

**SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING
IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.**

A new 2024 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office. Please email jlivingston@neo.rr.com with bulletin details.

LET'S ALL PITCH IN TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR. All you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host." If you'd like to just donate snack/goodies, please leave them in the kitchenette. Sign up in the Assembly Room.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS.**

Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

1. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Send in your financial support via the USPS.
3. Contact Pastor Gregg (814-460-3123) for information on setting up direct deposit.
4. Give through PayPal at paypal.me/fpcne or FPCNE.ORG. Or scan the QR code with your phone camera to go right to the church's Paypal account.



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**3RD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

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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. Sunday School is available for grade school ages following the Children's Blessing.

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.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jlivingston@neo.rr.com.

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
'Til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. **(Chorus)**

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*** BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO THE REVEREND JIM HAAS for leading our worship service today. Rev. Haas is an honorably retired Presbyterian minister, who pastored at Wayside Presbyterian Church in Erie for many years. And, thank you to Barb Sweet for leading music.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE on April 11. We will resume on April 18 at 7:00 PM. Thinking about giving Chancel Choir a try? Now is a great time! Speak with Jane if you have questions. Please note: Bell Choir is still on hiatus.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING is on April 20. Pick up a registration form on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room, or call/text Deanna Ott at (814-490-3899).

And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

**Dance, then, wherever you may be.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be.
And I'll lead you all in the dance said He.**

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance, and they would not follow Me.
I danced for the fishermen for James and John.
They came to Me and the dance went on. **(Chorus)**

I danced on the Sabbath, and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped, and they stripped, and they hung Me high.
And left Me there on a cross to die. **(Chorus)**

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body, and they thought I'd gone.
But I am the dance, and I still go on. **(Chorus)**

They cut Me down and I leap up high
I am the life that will never never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me
I am the Lord of the Dance said He **(Chorus)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

LAMENT “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near.
When my life is almost gone.
Hear my cry, hear my call. Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15:20-22, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 40:1-5
Luke 24:36b-48

MESSAGE

“Disbelieving with Joy”

Pastor Jim Haas

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG** “Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart” #145

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Give thanks and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go.
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Give thanks and sing!