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## First Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Things to Know

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### **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. It takes about \$40 to cover the cost of gifts for the box and shipping. National Collection Week is November 18–25. More details 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. We're starting to prepare for Advent/Christmas, so now is a great time to give it a try!

**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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REFORMATION  
SUNDAY

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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://www.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.



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**TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY BEV WALZ** in honor of all October birthdays!

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS ANNA LEE AND NICK IGLEHART.** Anna and Nick live here in North East. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself!

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FPCNE?** Speak with Pastor Gregg. He'd love to talk with you.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of Glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

#### **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**                    “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious, Redeemer and Friend.  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
O You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.  
O, we hopelessly lost the way.

**You are the One that we praise! You are the One we adore!  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne,  
O we're falling before Your throne. **(Chorus)**

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

**\* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

## **First Presbyterian Church**

North East, PA

October 27, 2024, 10:30 A.M.

Reformation 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**

Wanda Cochrane

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 95:1-5

**\* OPENING PRAISE**      “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing.  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe. Doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and pow’r are great and armed with cruel hate.  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide?  
Our striving would be losing.  
Were not the right Man on our side?  
The Man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus it is He.  
Lord Sabaoth His name. From age to age the same.  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us.  
We will not fear for God hath willed.  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim. We tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure. For lo his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers.  
No thanks to them abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go.  
This mortal life also.  
The body they may kill. God’s truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you,  
O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there  
is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

*A Time for Silent Confession*

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the  
morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

—Psalm 130:1-6

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
**It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

—Psalm 130:7,8

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDREN’S BLESSING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 4:14-16

**MESSAGE**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\* RESPONDING IN SONG**      “Before The Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav’n He stands.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within.  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the Just is satisfied,  
To look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.