

# 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**  
**RELEASE**  
**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](mailto:pastortownsend@yahoo.com).
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and [jmlivingston20@outlook.com](mailto:jmlivingston20@outlook.com).



## First Presbyterian Church

### 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 **TODAY**. Please give your payment and order forms to Jane.

**THE ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** is in honor of the birth of Findley Dennis Drab. Findley is the son of Megan and Jamison Drab, the brother of Callahan Drab and the grandson of Sandy Drab.

**MARCH IS FPCNE'S MONTH TO VOLUNTEER AT THE NORTH EAST FOOD PANTRY** on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:15 AM for a few hours. Please sign up in the Assembly Room.

**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! We appreciate your help in making coffee hour a success!

## 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](https://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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## First Presbyterian Church

North East, PA

March 22, 2026, 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

Pastor Gregg Townsend

\* GREETING

\* CALL TO WORSHIP “Come, Let Us Return to the Lord”

*See Insert*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Uglow

**Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us. You took what we are so that we might become what you are. But we confess that often we ignore our sin. We confess that too often we do not confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity. You are our stronghold, our hiding place. May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice and be glad in you and in the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Christ, Amen.**

*Silent confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn

from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

—from Matthew 11:28-30, NRSV

\* **RESPONSE** “Alas and Did My Savior Bleed” *with* “At the Cross”

Alas and did my Savior bleed and did my Sov’ reign die.  
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I have done, He suffered upon the tree.  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree.

**At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away.  
It was there by faith, I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day.**

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in?  
When Christ, the great Redeemer died for His own creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne’er repay, the debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away is all that I can do.

**At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away.  
It was there by faith, I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Pew Bible, Page 704

MESSAGE

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* **RESPONDING IN SONG** “Be Still, My Soul (In You I Rest)”

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
In ev’ry change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heav’nly friend,  
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake,  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake.  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know,  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

**In You I rest, in You I found my hope.  
In You I trust, You never let me go.  
I place my life within Your hands alone, be still, my soul.**

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on,  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot Love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past.  
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last. **(Chorus)**

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.**