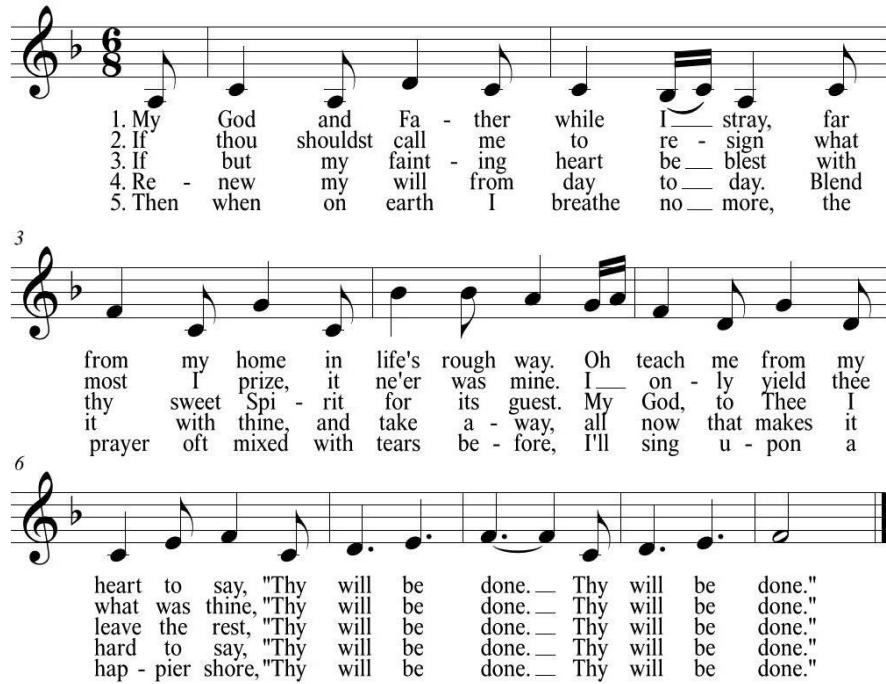


## Thy Will Be Done



1. My God and Fa - ther while I stray, far  
 2. If thou shouldst call me to re - sign, what  
 3. If but my faint - ing heart be - blest with  
 4. Re - new my will from day to day, Blend  
 5. Then when on earth I breathe no more, the

3  
 from my home in life's rough way. Oh teach me from my  
 most I prize, it ne'er was mine. I on - ly yield thee I  
 thy sweet Spi - rit for its guest. My God, to Thee I  
 it with thine, and take a - way, all now that makes it  
 prayer oft mixed with tears be - fore, I'll sing u - pon a

6  
 heart to say, "Thy will be done. — Thy will be done."  
 what was thine, "Thy will be done. — Thy will be done."  
 leave the rest, "Thy will be done. — Thy will be done."  
 hard to say, "Thy will be done. — Thy will be done."  
 hap - pier shore, "Thy will be done. — Thy will be done."

### OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND

1. Place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Send in your financial support via the USPS.
3. Contact Pastor Gregg (814-460-3123) for information on setting up direct deposit.
4. Give through PayPal at [paypal.me/fpcne](https://paypal.me/fpcne). Or scan the QR code with your phone camera to go right to the church's Paypal account.



Clothe yourselves  
 with the new self,  
**CREATED**  
 — according to the —  
**Likeness of**  
**GOD**  
 in true righteousness  
 and holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

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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. Sunday School is available for grade school ages following the Children's Blessing.

**ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED** is available. Please contact a member of the media team to use the assisted listening devices.

**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 on nights and 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](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com).

## CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Please sign up in the Assembly Room or call Christy Reinsel at (814) 881-1313.

**CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICES HAVE RESUMED ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM.** We'll be preparing for Holy Week and Easter services. Thinking about giving Chancel Choir a try? Now is a great time! Speak with Jane if you have questions. Please note: Bell Choir is still on hiatus.

**ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** You have been Saving the Date for the PW Spring Gathering on April 20. The registration form is now available on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room. If you plan on attending, use the form to sign up by April 8 or call or text Deanna Ott at (814-490-3899).

**SQUARE CIRCLE** will meet this Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 PM at the home of Jean LaFuria, 9747 West Main Road. All women are welcome to join us for devotion, prayer, and fellowship.

**SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION.** A new 2024 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the church office. Please email [jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com) with bulletin details.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
by Wednesdays. Please email Pastor Gregg or Jane.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 AM

Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday

Saturday, March 30 at 7:43 PM (Sunset)

Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday

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. (Chorus)

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.**

**SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

- \* **CLOSING SONG**      “Thy Will Be Done” (Verses 1-5) See back
- \* **OFFERING OUR TENTH AND GIFTS BEYOND**
- \* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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**First Presbyterian Church**  
North East, PA  
March 17, 2024, 10:30 A.M.  
Fifth 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Pastor Gregg Townsend

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**\* PRAYER AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us pray:  
**Congregation: Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus’ death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus’ death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.  
**Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.**

Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

## \* OPENING PRAISE

“Draw Me to the Cross”

Draw me to the cross, there I will meet you.  
Ransomed Son of Man, you who came to serve.  
Paying all the price I’ve been set free.  
My Lord, my Lord, what have you done for me?

Draw me to the cross, there I will meet you.  
Powerless and ungodly though I was.  
Even still you died on my behalf.  
Now I’m justified, safe from God’s wrath.

**Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord...  
To Thy precious bleeding side.**

Draw me to the cross, there I will meet you.  
Caught in sin’s grip, enemy of yours.  
You came seeking, reconciling me.  
Saved and now a friend, wrapped within your love. **(Chorus)**

Draw me to the cross, there I will meet you.  
I fear no one who would condemn me.  
There is no pow’r so great as yours.  
The cross, a sure sign of your victory. **(Chorus)**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SUNG RESPONSE

“I Come to the Cross”

I come to the cross, seeking mercy and grace.  
I come to the cross where You died in my place.  
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,  
Humbly I come to the cross.

Your arms are open. You call me by name.  
You welcome this child that was lost.  
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.  
Jesus, I come. Jesus, I come. Jesus, I come to the cross.

*Silent Prayer*

## 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.**

From I Timothy 1:15 and I Peter 2:24

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:17-24

### MESSAGE

## 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.