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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 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 and other devices upon entering the sanctuary.

**FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN,** Sunday School and nursery care are available for infants and young children.

**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 during evening hours and on Sunday mornings.

**TODAY'S LITURGICAL COLOR IS PURPLE,** which is used during the penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn Christ endured and the sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation.

**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](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jmlivingston20@outlook.com](mailto:jmlivingston20@outlook.com).



## First Presbyterian Church

### Announcements and Things to Know

**PICK UP A LENTEN FLIER AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.** Plan ahead and put all our Holy Week services on your calendar.

**PICK UP AN EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM** at the back of the sanctuary. All flowers are \$10 each, with orders due by March 22. Please give your payment and order forms to Jane.

**SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.** Please email [jmlivingston20@outlook.com](mailto:jmlivingston20@outlook.com) with bulletin details.

**Bulletin submissions are due on Wednesdays.**

### OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

1. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Give through PayPal at [paypal.me/fpcne](https://paypal.me/fpcne) or [FPCNE.ORG](https://FPCNE.ORG).
3. Scan the QR code in the pew pocket to go right to the church's Paypal account.
4. Speak with Pastor Gregg for details on setting up direct deposit.

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*Words of Institution*  
*Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please eat the bread and then*  
*drink the cup.)*  
*Prayer*

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us all, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**      “See How He Loves Us”

*See insert*

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

**\* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

**First Presbyterian Church**

North East, PA

March 1, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Second Sunday in Lent

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**

Pastor Gregg Townsend

**\* GREETING**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**      “Come, Let Us Return to the Lord”

*See Insert*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jamison Drab

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**Congregation: try me and know my thoughts.**

See if there is any wicked way in me,

**and lead me in the way everlasting.**

—Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

**Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.**

*Silent confession*

Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

**Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

—based on Joel 2:13; 2 Corinthians 9:15, NRSV

### **\* SONG OF THANKSGIVING**      “The Risen Christ”

O Breath of God, come fill this place.  
Revive our hearts to know Your grace,  
And from our slumber make us rise,  
That we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true,  
Renew our minds to trust in You,  
And give to us the Bread of Life.  
That we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,  
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice,  
That we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit make us one.  
In holiness let us unite,  
That we may know the risen Christ.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Ezekiel 10:1-22  
Pew Bible, Page 678

## **MESSAGE**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### **\* RESPONDING IN SONG**      “Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me.  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot.  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms; praise God, just as I am.**

Just as I am, I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought;  
And now to glory in Your cross, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
**(Chorus)**

Praise God just as I am, just as I am.

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**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.**