

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

4

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;

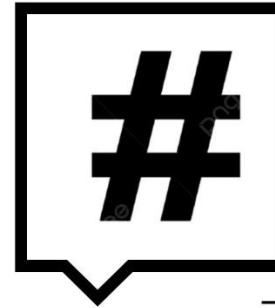
11 For by grace we have been saved and by
 Still we, hold - ing out the cross, cross - ing
 Now we pray "Your King - dom come," and we

14 grace we shall pro - claim to the cor - ners of the
 o - ceans, suff - ering 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!



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Live in LOVE.

You got this.

Ephesians 5:1-2



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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.

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](https://www.fpcne.org). Or scan the QR code with your phone camera to go right to the church's Paypal account.



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.

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

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING SONG “A New Hallelujah”

Can you hear there’s a new song,
Breaking out from the children of freedom?
Every race and every nation,
Sing it out sing a new hallelujah, yeah.

Let us sing love to the nations.
Bringing hope of the grace that has freed us.
Make it known and make Him famous.
Sing it out sing a new hallelujah, yeah.

Arise! Let the church arise!
Let love reach to the other side.
Alive! Come alive! Let the song arise.

Everyone sings a new song, reaching out with a new hallelujah.
Every son and every daughter, everyone, sing a new hallelujah.
(Chorus)

Everyone, sing a new hallelujah! Everyone, sing a new hallelujah!

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS.**
Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA
April 28, 2024, 10:30 A.M.
Fifth 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

* GREETING

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Tom McClure

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!
Congregation: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.
Thankful is the song we sing!
For this day moves us past darkness and despair.
Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!
For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.
Jesus said, “Where two or more are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.”
Christ lives here and now.
He is among us at this and every moment!
May his peace and presence be known to you.
And also to you. Let us worship God!

—based on Matthew 18:20

*** OPENING PRAISE** “Let the Nations Be Glad” See back

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord your Redeemer. “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

In Jesus Christ, we are redeemed!

—Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22, NIV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:1-2

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG**

“Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me.
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity,
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least.
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ,
May be clear for all the world to see.

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.