



First Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Things to Know

SIGN UP IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM TO HELP WITH OUR ANNUAL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY DAY.

There are jobs for everyone, —setting up, helping in the kitchen, greeting, working the event, baking cookies, and tearing down. If you'd like to help defray the cost of the bagged lunches, please see Steve and Beth Seymour. It costs about \$300 to provide bagged lunches and water.

JOIN FPCNE FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD! Pick up a box or two or three and help us spread the Good News and good cheer at Christmas time to children across the globe. If you don't want to shop, we will shop for you. More details on dates coming soon.

NOVEMBER IS FPCNE'S TURN TO STAFF THE FOOD PANTRY. See the sign-up sheet in the Assembly Room.

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. Speak with Jane for more info.

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 to be added.

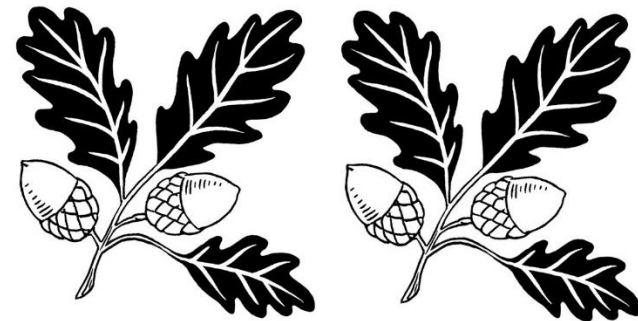
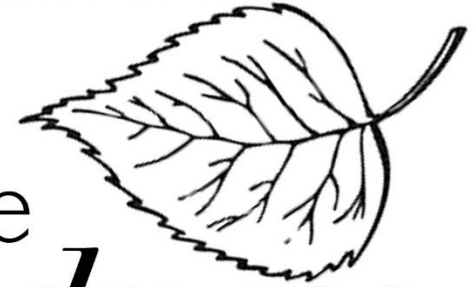
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The earth
is full
of the
goodness
of the
LORD



Psalm 33:5

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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.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING SONG

“Jesus, You’re the Way”

Jesus, you’re the way in You all truth is found.
The Fountainhead of life the only Door.
Where else can I turn? Where else can I go?
You alone have the only words I need to know.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, the Branch from David’s throne
Messiah, Son of God, the Great I Am.
Where else can I turn? Where else can I go?
You alone have the only words I need to know.

Shepherd of the soul, the light of everyone,
The King of Kings who reigns in glory now.
Where else can I turn? Where else can I go?
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* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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1. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Give through PayPal at paypal.me/fpcne or FPCNE.ORG. Scan the QR code with your phone camera to go right to the church’s Paypal account.
3. Make giving easy and set up direct deposit. Speak with Pastor Gregg for details.



Speak, O Lord and renew our minds.
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord till Your church is built,
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:6-13

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* RESPONDING IN SONG

“Lord, Speak to Me”

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone.
As Thou hast sought so let me seek, Thine erring children lost and lone

O, lead me, Lord that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O, feed me, Lord that I may feed,
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet

O teach me, Lord that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord until my very heart o'erflow.
In kindling thought and glowing word
Thy love to tell Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord use even me just as Thou wilt and when and where
Until Thy blessed face I see Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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.

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North East, PA

October 20, 2024, 10:30 A.M.

Twenty-Second 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

Bob Nelson

Leader: Let us worship God.

Congregation: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

— Psalm 1

*** OPENING PRAISE** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise.
In light, inaccessible, hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light.
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.
Thy justice like mountains. high soaring above.
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life, Thou givest to both great and small.
In all life, Thou livest the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light.
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render. O help us to see.
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose
spirit there is no deceit.

**While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning
all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my
strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I
acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said,
‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’, and you forgave the
guilt of my sin.**

A Time for Silent Prayer of Confession

—Psalm 30:1-5

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of
distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you
surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel
you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without
understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else
it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds
those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,
O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

—Psalm 30:6-11

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

*** SONG FOR ILLUMINATION** “Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth plant it deep in us.
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O lord and fulfill in us, all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise. Cause our eyes to see.
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail,
let their truth prevail over unbelief.