

## 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 land and earth, whose blame-less  
age. When He re - news the sky, all heav'n will

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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

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mands the new - born ba - by's cry. Hal - le - lu - jah! Let  
live with Him e - ter - nal - ly. King!

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

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

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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](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jmlivingston20@outlook.com](mailto:jmlivingston20@outlook.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.

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

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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 [FPCNE.ORG](http://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 he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

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.

## SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* CLOSING HYMN                   “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)**

## \* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

## \* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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# First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

February 1, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Joe Spacht

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Congregation: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.**

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**Praise the Lord, my soul.**

—Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22, NIV

\* OPENING PRAISE                   “Creation Sings the Father's Song”  
*See back of bulletin*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.