

Creation Sings the Father's Song

1. Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; He calls the sun to wake the
2. Cre - a - tion gazed up - on His face; The age - less One in time's em -
3. Cre - a - tion longs for His re - turn, when Christ shall reign up - on the

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dawn and run the course of day, till eve - ning falls in ceim - son
brace; un - veiled the Fa - ther's plan of re - con - cil - ing God and
earth; The bit - ter wars that rage are birth pains of a com - ing

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rays. His fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow; His breath up -
man. A se - cond A - dam walked the earth, whose blame - less
age. When He re - news the land and sky, all heav'n will

12
on this spin - ning globes; He charts the ea - gle's flight, com -
life would break the curse, whose death would set us free to
sing and earth re - ply with one re - splen - dent theme: The

16
mands the new - born ba - by's cry. Hal - le - lu - jah! Let
live with Him e - ter - nal - ly.
glo - ry of our God and King!

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all cre - a - tion stand and sing: "Hal - le - lu - jah!" Fill the

24
earth with songs of wor - ship, tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.

The **Word**
became flesh
and moved
into our
neighborhood.



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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 and other 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 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.
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Announcements and Things to Know

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is on! We're collecting soup for the North East Community Food Pantry now through February 8.



Bring in a few cans or cases! Order online and have soup shipped to the church. Or, you can also make a donation, and we'll shop for you!

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR FOR WINTER COAT SALES. Please consider taking advantage of winter coats and clothing sales that are happening right now in your favorite stores. It's a great way to stretch your dollar in support of our Coat and Clothing Ministry. Just drop off your bags in the Assembly Room, and we'll store them until our Clothing Giveaway Day in the fall.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS! "Let Them" by Mel Robbins; "Beautiful People Don't Just Happen" by Scott Sauls; "Go Home For Dinner" by Mike Pence; "100 Years For Living to 100" by Dick Van Dyke; "Backyard Guide to Birds of North America" by National Geographic; "Meditations by Marcus Aurelius."

ANNOUNCING OUR FEBRUARY LIBRARY PROMOTION MONTH CONTEST. Sign a book out and sign up to win a \$30 book gift card or a big stuffed bear. Winners will be announced on February 22.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS. Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

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 FPCNE.ORG.
3. Scan the QR code in the pew pocket to go right to the church's Paypal account.
4. Speak with Pastor Gregg for details on setting up direct deposit.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:35-42

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** 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.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies.
No sudden rending of the veil of clay.
No angel vision, no opening skies,
But take the dimness of my soul away.

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.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King.
All, all Thine own soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross there, teach me to cling.
O let me seek Thee and O let me find.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love.
One holy passion filling all my frame.
The presence of Thy 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

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.