

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BIG THANKS TO THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE for our Pentecost art installation!

SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2 AT 10:00 AM. We'll be worshipping 30 minutes earlier through September 1. Stay tuned for more summer worship news.

MAY LIBRARY SHOWCASE:

- "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Gamus. Elizabeth Zott takes an unscientific view of equality in this funny, inspiring, and heartbreaking novel.
- "Heroes in the Skies" by Ian Darling. Stories of American fliers who helped win WWII. Guidepost Series books
- "Blossoms of Friendships" by Helen Steiner Rice. Poetry

LET'S ALL PITCH IN TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR. All you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host." If you'd like to just donate snack/goodies, please leave them in the kitchenette. Sign up in the Assembly Room.

BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICES have resumed on Thursday evenings at 6:00 and 7:00 PM, respectively. Thinking about giving Bell or Chancel Choir a try? Now is a great time! We could really use more ringers and singers! Questions? Speak with Jane.

THANKS TO JANICE AND NEIL HIRNEISEN FOR PROVIDING FLOWER TODAY. Sign up to provide flowers on Sunday morning in honor or memory of a loved one or occasion. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office. Please email jlivingston@neo.rr.com with bulletin details.

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DAY OF PENTECOST

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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. 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 RED, the color for Pentecost, and is often used for ordination services. It also communicates the strength and power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING SONG

“Spirit Song”

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs!
Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs!

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts
Are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness.
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **(Chorus)**

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

1. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Send in your financial support via the USPS.
3. Contact Pastor Gregg (814-460-3123) for information on setting up direct deposit.
4. Give through PayPal at paypal.me/fpcne or FPCNE.ORG. Or scan the QR code with your phone camera to go right to the church's Paypal account.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **RESPONDING IN SONG** “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

All the way my Savior leads me who have I to ask beside.
How could I doubt His tender mercy?
Who through life has been my guide?
All the way my Savior leads me and cheers each winding path I tread.
And gives me grace for every trial. Feeds me with the living Bread.

**You lead me and keep me from falling.
You carry me close to Your heart,
And surely Your goodness and mercy will follow me.**

All the way my Savior leads me. O the fullness of His love.
O the sureness of His promise in the triumph of His blood.
When my spirit clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day.
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way!
Jesus led me all the way! **(Chorus)**

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.

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

May 19, 2024, 10:30 A.M.

Day of Pentecost

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

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-4,41-47

* **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

“Be Still”

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found. We stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight? Our radiant King of light.
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him. In faith receive from Him.
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

WELCOME

Pastor Gregg Townsend

* **GREETING**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jean LaFuria

Leader: The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour. Glory be to God, who strengthens us

Congregation: and blesses all people with peace.

God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

Glory be to God, who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.

*** OPENING PRAISE** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness wind, wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters. You called to the deep.
Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep.
And over the eons You called to each thing:
Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **(Chorus)**

You swept through the desert. You stung with the sand.
And You goaded Your people with a law and a land.
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
Then You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes. **(Chorus)**

You sang in a stable. You cried from a hill.
Then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, You called once again,
When You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind.
(Chorus)

You call from tomorrow. You break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow, the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions. Our men clear their eyes,
With bold new decisions, Your people arise. **(Chorus)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, you are so full of energy you are like fire. And like fire you came upon the disciples at Pentecost. But our lives this past week have not blazed with your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with your Spirit. Come down, O Spirit, fill us and set us on fire. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death.

And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

—from Romans 8:1-2, 11, NIV

*** SONG OF THANKSGIVING** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine. **(Chorus)**

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and runs right back.

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