

**The Earth Is Full of the Goodness of the Lord**

**Refrain**

The earth is full \_\_\_\_\_ full of the good-ness, the  
 good-ness of the Lord. The earth is full \_\_\_\_\_  
 full of the good-ness, the good-ness of the Lord.

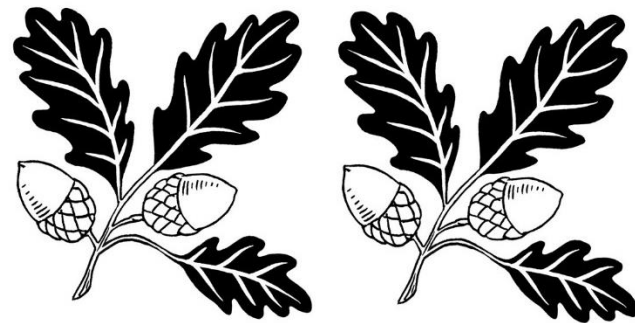
1. Bless - ed the na - tion whose God is the Lord.  
 2. Our soul is wait - ing for \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

the peo - ple he has cho - sen as \_\_\_\_\_ his  
 He \_\_\_\_\_ is our help \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our

her - i - tage. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who  
 shield. \_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_ Him do our hearts \_\_\_\_\_ find  
 May your mer - c - ful love be up -

fear him, who hope in his mer - ci - ful love.  
 joy. \_\_\_\_\_ We trust in His ho - ly name.  
 on us. as we hope in you, \_\_\_\_\_ O Lord.

The earth  
 is full   
 of the  
*goodness*  
 of the  
**LORD**



Psalm 33:5

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS.**

Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

**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.

**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 GREEN,** which symbolizes spiritual growth and is used during Ordinary time—all time periods during the church calendar not marked by a specific season.

**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.



## First Presbyterian Church

### Announcements and Things to Know

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6.** What better way to celebrate World Communion Sunday than with a Chili Cookoff fundraiser for Kairos Ministries. Sign-up sheets are in the Assembly Room. Not a chili maker? No problem. Sign up to bring dessert. Should be fun.

**CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE RESUMED ON THURSDAY EVENINGS.** We welcome new members and need both men and women, both singers and ringers! Bell Choir practice is held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM, followed by Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM. Speak with Jane Livingston for more info.

**HELP SUPPORT OUR CLOTHING MINISTRY.** Please consider donating your gently used winter clothing to the clothing ministry. We need winter clothing for men, women, and children of all ages. You can place your donations in the Assembly Room. Or send them to the church, and we'll put them to very good use!

**WE WILL HAVE A CLOTHING SORTING DAY ON OCTOBER 19 FROM 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** to prepare for this year's giveaway day, which will be November 2 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**NOVEMBER IS FPCNE'S TURN TO STAFF THE FOOD PANTRY.** See the sign-up sheet in the Assembly Room.

**SIGN UP IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR OUR CHANCEL IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.** Please email Jane (jlivingston@neo.rr.com) with information for the bulletin.

**SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR.** All you need to do is make the coffee and drinks, set out the necessary supplies and "host."

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town, to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease.  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living Word.  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord.  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

**\* 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. 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](https://paypal.me/fpcne) or [FPCNE.ORG](https://FPCNE.ORG). Scan the QR code with your phone camera to go right to the church's Paypal account.



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# First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

September 29, 2024, 10:30 A.M.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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**

Jamison Drab

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

**Congregation: For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

—Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV

**\* OPENING PRAISE**

“The Earth Is Full”

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ. And we confess that too often Christ in us is**

**hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up.**

**Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love.  
Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.  
Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.  
Open our hands in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.  
Open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way.**

**We pray trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.**

**CHORUS** "Open Our Eyes"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.  
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears Lord and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

#### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

**SONG FOR ILLUMINATION** "Open the Eyes Of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You. I want to see You.  
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 3:12-19

#### **MESSAGE**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\* RESPONDING IN SONG** "Today"

Today, I choose to follow You.  
Today, I choose to give my yes to You.  
Today, I choose to hear Your voice and live.  
Today, I choose to follow You.

**As for me and my house, we will serve You.  
As for me and my house, we will spend our lives on You...today.**

Wonderful, Counselor, Everlasting Father,  
Eternal King, Lord of Hosts, willingly we follow. **(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.**

### **SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\* CLOSING SONG** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord.  
To help to set the captive free. Make plowshare out of sword.  
To feed the hungry quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast.  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last....

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race.  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud. We sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.