

## CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR PRACTICES HAVE RESUMED PRACTICES.** Bell Choir practice is at 6:00 PM every Thursday, followed by Chancel Choir practice at 7:00 PM. We are looking for more ringers and singers. Join one choir or join both! Ringing or singing in the Bell or Chancel Choirs is fun and a great way to serve the church! Speak with Jane Livingston for more info. Jane is interested in hearing from folks who may be interested in joining but cannot attend rehearsals on Thursday nights.

**OUR ANNUAL CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM.** Please donate your gently used clothing and coats for all ages to help our community. Look for sign-up sheets soon in the Assembly Room to help with this wonderful community mission event. You can also make a donation and we'll shop for you. Please put "Coats" on the memo line.

**YOU CAN PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR OUR CHANCEL IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.**

The flower sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please email Jane ([jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com)) and provide her with information for the bulletin.

**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."

**THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS** is Wednesdays. Please email your announcements to Pastor Gregg or Jane.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST/READER FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES,** please speak with Jan Trojanowski, Pastor Gregg, or Jane Livingston. We'd love to add a few more folks to our list. Please prayerfully consider!

So if anyone is  
in CHRIST,



there is  
a new  
creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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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](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com).

I will not boast in anything—no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ—His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart—His wounds have paid my ransom.

\* **OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

\* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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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](https://paypal.me/fpcne).

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## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

**Together:** 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.

## SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* **CLOSING SONG**            “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us. How vast beyond all measure.  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away.  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross. My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life —  
I know that it is finished.

## First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

October 2, 2022, 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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**    Pastor Gregg Townsend

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

**Together: Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.**

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

**For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.**

—Revelation 15:3-4, NIV

### \* OPENING PRAISE

“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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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**

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies.**

**Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

#### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

II Corinthians 10:1-18

#### **MESSAGE**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\* 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. **(Chorus)**

#### **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*