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The earth
is full
of the
goodness
of the
LORD

Psalm 33:5



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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 on hiatus for the summer.

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.



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Announcements and Things to Know

THANK YOU TO CHRISTY REINSEL AND BARB SWEET leading worship and providing music for today's service.

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!

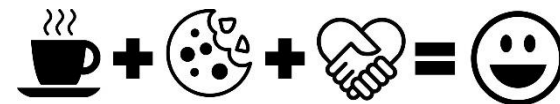
WE WILL BE STARTING UP OUR CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. We welcome new members and need both men and women, both singers and ringers! Bell Choir practice is held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM, followed by Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM. Speak with Jane Livingston for more info.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 6. What better way to celebrate World Communion Sunday than with a Chili Cookoff fundraiser for Kairos Ministries. Stay tuned for more information and sign-up sheets.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS.

Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

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



SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING SONG

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder.
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul! My Savior God to Thee!
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul! My Savior God to Thee!
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **(Chorus)**

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(Chorus)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: my God how great Thou art! **(Chorus)**

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Following the worship service, please join us in the
Assembly Room for Coffee & Fellowship Hour.

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North East, PA

September 8, 2024, 10:30 A.M.

Sixteenth 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

Elder Christy Reinsel

* GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Congregation: who made heaven and earth.

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell
of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name,
O Most High.**

—Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 9:1-2, NRSV

* OPENING PRAISE

“Come, Christians Join to Sing” #150

Come, Christians, join to sing. Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King. Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come. lift your hearts on high. Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend to us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again. Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain. Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore.
Singing forevermore. Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LAMENT "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" #403

What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit. O what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden? Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee. Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that you are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 119: 89-91
Psalm 119: 95-97
Psalm 119: 105-107
Deuteronomy 6: 6-9

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **RESPONDING IN SONG** "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou would love and do what Thou would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God until my heart is pure.
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God till I am wholly Thine
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God so shall I never die
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

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.