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## First Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Things to Know

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### **TODAY IS THE DUE DATE FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES!**

Thank you for blessing children across the world.

**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.

### **PLANNING AHEAD FOR ADVENT**

**PICK UP AN ADVENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS** at the back of the sanctuary. We have a wonderful Advent planned for you!

**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 8 from 4:00-6:00 PM at 20 Gibson Street. Stop by and enjoy some fellowship and Christmas goodies.

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

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

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# Let them give THANKS

to the Lord for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds

## He satisfies the thirsty

and fills the hungry  
with good things.

— Adapted from Psalm 107:8-9



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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 WHITE,** which is used for special days of great joy.

**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).

God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished all fearfulness banished  
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces the stars in their courses  
The sun in its orbit obediently shines  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest hosanna and praise

\* **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. 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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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* **RESPONDING IN SONG**      “This Is How We Know”

This is how we know. This is how we know what love is,  
Just one look at Your cross.  
And this is where we see, this is where we see how love works,  
For You surrendered Your all.  
And this is how we know that You have loved us first.  
And this is where we chose to love You in return.

**For You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son.  
Love amazing, so divine, we will love You in return.  
For this life that You give, for this death that You have died.  
Love amazing, so divine, we will love You in reply Lord.**

[REPEAT]

Our love will be loud. Our love will be strong.  
Our love should be hands and feet that serve You in this world.  
So let it stay true and let it endure,  
That You will be glorified worshipped and adored. (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**      “Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guiding us on to the end of our days.

## First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

November 24, 2024, 10:30 A.M.

Christ the King Sunday

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 AND OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Fred Lucore

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to  
the rock of our salvation!

**Congregation: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let  
us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is  
a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are  
his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his  
hands have formed.

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the  
Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his  
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

—Psalm 95:1-7, NRSV

Let us Pray.

**Lord God, when we struggle to worship you as Lord, show us again the beauty and power of your rule. Teach us again that serving you is the path to true freedom. May your Holy Spirit strengthen us today, leading us to honor and worship you more deeply, not only with the words we sing but also with the lives we lead before your face, through Jesus, our reigning Lord. Amen.**

**\* OPENING PRAISE**           “Come Ye Thankful People Come”

Come ye thankful people come. Raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in ‘ere the winter storms begin.  
God our maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple come. Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field. Fruit unto God’s praise to yield.  
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest grant that we, wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home.  
From His field shall in that day, all offenses purge away.  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in God’s garner evermore.

Even so Lord quickly come to Thy final harvest home.  
Gather Thou Thy people in. Free from sorrow, free from sin.  
There forever purified in Thy presence to abide.  
Come with all Thine angels come.  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

**Thanks be to God!**

—based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10, NIV

**\* SONG OF THANKSGIVING**   “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns.  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns. All music but its own.  
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for Thee.  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side.  
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight.  
But downward bend His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years.  
The Potentate of time.  
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime.  
All hail Redeemer hail for Thou hast died for me.  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDREN’S BLESSING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 6:9-12

**MESSAGE**