



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH EAST

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

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GATHERING MUSIC: “Come, Thou Fount”

Arr. by Joseph Martin

GREETING: Pastor Gregg Townsend

*** CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Congregation: For the Lord , the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

—Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6, NRSV

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

—Psalm 8:1-2, NIV

Almighty and loving God, you have given us eyes to see the light that fills this room; give us the inward vision to behold you in this place. You have made us feel the morning wind upon our limbs; help us to sense your presence as we bow in worship of you.

Amen.

*** OPENING PRAISE:** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton)”

Come Thou fount of ev’ry blessing. Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing. Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer. Hither by Thy help I’m come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, for the times we have followed the path of the wicked, stood in solidarity with those who were wrong, or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us. Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word so that we will flourish with the fruit of your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

—Psalm 32:3-5, NRSV

SPECIAL MUSIC: "All That I Am"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 12:13-21

MESSAGE

*** RESPONDING IN SONG:** "I Surrender All"

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence, daily live.

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow.
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me Jesus, take me now. **(Chorus)**

All to Jesus I surrender, make me Savior wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine. **(Chorus)**

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee.
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me. **(Chorus)**

PASTORAL 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.

* CLOSING SONG: "Satisfied"



1. All my life long I had pant-ed for a drink from some cool spring
 2. Feed-ing on the filth a-round me 'til my strength was al-most gone.
 3. Poor I was and sought for rich-es some-thing that would sat-is-fy.
 4. Well of wa-ter ev-er springing Bread of Life so rich and free.



that I hoped would quench the burn-ing of the thirst I felt with-in.
 Longed my soul for some-thing bet-ter on-ly still to hun-ger on.
 But the dust I gath-ered 'round me on-ly mocked my soul's sad cry.
 Un-told wealth that ne-ver fail-eth, my Re-dee-mer is to me.



Hal-le-lu jah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!



Je-sus sa-tis-fies all my long-ings through His blood I now am saved.

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP! We will continue to follow the CDC recommendations for safety during the pandemic, including a paperless service, social distancing and wearing face masks. Online worship services will also continue. Please check your email or our Facebook page for any updates, if the pandemic crisis worsens in the future. Everyone's safety is paramount. If you are not on the church's email communication list, please send your email address to Jane Livingston at jlivingston@neo.rr.com.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT 2021 OFFICERS TODAY following the worship service. Please plan to stay and attend in-person.

HAVE YOU EVER READ THROUGH THE BIBLE? 2021 IS YOUR YEAR TO DO IT! Contact Pastor Gregg directly and he will fill you in. There's still time to join in the fun!

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER & DEVOTION is held on Facebook LIVE each week at 7:00 PM (EST).

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS: JOIN PASTOR GREGG ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 7:30 PM (EST) VIA ZOOM FOR AN ONLINE GET TOGETHER. Invite a friend! Check the church Facebook page for a Zoom link or contact Pastor Gregg.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM (EST) VIA ZOOM. Check the church Facebook page for a Zoom link or contact Pastor Gregg.

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST, JOY OR CONCERN TO SHARE, please speak with Pastor Gregg or call or text his cell phone at (814) 460-3123. You can also email our prayer chain at jlivingston@neo.rr.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIMES (EST)	EVENT
The church is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM by appointment. Please contact Pastor Gregg if you need assistance.		
Monday, January 25	7:00 PM	- Session Meeting (at FPCNE)
Tuesday, January 26	7:30 PM	- "FPCNE Collegians" group (via Zoom)
Wednesday, January 27	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	- Evening Prayer & Devotional (via FB LIVE) - Pastor's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday, January 31	10:30 AM	- In-Person and Online (via FB LIVE) Worship Service

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.
- Please send announcements or calendar events to Jane.