

Holy Week Services _____

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 AM

Welcome the King into Jerusalem! Celebrate Christ's kingship and God's everlasting covenant.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 PM

Join us for Maundy Thursday as we journey together through the Garden of Gethsemane, sharing in communion and reflection.

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM

Join us on Good Friday for a moving worship service centered on the sacrifice of Jesus, a time of reflection and prayer.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4 at 7:49 PM (Sunset)

Gather with us at sunset on the church steps as we begin our Easter Vigil and carry the light of Christ into the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate Easter with us, and experience the joy of the Resurrection, uplifting music, and a sanctuary filled with spring beauty.



LENT

LENT
REFUGE
RENEWAL
RESTRAINT

REPENTANCE REASSURANCE
REMEMBRANCE RECONCILIATION
RESTORATION RESURRECTION

REFLECTION
READINESS
RADIANCE
REVERENCE
RELIANCE
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RETURN

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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, Sunday School and nursery care are 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 PURPLE, which is used during the penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn Christ endured and the sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation.

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

PICK UP A LENTEN FLIER AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. Plan ahead and put all our Holy Week services on your calendar.

PICK UP AN EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM at the back of the sanctuary. All flowers are \$10 each, with orders due by March 22. Please give your payment and order forms to Jane.

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION. Please email jmlivingston20@outlook.com with bulletin details.

TODAY'S FLOWERS AND COFFEE HOUR are given and hosted by Beth Poor in celebration of Dave Poor's 70th birthday! Happy birthday, Dave!

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



Check out the bulletin boards throughout the Assembly Room and hallways.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR. Many hands make light work!

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING HYMN “See How He Loves Us”

See insert

* 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](https://www.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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March 8, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Third Sunday in Lent

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 “Come, Let Us Return to the Lord”

See Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Al Cramer

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Silent confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.
Amen!

—from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

*** SONG OF THANKSGIVING** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church’s story.
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour.
For the facing of this hour.

Lo the hosts of evil ‘round us.
Scorn Thy Christ assail Thy ways.
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days.
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children’s warring madness.
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal.
Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal.

Set our feet on lofty places.
Gird our lives that they may be.
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
That we fail not them nor Thee.
That we fail not them nor Thee.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:1-16
Pew Bible, Page 702

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** RESPONDING IN SONG** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is His Name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake His Ways.
And leads me for His Mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Your Presence is my stay.
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your Hand in sight of all my foes does still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows. Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
Oh, may Your House be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come.
No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

SILENT REFLECTION

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.