
First Presbyterian Church

Announcements and Things to Know



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 PM

Join us for Maundy Thursday as we journey together through the Garden of Gethsemane, sharing in communion and reflection.

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM

Join us on Good Friday for a moving worship service centered on the sacrifice of Jesus, a time of reflection and prayer.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4 at 7:49 PM (Sunset)

Gather with us at sunset on the church steps as we begin our Easter Vigil and carry the light of Christ into the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate Easter with us, and experience the joy of the Resurrection, uplifting music, and a sanctuary filled with spring beauty.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, APRIL 12 as we celebrate our youth and welcome John McClure to our pulpit to offer the message. John is a Senior at North East High School. Stay for a special coffee hour in John's honor following the service.

Bulletin submissions are due on Wednesdays by 12:00 Noon.

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PALM SUNDAY

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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.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jmlivingston20@outlook.com.

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING HYMN

“What a Savior”

Atoning sacrifice, Keeper of this life. Hallelujah! You are Savior!
Beginning and the end, Forgiver of my sin,
By Your mercy, You have saved us

Jesus, You are stronger, more than any other.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Jesus, You are higher, my soul's deepest desire.

Hallelujah! You are Savior!

You are the Shepherd King. You lead us by still waters.

Hallelujah! You are Savior!

You are my only hope. Your kindness is my friend.

In Your presence, You restore us **(Chorus)**

You are the way, the truth, and the life.

You are my joy and my salvation.

Stood in my place, taking my shame upon Your shoulders. **(Chorus)**

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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 or [FPCNE.ORG](https://www.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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **RESPONDING IN SONG** “Let the Nations Be Glad”

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.
May redemption be the theme of our song.
For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall proclaim.
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come.

**Let the nations be glad! Let the people rejoice!
For salvation belongs to our God.
Let the whole earth be filled! With the praises of the Lord!
For salvation belongs to our God. Let the nations be glad!**

Through the ages gone before. Through the trial and the sword.
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died,
Still we holding out the cross.
Crossing oceans suffering loss,
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life. **(Chorus)**

As Your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit’s power.
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim,
Now we pray Your Kingdom come, and we pray Your will be done.
For the honor and glory of Your name. **(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.

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** Philippians 2:5-12
Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

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March 29, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Palm | Passion Sunday

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19:28-40

Pastor Gregg Townsend

* GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dianne Tyler

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Congregation: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

—Zechariah 9:9, NRSV

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!
**We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.**

**We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!**

*** OPENING PRAISE** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple, the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven, ride on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” the little children sang;
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence, eternally rejoice.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:
Let those who fear the Lord say “His steadfast love endures for ever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

—based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

*** SONG OF THANKSGIVING** “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

**All glory, laud, and honor to Thee Redeemer King.
To whom the lips of children, make sweet hosannas ring.**

Thou art the King of Israel. Thou David’s royal Son.
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems, before Thee we present. **(Chorus)**

To Thee before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To Thee now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises. Accept the prayers we bring.
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. **(Chorus)**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC “Festive Entrance” Krug

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:24-28
Pew Bible, Page 705

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