New and gently used clothes are needed, especially children's clothes and adult and children's coats. Please consider purchasing affordable coats and bringing them to the church. Drop off your donations in the Assembly Room.

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR CLOTHING MINISTRY. Help is needed to (1) sort clothing on Saturday, October 23 at 10:00 AM, (2) set-up for the giveaway on Friday, November 5 at 6:30 PM, and (3) work the event on Saturday morning and early afternoon, November 6. Sign-up sheets to help with sorting, set-up, and serving at the event are in the Assembly Room. Take a minutes after worship today to sign up!

READ THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT. Deepen your faith life with this easy daily chronological reading schedule to follow, plus monthly chats on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM (ET). Download the schedule at WWW.FPCNE.ORG. Questions? See Pastor Gregg.

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.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR AV TEAM. We'd like to set up multiple cameras for our online worship service, which will allow us to put our sanctuary back into its normal set-up. But we need a few more folks to help manage the sound and AV equipment. The only skill you need is the ability to pay attention! Otherwise, Jane will provide training and sets up each week. Please speak with Jane Livingston for more info.

WE HAVE BEGUN CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS ON THURSDAY EVENINGS. We need both men and women, both singers and ringers! We welcome our youth from grade 8 and up to join as well. Singing or ringing in choir is really a lot of fun, doesn't require a big-time commitment and is a great way to serve the church. Bell Choir Practice is held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice is at 7:00 PM. Speak with Jane Livingston for more info.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home:
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*** OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

*** BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

There are four easy ways to give your financial gift to the church:

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.
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North East, PA

October 17, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Pastor Gregg Townsend

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The Heart of Worship"
FPCNE Chancel Choir

*** CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

*** 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Congregation: 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.

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. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Peter 1:1-11

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONDING IN SONG: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

All the way my Savior leads me. Who have I to ask beside?
How could I doubt His tender mercy?
Who through life has been my guide?

All the way my Savior leads me and cheers each winding path I tread.
And gives me grace for ev'ry trial. Feeds me with the living Bread.

**You lead me and keep me from falling.
You carry me close to Your heart.
And surely Your goodness and mercy will follow me.**

All the way my Savior leads me. O the fullness of His love.
O the sureness of His promise in the triumph of His blood.
When my spirit clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day.
This my song through endless ages.
Jesus led me all the way. Jesus led me all the way. **(Chorus)**

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 Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone this solid ground.
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace!
When fears are stilled. When strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all. Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness.
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.