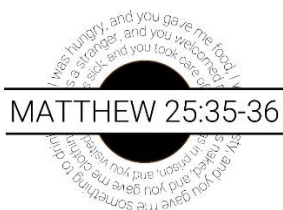


CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Al Cramer.

STAY TUNED NEXT WEEK for news about our upcoming Matthew 25 Initiative during the month of May.



PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR. Many hands make light work! We appreciate your help in making coffee hour a success!

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.

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

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](https://www.fpcne.org).
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.

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They believed the scripture.
They believed the word.
They believed.

Adapted from John 2:22

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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.

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.

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.
- Please send announcements or calendar events to Jane.

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **CLOSING HYMN** "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

**We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things.
We will say together:
We will feast and weep no more.**

We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood.
Upheld, protected, gathered up. **(Chorus)**

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. **(Chorus)**

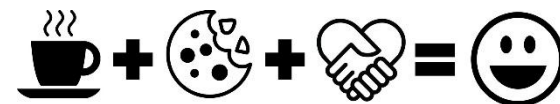
Every vow, we've broken and betrayed.
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us, together bring shalom. **(Chorus)**

* **OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**

* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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Join us in the Assembly Room for Coffee and Fellowship Hour following the service.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **RESPONDING IN SONG** “Let It Be Said of Us”

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev’ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the pow’r of the risen Lord.

**Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
‘Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.**

Let it be said of us, we were marked by forgiveness.
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity’s call
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

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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.

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North East, PA

April 19, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Third Sunday of Easter

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Gregg Townsend

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** J.B. Salter

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Congregation: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

—Psalm 66:1-2, 4, NRSV

* **OPENING PRAISE** “O Worship the King”

O worship the King, all glorious above.
O gratefully sing, God’s power and God’ love.
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days.
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God’s might. O sing of God’s grace.
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of heav’n, the deep thunderclouds form.
And bright is God’s path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold.
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old.
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite.
It breathes in the air. It shines in the light.
It streams from the hills. It descends to the plain.
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail.
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end.
Our maker, defender, redeemer and friend.

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.

SONG OF CONFESSION “The Heart of Worship”

When the music fades,
All is stripped away and I simply come.
Longing just to bring something that’s of worth.
That will bless Your heart.

I’ll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear.
You’re looking into my heart.

**I’m coming back to the heart of worship
And it’s all about You, all about You Jesus.**

**I’m sorry Lord for the thing I’ve made it.
When it’s all about You, all about You Jesus.**

King of endless worth,
No one could express how much You deserve.
Though I’m weak and poor,
All I have is Yours... ev’ry single breath.

I’ll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

—John 3:16-17, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:13-25

MESSAGE