

## CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR GRUSHERS**—folks who would be willing to pass out bulletins and greet members and guests coming to FPCNE for worship on Sunday mornings. The only requirement is a smile and friendly greeting! Please see Dianne Tyler to be a FPCNE Grusher. She'd love to talk with you.

**LOOK FOR THE PRAYER REQUEST CORK BOARD NEAR THE OFFICE.** Also check out our other bulletin board. Thanks to Dianne Tyler for helping us stay connected.

**SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.** A new 2025 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office. Please email [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com) with bulletin details.

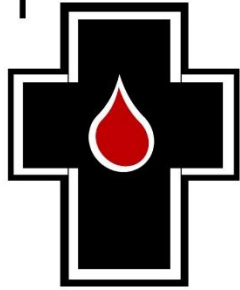
**FEBRUARY IS LIBRARY MONTH.** Stop into the Gertrude Bostwick Memorial Library board and check out some of the great books in our church library during the month of February.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** by Wednesdays.  
Email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

**JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN.** Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com) to be added.

**THE NORTH EAST FOOD PANTRY** is collecting Giant Eagle recycling cloth bags. If you have extras that you'd like to donate, place them in the basket in the Assembly Room.

**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 blood of  
**CHRIST**  
purifies  
 our conscience  
from dead works  
**to worship**  
the **LIVING GOD!**

Adapted from Hebrews 9:14

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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 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.

**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 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).

**JOIN US IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
following the worship service for:



**FELLOWSHIP**  
& Coffee Hour



### 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](https://paypal.me/fpcne) or [FPCNE.ORG](https://FPCNE.ORG). Scan the QR code in the pew pocket to go right to the church's Paypal account.
3. Speak with Pastor Gregg for details on setting up direct deposit.

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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**                      “Blessed Redeemer”

Blessed Redeemer, we praise and adore You.  
Your grace is abundant and free.  
Living by faith in the Son of the Father who gave His life for me.  
Blessing and honor and glory to You. Worthy is the Lamb.  
Precious and perfect, Your love has no limits.  
O, Savior, our hope is in You.

Almighty God, my Redeemer, my refuge  
No power can stand against You.  
Hallelujah to my Lord, my salvation! Your faithfulness is true.  
Baptized in Christ, we are one in His name. His promise to fulfill.  
I know that my Redeemer lives. In the end, He will stand on the earth.

Now in the cross of Christ Jesus I glorify and by His blood shall I live.  
He paid my debt with His life. How amazing! His mercy never ends.  
Now at His feet, I surrender my life. He satisfies my soul.  
Blessed Redeemer your love overflows,  
And my life is no longer the same.

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

**\* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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**First Presbyterian Church**

North East, PA  
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany  
February 16, 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

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**    Library Month

**GREETING**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**    Barb Sweet

Leader: Let us worship God.  
**Together: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

—Psalm 92:1-2, NIV

**\* OPENING PRAISE**    “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God!  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(Chorus)**

Great things He has taught us. Great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.  
But purer and higher and greater will be.  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. **(Chorus)**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, we cry to you to heal our wounds. We call to you in distress  
and plead for your salvation. We have sinned against your law and  
failed to do your will; we confess that we've disobeyed your holy  
Word. We pray, purge our lives of selfishness and our hearts of  
bitterness. Lead us back to righteousness; save us through Jesus  
Christ. Amen.**

—based on a text of Ulrich Zwingli (1529)

**LAMENT**                      “I Stand Amazed”

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.  
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

**How marvelous, how wonderful and my song shall ever be.  
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me.**

For me it was in the garden,  
He prayed not my will but Thine.  
He had no tears for His own griefs  
But sweat drops of blood for mine. **(Chorus)**

He took my sins and my sorrows.  
He made them His very own.  
He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone. **(Chorus)**

### **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.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 9:1-14

### **MESSAGE**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\* RESPONDING IN SONG**                      “He Is Holy”

Look upward to Jesus, He is mighty to save.  
His love like an ocean, we sink in its waves.  
Here wash in the blood of the crucified one,  
And shout His salvation in heaven begun.

He is holy, strong and mighty, maker of the earth.  
He is holy, full of glory, worthy of all praise.  
Lord of all the earth,  
Jesus King of kings, the Son of God.

Oh, do not dishonor the name of our King  
To think that you cannot be free from all sin.  
He died to redeem you. His promise is sure.  
He'll wash you and keep you eternally pure.

He is holy, strong and mighty, maker of the earth  
He is holy, full of glory, worthy of all praise  
Lord of all the earth,  
Jesus King of kings, the Son of God.