

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE'RE LOOKING FOR GRUSHERS—folks willing to pass out bulletins and greet members and guests coming to FPCNE for worship on Sunday mornings. The only requirement is a smile and friendly greeting! Please see Dianne Tyler to be a FPCNE Grusher.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FPCNE?
Speak with Pastor Gregg. He'd love to talk with you.

**SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING
IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.**

A new 2025 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office. Please email jlivingston@neo.rr.com with bulletin details.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS** by Wednesdays.

Email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

JOIN OUR E-PRAYER CHAIN. Speak with Pastor Gregg or email Jane Livingston at jlivingston@neo.rr.com to be added.



We have been
sanctified
through the offering
of the body of
Jesus Christ
**ONCE
FOR
ALL.**



Hebrews 10:10

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, 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.

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 WHITE, which is used for special days of great joy.

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 jlivingston@neo.rr.com.

Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ, the judge shall come.
To glorify the saints, to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice again, I say rejoice!

*** 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 at FPCNE.ORG.
3. Scan the QR code with your phone camera using the card located in the pew pockets to go right to the church's Paypal account.
4. Speak with Pastor Gregg for information on setting up direct deposit.

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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.

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.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*** CLOSING SONG**

“Rejoice the Lord Is King”

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice again, I say rejoice!

God’s kingdom cannot fail. Christ rules o’er earth and heaven.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice again, I say rejoice!

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

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**

Beth Poor

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

Congregation: his love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the Lord,
and he answered by setting us free.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song;
he has become our salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

We will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
**The Lord has done this;
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—from Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24, NIV

*** OPENING PRAISE** “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death He broke its fearful hold.
And our despair, He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn we share with Him an Easter life.
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.
The spirit’s power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows.
As Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where
we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and
where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy
Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

[Silence]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret
is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin
again.

Thanks be to God! Amen

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:11-18

MESSAGE

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*** RESPONDING IN SONG** “Lamb of God”

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but You have sent Him from Your side.
To walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your gift of love, they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King, they named a fraud.
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **(Chorus)**

I was so lost I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side.
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God. **(Chorus)**

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving