

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO ALL YOU PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD! Boxes are due today.

TODAY WE WELCOME Jacob Light into our FPCNE family, and we are baptizing Eloise Lucille Light, who is the daughter of Angela and Jacob Light. The rose on the communion table is in honor of Ellie's baptism.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF ELOISE LUCILLE LIGHT by her parents, Jake and Angela, on her day of baptism.

FLOWERS ARE ALSO GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MARTAN (MARTY) KELLY on his 60th birthday today from his family.

Advent Begins Next Week!

PICK UP AN ADVENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS at the back of the sanctuary. We have a wonderful Advent planned for you!

STAY FOR A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR on the first Sunday of Advent and help to decorate the sanctuary tree.

ADVENT BRUNCH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 9:00 AM

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall prior to worship for Sunday brunch. Enjoy a variety of delicious brunch dishes and good conversation with your church family before heading upstairs for the Second Sunday of Advent worship. **Sign up in the Assembly Room to provide a dish.**

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With love
With rejoicing
With unity
With adoration
With thanksgiving
To GOD



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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 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 WHITE, which is used for special days of great joy.

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 jlivingston@neo.rr.com.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CLOSING SONG

“Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished all fearfulness banished
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law, God enforces the stars in their courses,
The sun, in its orbit, obediently shines.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean, proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration, a song let us raise.
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest hosanna and praise.

* 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 at FPCNE.ORG. Click On the Paypal link. Easy!
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**.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* RESPONDING IN SONG

“Take My Life”

Holiness, holiness is what I long for,
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for,
Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

**So, take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.
Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.**

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for,
Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

**So, take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.
Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.
So, take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.
Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord. To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.**

Purity, purity is what I long for,
Purity is what I need.
Purity, purity is what You want from me.
It's what You want from me. It's what You want from me.

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

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

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

Dianne Tyler

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

—Psalm 95:1-7, NRSV

*** OPENING PRAISE** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name, let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race.
Ye ransomed from the fall.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball.
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng.
We at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Thanks be to God!

—based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10, NIV

*** SONG OF THANKSGIVING** “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns. The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns. All music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for Thee.
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side.
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight.
But downward bend His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a scepter sways.
From pole to pole that wars may cease absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet.
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years. The Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail Redeemer hail, for Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP

Jacob Light

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eloise Lucille Light
Infant Daughter of Angela and Jacob Light

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13:18-25

MESSAGE