

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Speak with Jane Livingston if you have questions or for more info.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE CROP HUNGER WALK. We raised over \$500 to support various hunger projects!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 26 FOR OUR SOUP COOK-OFF. Stay tuned for details and start thinking of your soup creations to enter.

HELP SUPPORT OUR CLOTHING MINISTRY. Please consider donating your gently used winter clothing to the clothing ministry. We are especially in need of children's clothing this year. You can place your donations in the Assembly Room or send them to the church, and we'll put them to very good use!

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

JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN. Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at jlivingston@neo.rr.com to be added.

**Join us in the Assembly Room for
Coffee and Fellowship Hour following the service.**



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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.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust and thy trusting soul shall prove,
Christ is all life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near.
God changeth not and thou art dear.
Only believe and thou shall see,
That Christ is all in all to thee.

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* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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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**.



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Words of Institution

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

Prayer

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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** “Fight the Good Fight”

Fight the good fight with all your might.
Christ is thy strength, and Christ is thy right.
Lay hold on life and it shall be, thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God’s good grace.
Lift up thine eyes and seek Christ’s face.
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 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**

Marcia Regan

Leader : Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless God’s Holy Name.

Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget God’s benefits, who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Bless the Lord.

Based on Psalm 103

*** 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. **(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

Hear the good news of the Gospel. Jesus Christ came to save sinners.
We confess in the sure and certain knowledge that God's grace
overflowed to us while we were yet sinners. In confidence let us
confess our sins before God and one another:

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and
too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by
violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of
peace.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because
the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too
harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to
see the light, And the strength to walk behind you. In the power of
your Spirit we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break
upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. In the name of Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:12-17

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. **(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.**