

OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

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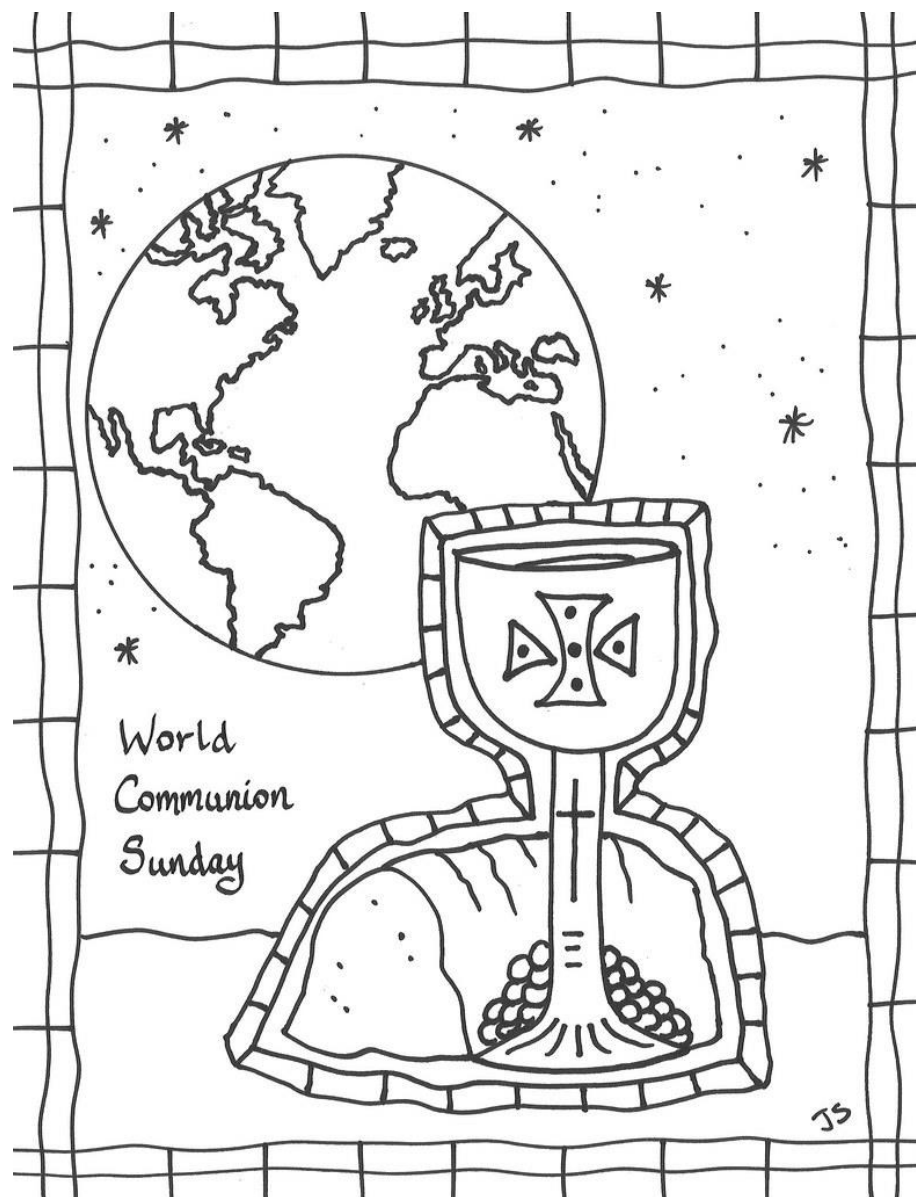
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 15. We will be celebrating Janice Fink's 35th anniversary at FPCNE. Let's have some fun and wear camouflage in honor of Janice, and then stay for a special coffee hour following the service.

THE NORTH EAST FOOD PANTRY NEEDS MACARONI AND CHEESE for the month of October. It is one of their staples, and they go through a lot. They are thankful for any and all donations. Bring your donations to the church and we'll make a pantry run!

HELP SUPPORT OUR CLOTHING MINISTRY. Please consider donating your gently used winter clothing to the clothing ministry. We need winter clothing for men, women, and children of all ages. We are especially in need of girl's coats. You can place your donations in the Assembly Room or send to the church.

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

FPCNE BOOK CLUB meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM. The next club meeting will be on Thursday, October 12 in the church conference room to discuss "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. Everyone is invited.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 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 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.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **CLOSING SONG** "Father Welcomes All His Children"

**Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

Little children come to Me for My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give. Mercy for your sin. **(Chorus)**

In the water, in the Word, in His promise be assured.
Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again. **(Chorus)**

Let us daily die to sin. Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord. Live in the peace of God.
(Chorus)

* **OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, WE WILL RECEIVE THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace. From our congregation, where we retain 25% of this Offering to support local mission projects. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

STAY FOR COFFEE HOUR after the worship service for snacks and fellowship. 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!

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HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please eat the bread and then drink the cup.)

Prayer

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us all, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

October 1, 2023, 10:30 A.M.

World Communion Sunday

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER REQUESTS. Please fill out one of the Prayer Cards located in the pew racks to share your joys, concerns, and prayer requests with your church family. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

“Precious Children”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Gregg Townsend

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Rick and Missy Anderson
Donna Roesch

* GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Poor

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Congregation: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

* OPENING HYMN

“We Are One in Christ”

As the bread of life is broken the cup of love outpoured.

We are one in Christ our Savior and sent to serve the Lord.

We the many who are gathered, we united here as one.
In this joyful celebration recall what God has done.

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We are one in Christ our Savior and sent to serve the Lord.**

We the many who are gathered, we united here as one.
In this joyful celebration recall what God has done. **(Chorus)**

In the word of God proclaimed here, the good news of truth is heard,
In the telling of the stories be open to God's word. **(Chorus)**

In the bread of life here given, we become what we receive.
In the cup of love here offered, affirm what we believe. **(Chorus)**

Sent as blessing for God's people to go forth in love and peace.
In our witness to God's kingdom may charity increase. **(Chorus)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

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

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

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

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we refused to forgive others.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the
child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort
you, says the Lord.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

—from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:5, 6

MESSAGE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

* **RESPONDING IN SONG** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice.
So when You call Your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. **(Chorus)**

With joyful lips we sing to You, our praise and gratitude,
That You should count us worthy Lord, to share this heavenly food.
(Chorus)

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? **(Chorus)**

The mystery of Your presence Lord, no mortal tongue can tell;
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.
(Chorus)

You give Yourself to us, O Lord, then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name in truth and charity.

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**