



*“Cling to God’s Love”*

Sunday, August 9, 2020 • 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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## GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING and WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

## LISTEN TO THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING**

***Romans 8:26-39***

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and

those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

### **God's Love in Christ Jesus**

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **PRAISE SONG**

### ***“Amazing Love”***

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be?  
That You, my King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know its true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, I honor You

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## MESSAGE

Pastor Dan McEldowney, Preaching

### **“Cling to God’s Love”**

One constant in life is: change. One constant in faith is: God’s love. And it never changes.

During the current pandemic, who among us hasn’t wondered, “When will things get back to normal?” It is what usually happens—life goes bad for a while then returns to normal. It is what we expect. Won’t that be true of the coronavirus?

Unfortunately, experts tell us this crisis will bring permanent, life-altering changes. In light of that, chapter 8 of Paul’s letter to the Romans offers some comfort in the midst of this pandemic.

Paul’s message is: “God’s love never changes.” It is always present. It is always unconditional. It is always available to us. The variable part is US. The question is: are we willing to accept and embrace God’s love? Will we let God’s love guide us through troubling times like we’re in right now?

The Apostle writes, ***“If God is for us, who is against us?”*** Later, he adds, ***“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

We might add to the list: no coronavirus, no stay at home orders, no denial of in-person worship, no mandatory wearing of masks, no required social distancing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

That's what we need to remember as we struggle to find a new normal—circumstances, experiences, life change; God's love doesn't.

When we are sick or hurting or lost or confused or in pain or depraved—God loves us even more. We can personalize that message by believing: "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love."

Even in this confusing and troubling pandemic, God's love remains—unchanged, unconditional, always available. Nothing, I repeat, nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Cling to that love. God bless you and amen.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*(the Shorter Catechism § 7.036)*

**All: *What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?***

**All: *The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end. Amen.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## HYMN

***“More Love, More Power”***

### **Verse**

More love, more power, More of You in my life;  
More love, more power, More of You in my life.

### **Chorus 1**

And I will worship You with all of my heart,  
And I will worship You with all of my mind,  
And I will worship You with all of my strength,  
You are my Lord.

### **Chorus 2**

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart,  
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind,  
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength,  
You are my Lord.

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Jude Del Hierro

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## DEPART TO SERVE

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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# *Welcome*

*We are glad you choose to worship with us this morning! If you live in (or near)  
Corry, and you have no church home, please know that you will always be  
welcome to worship with us.*

## **PARKING LOT MINISTRY**

- Tune your radios to channel 101.1 FM and hear the service.
- If it rains, we will not worship in the parking lot, but will defer to the Facebook service.
- Even though this service will be outdoors, we should continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

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### **OUR MISSION PROJECT**

- Anzazi Chombo (sponsored child)
- Penny Hunger (collected every Sunday)
- Mission Offering *Safe Journeys*
- Love In the Name
- Carpenters for Christ

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### **ATTENDANCE**

	<i>Reached</i>	<i>Parking Lot</i>
August 2	57	
August 9		
August 16		
August 23		
August 30		

Numbers reflected in Attendance -- Reached is the number of people who have viewed the pre-recorded service that premieres on Sunday Mornings at 10 AM. Parking Lot is the number who attend that worship service.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMITTEES** will meet on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

### **CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN**

Wednesday and Thursday, August 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> this week.

*UPON ENTERING, you will be asked to stay behind the blue line and place all/any items that need to be left with the church office in the basket on the table. This will ensure everyone's safety and comply with the state's current guidelines.*

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

August 9-16

#### **Sunday - 9**

10:00 AM Facebook Worship  
Parking Lot Ministry

#### **Monday - 10**

6:30 PM Committee Meetings

#### **Thursday - 13**

9:00 AM Spectrum Installation (3<sup>rd</sup> times a charm?!?!?!)

#### **Sunday - 16**

10:00 AM Facebook Worship  
Parking Lot Ministry  
7:30 PM Outdoor Movie Night!

# PRAYER LIST FOR THIS WEEK

If you wish to add a person or concern to the Prayer List, please call the church office, or share your concerns with us during the “Gathering Time” at the beginning of our Sunday Service. ***Likewise, if a name can be removed, please let the office know.***

## Prayer Requests

Gloria Fenton –  
Beth Mather’s Mom  
John Marshall  
Laura Fay  
Brandon Bilskie

## Encouragement

Shelby Bilskie  
Makenzie Hopson  
Colin McEldowney  
Session  
Wendy Jaworski  
Taylor McEldowney  
Alexis Titch  
Bryce Jaquith  
Sarah Barwell  
Jack Hasbrouck  
Julia Hamilton  
David Patterson  
Kira Parson  
Alex Hopson

## Our Presbytery

North East – Rev. Gregg  
Townsend, Pastor  
  
Ministry of Presbyterian  
Foundation and Ministry  
Relations Officer Rev. Ellie  
Johns-Kelley

## HOW TO REACH PASTOR DAN DURING COVID-19

Pastor Dan: Cell 814-873-4774  
Email: [danmac@tbscc.com](mailto:danmac@tbscc.com)

## Continuing Prayers Needed

Tony Kerr  
Jim Brunswick  
Barbara Anderson  
Bob DuBois  
Elinore Hooven  
John Marshall  
Sandy Mitchell  
Shannon Lewis  
Dave Edwards  
Christopher Juba  
Todd Crosscut  
Jeff Onink  
Mike Pierson  
John Grasso  
Dennis Edwards  
Tammy and Rick Fenno  
Brandon Bilskie  
Dennis Miles  
Eli Kunkle  
Anne Richardson

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*Our Mission Statement*  
*The First Presbyterian Church  
of Corry, believing the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ, will share and  
live the Good News within  
our congregation and the  
larger community to bring  
glory to God.*

## Our Military

### MARINES:

Warrant Officer Rebekah  
Hasbrouck

### AIR FORCE:

John Peterson  
Dalton Swanson

### ARMY:

Cory Myers

### NAVY:

Lt. Jason Rouse  
Matthew Quirk  
Kaitlyn Luckock  
Ensign Matthew Hamilton

### ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Jerred Hodak

## Nursing Homes and Shut-ins

Jean Byerly  
Barbara Anderson  
John Marshall

## Our Staff

Daniel R. McEldowney, Pastor  
Barb Sproveri, Secretary  
Brian Titch, Custodian  
Beth Mather, Organist  
Jim Brunswick, Choir Director  
Mariann Adolphson, Acting Choir  
Director  
Kay Black, Time Out Director  
Lynn Gilbert, Time Out Aide  
Diane Catalfu, Time Out Aide  
Judy Goodwill, Time Out Aide

# Come and Join the Fun!



## We're Planning A Movie Night Outdoors At The Church For Young & Older Alike

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
(rain date: August 23<sup>rd</sup>)

7:30 p.m. (Movie Starts at Dusk)  
Face Masks and Social Distancing  
Campfire & Pre-Packaged Snacks  
Bring Lawn Chair or Blanket

First Presbyterian Church, 607 West Smith Street, Corry, PA