



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH EAST

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Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

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GATHERING MUSIC: “Let All Things Now Living”

arr. Jay Rouse

GREETING: Pastor Gregg Townsend

*** CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord , our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

—Psalm 95:1-7, NRSV

Lord God,

the words “Jesus is King” come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us. In this service, help us worship you in spirit and truth, and give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** OPENING PRAISE:** “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for Thee.
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side.
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight.
But downward bend His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a scepter sways.
From pole to pole that wars may cease absorbed in prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet.
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime.
All hail Redeemer hail for Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not weep!
See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.
With his blood he has purchased people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.
Thanks be to God!

—based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10, NIV

SONG OF THANKSGIVING: “Thank You for Loving Me”

Tommy Walker

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 11:14-28

MESSAGE

*** RESPONDING IN SONG:** “Great Redeemer “

Who is like You Lord of heaven, King of Glory, ‘throned in majesty. You are holy. You are holy.
Who can fathom all the riches of Your mercy, of Your faithfulness. You are worthy. You are worthy.

**O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer’s praise, the honors of His name.
Awake my soul and celebrate the wonders of His grace. Let heaven and earth join in the song.**

For You are holy, You are holy. **(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:** “Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished all fearfulness banished as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces the stars in their courses the sun in its orbit obediently shines.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing with glad adoration a song let us raise.
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest hosanna and praise.

* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**



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1. Send in your financial support via the **US mail**.
2. Contact the church office (814-725-8641) to set up **direct deposit** from your bank account to the church.
3. You can also now give through **PayPal**. Just click on the link: paypal.me/fpcne. Or click on the “Shop Now” button on the church Facebook page, which will take you to the link.
4. Download the **“Give Plus† Mobile”** app from the App Store. Enter our zip code (16428) and select “First Presbyterian Church.” It takes about five minutes to set up your account and connect with the church. Then simply select the ‘+’ sign at the top to add your giving.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BECOME A MEMBER OF FPCNE! Do you consider FPCNE your church home? Is FPCNE where you receive pastoral care? Is FPCNE where you are fed on God’s Word? Then you should speak with Pastor Gregg about becoming a member. It doesn’t matter where you live. The church is not a building... the church is the people.

WE NEED 1-2 MORE RINGERS FOR OUR BELL CHOIR. Won’t you consider giving ringing a try? Practice is held on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM. We will teach you everything you need to know. No experience is necessary. Please speak with Jane Livingston or just show up on Thursday night!

EACH YEAR, IT IS OUR JOY AS A CHURCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NORTH EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BOXES. This will be a little different. Due to pandemic safety concerns, the Council is planning to provide a gift certificate to each approved applicant. The gift certificate will be dedicated toward local businesses and will strive to be comparable to the food value provided in past years. If you'd like to contribute, please make your donation payable to "Community Christmas Boxes" and mail to:

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross | c/o Anne Bardol | 51 West Main Street | North East PA 16428

JOIN PASTOR GREGG EACH TUESDAY EVENING FOR AN ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSION, "SIMPLIFY YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE: SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR THE OVERWHELMED" at 7:30 PM (EST) via Zoom. If your Bible study seems tedious and your prayer life wearisome, stop and rediscover how rewarding the simple Christian life can be. Pick up the book at your favorite book seller. Check the church Facebook page for a Zoom link. The next meeting will be November 24.

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

WEDNESDAY PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY HAS MOVED TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS! Join Pastor Gregg each Wednesday at 7:30 PM (EST) for an online Bible Study via Zoom: "Putting the Pieces Back Together: God Rebuilds His People" (Studying Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, and Zephaniah). Check the church Facebook page for a Zoom link.

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.

CHECK OUT ALL OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS at FPCNE.ORG. Just click on the "News" link.

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29!

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIMES (EST)	EVENT
Monday, November 23	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	- Church Office Hours
Tuesday, November 24	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 7:30 PM	- Church Office Hours - Book Group: "Simplify Your Spiritual Life" (via Zoom)
Wednesday, November 25	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	- Church Office Hours - Evening Prayer & Devotional (via FB LIVE) - Pastor's Bible Study: "Putting the Pieces Back Together" (via Zoom)
Thursday, November 26		- Office is Closed – Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 29	10:30 AM (EST)	- Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or via FB LIVE) – First Sunday in Advent

CONTACT INFO YOU MIGHT NEED

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- 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.