

OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

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He came and
PROCLAIMED
PEACE

TO YOU WHO WERE FAR OFF
AND PEACE
TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR.

Ephesians 2:17,18



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 came.

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 GREEN, which symbolizes spiritual growth and is used during Ordinary time—all time periods during the church calendar not marked by a specific season.

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.

So, God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life.
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living. Our compassion to increase.
Messengers of faith, thus giving, hope and confidence and peace.

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*** BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

*** * * * COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR * * * ***

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is on! We're collecting soup for the North East Community Food Pantry now through February 11. Bring in a few cans or cases! Order online and have soup shipped to the church. Or, you can also make a donation, and we'll shop for you!

BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICES have resumed. Bell Choir Practice is held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM followed by Chancel Choir Practice at 7:00 PM. We need and welcome new members to join. Speak with Jane Livingston for more information.

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." Folks appreciate snacks but they are not required. If you'd like to just donate snack/goodies, you can leave them in the kitchenette. The sign-up sheet is in the Assembly Room.

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 the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us, we were marked by forgiveness.
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. **(Chorus)**

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** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Called as partners in Christ's service. Called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment. Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing. Side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring.
Christ's clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer. All God's people young and old.
Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus, new patterns for Christ's mission in a small or global sense.
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort words of vision. Words of challenge said with care.
Bring new power and strength for action.
Make us colleagues free and fair.

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

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

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Gregg Townsend

*** GREETING**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bob Nelson

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life,
who creates us.

Congregation: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

*** OPENING PRAISE** "Made to Worship"

Before the day, before the light,
Before the world revolved around the sun.
God on high stepped down into time,
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.

**He has filled our hearts with wonder, so that we always remember.
You and I are made to worship. You and I are called to love.**

**You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender.
When you and I choose to believe,
Then you and I will see who we were meant to be.**

All we are and all we have is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life, we open up our eyes,
To see the majesty and glory of the King.

Even the rocks cry out, even the heavens shout,
At the sound of His Holy name.
So, let every voice sing out, and let every knee bow down.
He's worthy of all our praise.

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When you and I embrace surrender.
When you and I choose to believe,
Then you and I will see who we were meant to be.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us.
You know not only what we say, but also what we think.
You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said.
You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves
because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart,
boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments.
You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves even
when we have turned our backs on you, fascinating ourselves with
alien gods whose calling we heed while ignoring your own.**

**Quickly boasting, slowly accusing, truly we need to repent. O God,
forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

LAMENT "Search Me, Know Me"

Search me, know me, try me and see,
Every worthless affection hidden in me.
All I'm asking for is that You'd cleanse me Lord.

Create in me a heart that's clean.
Conquer the power of secret shame.
Come wash away the guilty stain of all my sin.
Clothe me in robes of righteousness.
Cover my nakedness with grace.
All of my life before You now I humbly bring.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession?

He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.

—Micah 7:18-20, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-18

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG**

"Let It Be Said of Us"

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.