

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUSTAINING GIFT TRUST FUND COMMITTEE will meet after worship today.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR GRUSHERS—folks willing to pass out bulletins and greet members and guests coming to FPCNE for worship on Sunday mornings. The only requirement is a smile and friendly greeting! Please see Dianne Tyler to be a FPCNE Grusher.

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

**SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING
IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.**
A new 2025 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office. Please email jlivingston@neo.rr.com with bulletin details.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS** by Wednesdays.
Email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN. Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at jlivingston@neo.rr.com to be added.

JOIN US IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM
following the worship service for



We have been
sanctified
through the offering
of the body of
Jesus Christ
**ONCE
FOR
ALL.**



Hebrews 10:10

First Presbyterian Church

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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.

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 during evening hours and on 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.

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 or at FPCNE.ORG.
3. Scan the QR code with your phone camera using the card located in the pew pockets to go right to the church's Paypal account.
4. Speak with Pastor Gregg for information on setting up direct deposit.

Sign up to host!



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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

“He Lives”

I serve a risen Savior. He's in the world today.
I know that He is living whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy. I hear His voice of cheer.
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within my heart!

In all the world around me, I see His loving care.
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast.
The day of His appearing will come at last. **(Chorus)**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing.
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King.
The Hope of all who seek Him. The Help of all who find.
None other is so loving, so good and kind. **(Chorus)**

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

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

Fred Lucore

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

Congregation: Let us worship God

—Psalm 57:8-11, NRSV

* OPENING PRAISE

“I Danced in the Morning”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun.
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.
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, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

LAMENT

“We Fall Down”

We fall down, We lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and Spirit-filled!

—Romans 8:9-11, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:1-10

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG** “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken.
I’m accepted. You were condemned.
I’m alive and well, your Spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again. (Repeat)

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

You are my King. You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus,
You are my King. **(Chorus)**