



First Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Things to Know

THANK YOU TO MARCIA REGAN AND BARB SWEET for leading worship and providing music for today's service.

BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICES have resumed on Thursday evenings. Bell Choir Practice is held at 6:00 PM followed by Chancel Choir Practice at 7:00 PM. We need and welcome new members to join. 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 information.

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 with bulletin details.

JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN. Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at 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."

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
by Wednesdays. Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

For by his



you have been
saved through

FAITH.

Ephesians 2:8

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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.

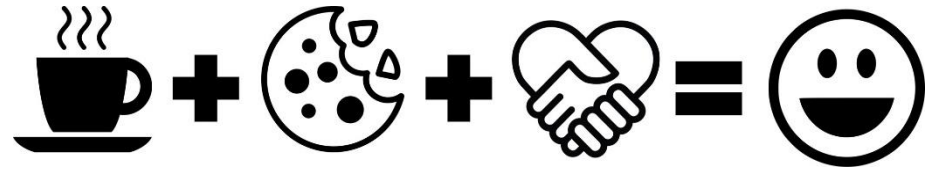
TODAY'S LITURGICAL COLOR IS GREEN, which symbolizes spiritual growth and is used during Ordinary time—all time periods during the church calendar not marked by a specific season.

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.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jlivingston@neo.rr.com.

Following the worship service, please join us in the Assembly Room for Coffee & Fellowship 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 or [FPCNE.ORG](https://www.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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SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **CLOSING SONG** “How Great Thou Art” #467

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder.
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul! My Savior God to Thee!
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul! My Savior God to Thee!
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **(Chorus)**

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(Chorus)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: my God how great Thou art! **(Chorus)**

* **OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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North East, PA

January 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

Elder Marcia Regan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jamison Drab

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,

Congregation: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God

and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

—Psalm 95:6-7, NIV

* **OPENING PRAISE** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come Thou fount of ev’ry blessing.

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it,

Mount of Thy unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer.

Hither by Thy help I’m come.

And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God.

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LAMENT "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" #403

What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit. O what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden? Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee. Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in

Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Thanks be to God.

—based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:8-10

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **RESPONDING IN SONG** "Amazing Grace" #280

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.

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.