

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR. Many hands make light work! We appreciate your help in making our Coffee and Fellowship 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.

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST, JOY OR CONCERN TO SHARE, please speak with Pastor Gregg or call or text his cell phone at (814) 460-3123. You can also email our prayer chain at jmlivingston20@outlook.com or text Jane at (814) 504-1135.

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

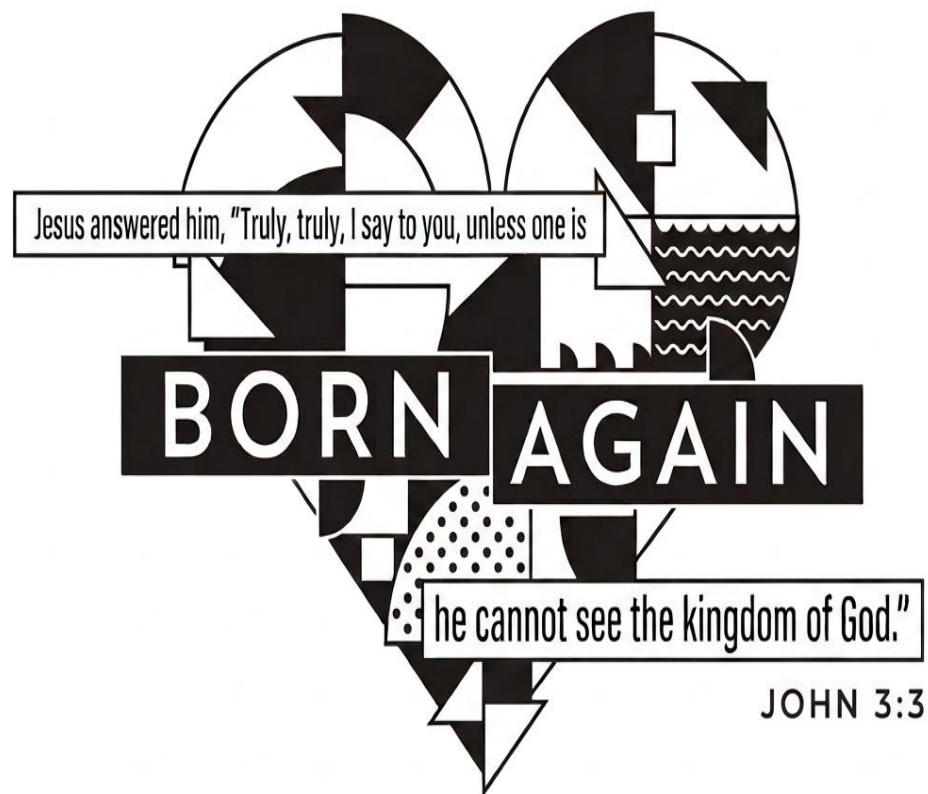
MISSION AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY.

During the month of May, we will be collecting “Sundry Items” for Community Shelter Services. These include trial size items of shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, skin cream, etc. Even if you have unopened items at home that are full size or trial size, the shelter will be grateful for any contribution.

Community Shelter Services provides emergency shelter, supportive services, and safe, affordable housing for people in Erie who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. They offer immediate care, long-term housing options, and compassionate support to help individuals and families move toward stability and hope.

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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

“Spirit Song”

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

**Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs!
Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs!**

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness.
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **(Chorus)**

* OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

* BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE



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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.

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 (Please eat the bread and then drink the 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.

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.

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North East, PA

May 10, 2026, 10:30 A.M.

Sixth 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

Pastor Gregg Townsend

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Fred Lucore

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

Congregation: his love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting us free. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

We will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—from Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24, NIV

* OPENING PRAISE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart.

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—

Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word.
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

LAMENT

“As the Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.

**You alone are my strength, my shield.
To You alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.**

You’re my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.
(Chorus)

I want You more than gold or silver. Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye. **(Chorus)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15:20-22, NRSV

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-8

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* RESPONDING IN SONG

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**This is my story. This is my song.
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story. This is my song.
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy whispers of love. **(Chorus)**

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness lost in His love. **(Chorus)**