

Let the Nations Be Glad

1. Let the glo - ry of the Lord — for - e - ver be our
 2. Through the a - ges gone be - fore, through the tri - al and the
 3. As your ho - ly church goes forth in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's

8 joy; May re - dem - tion be the theme of — our song.
 sword, ma - ny saints and mar - tyrs con - quered though they died.
 power, with the glo - ries of the gos - pel to ex - claim;

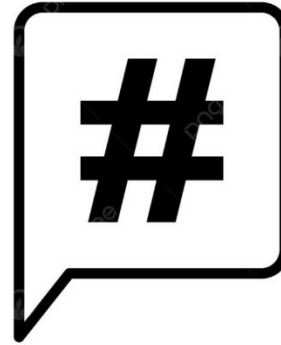
11 For by grace we have been saved and by
 Still we, hold - ing out the cross, cross - ing
 Now we pray "Your King - dom come," and we

14 grace we shall pro - claim to the cor - ners of the
 o - ceans, suff - ring loss, shall en - dure all things to
 pray "Your will be done," for the ho - nor and the

19 earth that Christ is come. Let the na - tions be glad, let the
 win the crown of life.
 glo - ry of Your name.

24 peo - ple re - joice; For sal - va - tion be - longs — to our God.

29 Let the whole earth be filled with the prai - ses of the Lord; For sal -
 va - tion be - longs — to our God. Let the na - tions be glad!



nobitternessandwrath
 noangerandwrangling
 noslanderandmalice

**Be kind,
 tenderhearted,
 and forgive
 one another
 as God in Christ
 has forgiven you.**

Ephesians 4:31,32

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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.

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICES have resumed on Thursday evenings at 6:00 and 7:00 PM, respectively. Thinking about giving Bell or Chancel Choir a try? Now is a great time! We could really use more ringers and singers! Questions? Speak with Jane.

MAY IS FPCNE'S MONTH TO HELP AT THE NORTH EAST COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. There are time slots for Friday and Saturday mornings. Sign-up sheets are in the Assembly Room. Please sign up to help with this local mission project.

SUSTAINING GIFT FUND COMMITTEE will meet after worship today.

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.

There are blessings you cannot receive,
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say:
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Sweet, Holy Spirit. Sweet heavenly Dove.
Stay right here with us filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

*** OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

*** BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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Join us in the Assembly Room for Coffee and
Fellowship Hour following the service.

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.



First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

April 21, 2024, 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Gregg Townsend

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Jerry Weinheimer
Leader: Christ is risen from the dead!
Congregation: Alleluia!

We know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

—based on Romans 6:9-10

*** OPENING PRAISE** "Let the Nations Be Glad" See back

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 lie and bend the truth. We let our anger toward others simmer and boil over. We speak ill of others and harbor dislikes and resentments.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, being kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving, even as you have

been kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving toward us in your Son and our Lord Jesus, in whose name we pray.

LAMENT “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what You would love and do what You would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God until my heart is pure.
Until with You, I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God till I am wholly Thine.
Until this earthly part of me glows with Your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God so shall I never die.
But live with You the perfect life of Your eternity.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

—1 Peter 1:18-21, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-32

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.

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** “There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place”

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet, Holy Spirit. Sweet heavenly Dove.
Stay right here with us filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.