

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WELCOME BACK THE REVEREND ANITA BERNHARDT to our pulpit. Anita is the General Presbyterian of the Presbytery of Lake Erie. Also, thank you to Barb Sweet for providing music for today's service.







WE WILL BE STARTING CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. We need both men and women, both singers and ringers! 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, followed by Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM. Speak with Jane Livingston if you have questions or for more info.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 28 FOR THE ANNUAL CROP WALK. You can participate by walking or supporting. See Dianne Tyler for more details or to participate on our FPCNE Team! Look for sign-up sheets in the sanctuary. You can donate online at [2025 CROP Hunger Walk - First Presbyterian Church of North East](#). Or give a check made out to "CWS/CROP" to Dianne Tyler.

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.

We Believe
in  **one**  **God,**
the **Father,**
the **Almighty,**
Maker  **of**
heaven  earth,
 **of all things**
visible  invisible.

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.

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.
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**.

GIVE VIA PAYPAL ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE. Go to FPCNE.ORG and click on the PayPal link. Easy! Or scan the QR code below to give. You'll click right into the church's PayPal link. Easy!



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



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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

“Abide With Me”

Abide with me fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless.
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, death? Where grave, thy victory?
I triumph still. Abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee.
In life in death, Lord, abide with me.

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 14, 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

Barb Sweet

WELCOME

Steve Seymour

* GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: who made heaven and earth.

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you;

we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

—from —Psalm 124:8 and 9:1-2, NRSV

* OPENING PRAISE

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

Come, Christians, join to sing. Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King. Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice before His throne rejoice.

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high. Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend to us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again. Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain. Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore.
Singing forevermore. Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,
forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,
forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love,
forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought,
forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care,
forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive,
forgive us.

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes,
**God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of
regret. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that
proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are
forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*** SONG OF THANKSGIVING** "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found. Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word, my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Rev. Anita Bernhardt

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46:1-7, Luke 5:36-39

MESSAGE

"The Old, The New...Who Knew?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG** "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God until my heart is pure.
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God till I am wholly Thine
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God so shall I never die
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.