

## CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We're collecting soup for the North East Community Food Pantry now thru February 12. You can also make a donation, and we'll shop for you! Go Team!**

**JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!** Bell and Chancel Choir practices have resumed on Thursday evenings. We welcome new members to join. Bell Choir Practice is held on Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. followed by Chancel Choir Practice at 7:00 P.M. Speak with Jane Livingston.

**PLANNING AHEAD:** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on February 19, 2023, immediately following worship.

**INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION** of Elders will be held on February 19. Installation and ordination of Deacons will be held on February 26, and recognition of Trustees will be held on March 5.

**WE'D LOVE TO ADD FEW HELPING HANDS** to our Media Team. We will provide the training. Speak with Jane Livingston for more information.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR.** All you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host." The sign-up sheet is in the Assembly Room.

**JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN.** Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com) to be added. It's wonderful to lift up our church members, friends, and family for prayer needs throughout the week.

**SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR OUR CHANCEL.** The flower sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please email Jane ([jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com)) and provide her with information for the bulletin.

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

The aim of  
such instruction is



that comes from  
a pure heart,  
a good conscience,  
and sincere faith.

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**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 during the time of Offering. We are glad you joined us today.

**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. An usher will be happy to direct you to the Nursery-Crib Room. 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 LIVE 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](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com).

## SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* **CLOSING SONG** "Song of Hope" #432

May the God of hope go with us every day.  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way.  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying let us work for peace. Singing share our joy with all.  
Working for a world that's new. Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

\* **OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

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## OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

1. For in-person worshippers, place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Send in your financial support via the **USPS to 25 West Main Street, North East PA 16428.**
3. Contact the church office (814-725-8641) to set up **direct deposit.**
4. You can also now give through **PayPal.** Just click on the link: [paypal.me/fpcne](https://paypal.me/fpcne).

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* **RESPONDING IN SONG**      “Called as Partners”      #343

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.

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.

### 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.**

## First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

January 29, 2023, 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

*SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER REQUESTS. Please fill out one of the Prayer Cards located in the pew racks to share your joys, concerns, and prayer requests with your church family. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### GATHERING MUSIC

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Pastor Gregg Townsend

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Congregation: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

\* **OPENING PRAISE**      “Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.

All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.

Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You— forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, my Savior, Risen Messiah and Lord.  
You have come back, just as You said. Life will never be the same.  
You're living, forgiving, angels are singing Your praise.  
We join the throng, lifting in song, "Grace and mercy have prevailed."  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your Son.  
Victory over the grave He has won.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my  
sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in  
your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless  
when you pass judgement. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner  
when my mother conceived me.**

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom  
in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and  
gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your  
face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit  
within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not  
take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your  
salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Psalm 51:1-12

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

#### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

I Timothy 2:8-15

#### **SONG FOR ILLUMINATION**

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us.  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O lord and fulfill in us,  
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise. Cause our eyes to see.  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds.  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord till Your church is built,  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

#### **MESSAGE**