

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR FUN, FLAVOR AND FELLOWSHIP TODAY AFTER WORSHIP FOR OUR SOUP COOK-OFF. Come on down to Fellowship Hall for a delicious luncheon and vote for your favorite.

OUR ANNUAL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM. SIGN UP IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM TO HELP. There are jobs for everyone—setting up, helping in the kitchen, greeting, working the event, baking cookies, and tearing down. If you'd like to help defray the cost of the bagged lunches, please see Steve and Beth Seymour.

CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE RESUMED ON THURSDAY EVENINGS. We need both men and women, both singers and ringers! Singing or ringing in choir is really a lot of fun and is a great way to serve the church. Bell Choir practice is held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM, followed by Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM.

LIBRARY NEWS: BOOK SELECTION SUGGESTIONS! If you have book suggestions, we'd love to hear from you. Place your suggestions in the box located in the Assembly Room.

HELP SUPPORT OUR CLOTHING MINISTRY. Please consider donating your gently used winter clothing to the clothing ministry. We are especially in need of men's coats and children's clothing this year. You can place your donations in the Assembly Room.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS. Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

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 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 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 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.

You are my Shepherd. I will want no other.

Need no others. Heed no other.

My Shepherd, I will dwell with You forever, forever more.

Early let us seek thy favor. Early let us do thy will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior with thy love our hearts are filled.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Thou hast loved us, love us still.

(Chorus)

*** OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

*** BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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. Click On the Paypal link. Easy!
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**.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY JANICE LEE FINK in honor of her 64th birthday by the grace of God the Father and His Son. "God has protected me from all the horrible diseases that have struck me in the past one or could have struck me like the one that struck both parents—that "C" word, cancer. The one disease I didn't want as there is 'no human cure for, only God.' I am now eating a tomato a day and have been [because they contain] Lycopene, which is in all the tomato products."



O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart,
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow.
In kindling thought and glowing word
Thy love to tell Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt and when and where.
Until Thy blessed face I see. Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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** "Savior Like a Shepherd

Savior like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care.
In thy pleasant pastures feed us for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Thou hast bought, us thine we are.

We are thine do thou befriend us. Be the guardian of our way.
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us. Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

Reformation Sunday

October 19, 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

Pastor Gregg Townsend

*** GREETING**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bob Nelson

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Congregation: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**

‘Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I
am exalted in the earth.’

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 46

*** OPENING PRAISE** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing.
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe. Doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and pow’r are great and armed with cruel hate.
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide?
Our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side?
The Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus it is He.
Lord Sabaoth His name. From age to age the same.
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us.
We will not fear for God hath willed.
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim. We tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure. For lo his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers.
No thanks to them abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go.
This mortal life also.
The body they may kill. God’s truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before
your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in
guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power
to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy
commandments.**

**But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from
all our offences. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with
true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have
compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the
sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our
guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit,
and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness
pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Written by John Calvin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 13:1-6

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG** “Lord, Speak to Me”

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone.
As Thou hast sought so let me seek,
Thine erring children lost and lone.