

MAUNDY THURSDAY



MARCH 29, 2018

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY AND TENEBRAE SERVICE

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SEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead Me, Lord

(p.42, #57Black)

**CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: slow to anger and abounding in love.

One: This is our new commandment in Christ:

All: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.

**OPENING PRAYER

One: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies.

All: Amen.

**HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

**CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You call us to love, as Christ loves, but in our hearts we betray him. You call us to serve, as Christ serves, but we flinch at the washing of feet. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**KYRIE ELEISON

**TIME FOR SILENCE *(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**HYMN 847 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* (first verse only)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look

for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

In Remembrance

Courtney & Red

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to deliver us from the bondage of death and slavery to sin... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Christ is the bread of life:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the

communion of the body and blood of Christ... Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever as you taught us to pray, Our Father....

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 16 (traditional)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who are baptized in a Christian church, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take communion. To receive the elements, please come forward pew by pew at the moment indicated by the ushers, dip your bread into the cup and then partake. Return to your seat using the side aisle.

**HYMN 227

Jesus Remember Me

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: God of the wilderness journey, thank you for giving us what we need for all the roads we travel. For the bread that nourishes our spirits and the cup that gladdens our hearts, we thank you. As we meet others on the way, may our lives and words, by the power of your Spirit, provide testimony to your gracious and faithful provision.

All: Amen.

TENEBRAE

As the sanctuary is stripped and we listen to the story of our savior's death, let us contemplate the sacrifice the Lamb of God has made for each one of us.

Reading One	MATTHEW 26:26-46	Ed Burnett
Reading Two	MATTHEW 26:47-56	John Shives
Reading Three	MATTHEW 26:57-27:5	Ben White
Reading Four	MATTHEW 27:6-23	Susan Barmer
Reading Five	MATTHEW 27:24-31	Gary Hackenburg

Reading Six

MATTHEW 27:32-44

Noreen Knudson

Reading Seven

MATTHEW 27:45-50

Gary Hackenburg

***After the narthex doors open, please depart in silence.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The day on which Jesus ate the last supper with his disciples is traditionally known as Maundy Thursday in the Christian Church. ‘Maundy’ comes from the Latin word ‘mandatum’ (from which we get our English word ‘mandate’). The term is usually translated “commandment,” based on the new commandment to love one another that Jesus gave the disciples that night (John 13:34-35).

TENEBRAE

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.

This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, with a final candle, the Christ candle, brought into the sanctuary, symbolizing that the light of Christ could not be extinguished. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

WELCOME !

If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.

If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.

If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: www.fpc-rr.org.

If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.

In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2017

Gary Hackenburg
Bev Hummel
Mike Knudson
Jenny Shives

Class of 2018

Shane Arthur
Faye Brown
Nancy Sandoval

Class of 2019

Jeff Dillard
Denise Hackenburg
Brian Harris
John Shives

WORLD MISSIONS

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthresley in the Congo, and the Rev. Dr. Donald Marsden, Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship.

OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.
Sunday Evening Worship, 5:15-5:45 pm in the Loy Building

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations are announced in the bulletin or you may call the church office for further information. Pet Spears and Nancy Crowe are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meets Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am. Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm and is taught by Tracy Snowbarger and Shanna Tant. Four year old classes will be held in the morning and afternoon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Classes are 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-3:30 pm. Contact the church office for further information.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men. Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Pioneers – 3rd grade up to Middleschoolers
Senior Youth – Middleschoolers & Highschoolers
Contact the church office for more information.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor
Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant
Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director
Charles Harris, Organist
Nancy Sandoval, Choral Accompanist