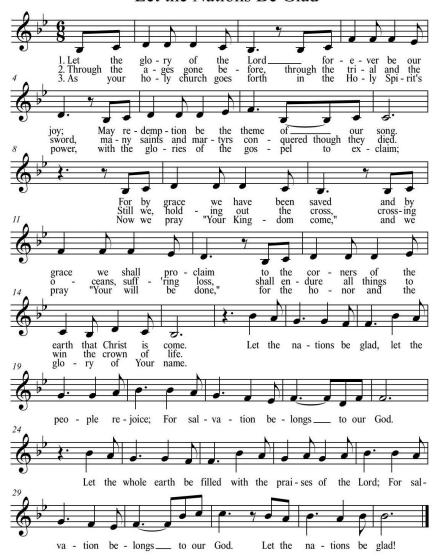
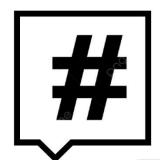
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Ephesians 5:1-2

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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. Sunday School is available for grade school ages following the Children's Blessing.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED is available. Please contact a member of the media team to use the assisted listening devices.

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 on nights and 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.

OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

- 1. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
- 2. Send in your financial support via the USPS.
- 3. Contact Pastor Gregg (814-460-3123) for information on setting up direct deposit.
- 4. Give through PayPal at paypal.me/fpcne or FPCNE.ORG. Or scan the QR code with your phone camera to go right to the church's Paypal account.



CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICES have resumed on Thursday evenings at 6:00 and 7:00 PM, respectively. Thinking about giving Bell or Chancel Choir a try? Now is a great time! We could really use more ringers and singers! Questions? Speak with Jane.

MAY IS FPCNE'S MONTH TO HELP AT THE NORTH EAST COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. There are time slots for Friday and Saturday mornings. Sign-up sheets are in the Assembly Room. Please sign up to help with this local mission project.

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

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

LET'S ALL PITCH IN TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR. All

you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host." If you'd like to just donate snack/goodies, please leave them in the kitchenette. Sign up in the Assembly Room.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING SONG

"Let It Be Said of Us"

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion, That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given; That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song, By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song 'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us, we were marked by forgiveness. We were known by our love and delighted in meekness. We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

- * OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND
- * BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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Join us in the Assembly Room for Coffee and Fellowship Hour following the service.

Today's flowers are given by Jerry Weinheimer.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS.

Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA
May 5, 2024, 10:30 A.M.
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Gregg Townsend

* GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

John McClure

Leader: God calls us to worship,

Congregation: and we come,

some with laughter and songs of joy. God calls us to worship, and we come.

some from a sense of obligation or habit. God calls us to worship, and we come.

some with hearts heavy with grief. God calls us to worship, and we come.

some with distraction or exhaustion. God calls us to worship, and we come.

some with eagerness and enthusiasm. God calls us to worship, and we come,

some with stress, loneliness, or depression.

As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.

* OPENING PRAISE

"Let the Nations Be Glad"

See back

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Thanks be to God!

—from Acts 10:43, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:3-6

MESSAGE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

* RESPONDING IN SONG

"Spirit of God"

Spirit of God descend upon my heart, Wean it from earth through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King. All, all Thine own soul heart and strength and mind. I see Thy cross there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek Thee and O let me find. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love. One holy passion filling all my frame. The baptism of the heav'n descended dove. My heart an altar and Thy love the flame.

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.

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

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.