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## First Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Things to Know

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**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICERS ON NOVEMBER 17**

following the worship service. Please plan to stay.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE NORTH EAST FOOD PANTRY DURING NOVEMBER.**

**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.

**WE'RE COLLECTING** pancake mix and syrup to donate to the food pantry during the month of December. Donate today or bring to our December 1 movie night.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIRS!** Bell Choir practice is held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM, followed by Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM. Join us for Advent/Christmas!

**SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR.** All you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host."

**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.

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

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**PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR OUR CHANCEL IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.** The flower sign-up sheet is the assembly room. Please email Jane ([jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com)) with information for the bulletin.

# Hope.

We have it.

# Sure.

# Steady.

An anchor of the soul.

# His name is

# Jesus.



Hebrews 6:19

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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).

## 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 to go right to the church's PayPal account.
3. Speak with Pastor Gregg for details on setting up direct deposit.



## PLANNING AHEAD FOR ADVENT

**JOIN FPCNE FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!** Pick up a box or two or three and help us spread good cheer to children across the globe. If you don't want to shop, we will shop for you. It takes about \$40 to cover the cost of gifts for the box and shipping. Due date here at FPCNE is Sunday, November 24.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUN, FILM & FELLOWSHIP** on Sunday, December 1 at 5:00 PM. We're showing the film "Miracle on 34th Street." We'll be serving popcorn and other goodies. Should be a fun time. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT PASTOR GREGG & JANE'S HOME** on Sunday, December 1 from 4:00-6:00 PM at 20 Gibson Street. Stop by and enjoy some fellowship and Christmas goodies.

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Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die. **(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.**

**SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\* CLOSING SONG** "In the Secret"

In the secret, in the quiet place.  
In the stillness, You are there.  
In the secret, in the quiet hour, I wait only for You,  
'Cause I want to know You more.

**I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.  
I want to know You more. I want to touch You.  
I want to seek Your face. I want to know You more.**

I am reaching for the highest goal that I might receive the prize.  
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way,  
'Cause I want to know You more. **(Chorus)**

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

**\* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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**First Presbyterian Church**

North East, PA

November 10, 2024, 10:30 A.M.

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After 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**

**WELCOME** Pastor Gregg Townsend

**\* GREETING**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** Steve Seymour

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

**He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Come now, all who thirst,  
and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,  
**and be filled with good things.**

Come now, all who seek,  
**and be warmed by the fire of love.**

**\* OPENING PRAISE** "All Creatures of Our God and King"  
*with "Shout to the Lord"*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing: O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong.  
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along: O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice; Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You— forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, so many of King David's psalms show a heart out of tune, sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow, yet still clinging to faith in you. So too, O Lord, are our hearts. In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most: his cross makes our forgiveness possible, and his Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises.**

**Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins. Eagerly we plead your help to enthrone in our hearts David's Son: Christ Jesus, King of the universe, our Savior and Lord. And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our God pardons our sins and forgives our disobedience. Our God does not stay angry forever. Instead, our God delights to show mercy.

**Our God again has compassion on us. Our God tramples our sins underfoot and hurls our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

Give thanks to our God, for our God is good!

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 5:11-14

### **MESSAGE**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\* RESPONDING IN SONG**

“Knowing You”

All I once held dear built my life upon.  
All this world reveres and wars to own.  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss.  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

**Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You.**

**There is no greater thing.**

**You're my all! You're the best!**

**You're my joy my righteousness, and I love You Lord.**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness. **(Chorus)**