

## CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our Youth for participating as readers, greeters, and preachers in today's service!

**ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The PW of Lake Erie Presbytery Spring Gathering will be held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 AM -1:30 PM. Details can be found on the flyer on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room or by contacting Deanna Ott. Registration deadline is April 13.

**SQUARE CIRCLE** will meet this Wednesday, April 15, at 6:30 PM at the home of Jean LaFuria, 9747 West Main Road. All women are welcome to join us for devotions, prayer, and fellowship.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR.** Many hands make light work! We appreciate your help in making coffee hour a success!

**SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.** Please email [jmlivingston20@outlook.com](mailto:jmlivingston20@outlook.com) with bulletin details.

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

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## 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](https://paypal.me/fpcne) or at [FPCNE.ORG](https://www.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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## 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.

**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.

### CONTACT INFO YOU MIGHT NEED

- Contact Pastor Gregg anytime at (814) 460-3123 (call or text) and [pastortownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jmlivingston20@outlook.com](mailto:jmlivingston20@outlook.com).
- Please send announcements or calendar events to Jane.

## SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \* CLOSING HYMN

“Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord.  
Come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me.  
Give me faith for what I cannot see.  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within.  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least.  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made.  
Show Your power once again on earth.  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice.  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

### \* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

### \* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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*Today's chancel flowers are given by Lisa Kelly.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* **RESPONDING IN SONG**      “Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us.  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O lord and fulfill in us, all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise.  
Cause our eyes to see.  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail,  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds.  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord till Your church is built,  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

### 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.**

## First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

April 12, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Second Sunday of Easter | Youth Sunday

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### GATHERING MUSIC

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Pastor Gregg Townsend

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**      Joel McClure

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**Congregation: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy, to sing  
and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

\* **OPENING PRAISE**      “Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of seas and sky. I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night.

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them?

Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?**

**I have heard You calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord if You lead me.**

**I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain.  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone.  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of wind and flame.  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Emma Hirneisen

Please join me in the 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.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

**as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

—Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

#### **\* SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

“Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion.  
A love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness. The kindness of a Savior.  
The hope of nations

**Savior, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
Forever, author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.**

So, take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender. Yes, I surrender. **(Chorus)**

Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. **(Chorus)**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

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

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Bell Choir

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 5:13-16

#### **MESSAGE**

John McClure

“Ingredients to Doing Good in this World: Salt & Light”