

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!

20
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.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jmlivingston20@outlook.com.



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Announcements and Things to Know

TODAYS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Jenn McClure.

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.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WEDNESDAYS.

Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

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SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING HYMN “Beautiful Savior (All My Days)”

All my days, I will sing this song of gladness.
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights.
For in my helplessness, You heard my cry.
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer.
I will sing of the blood that never fails.
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

**Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor.
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You’re the Way the Truth the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness.
You’re the Risen One, heaven’s Champion.
And You reign You reign over all.**

I long to be where the praise is never ending.
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades.
Where countless worshipers will share one song.
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb. **(Chorus)**

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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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 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.

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North East, PA

January 25, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Third 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

Dave Meehl

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

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RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

LAMENT

“Near the Cross”

Jesus keep me near the cross.
There a precious fountain.
Free to all a healing stream.
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me.
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me. **(Chorus)**

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me.
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o’er me. **(Chorus)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-34

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* RESPONDING IN SONG

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.
I love the holy, Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your gift of love, they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King, they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **(Chorus)**

I was so lost, I should have died.
But You have brought me to Your side.
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. **(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.