

First Presbyterian Church



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Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion

April 18, 2019 / 7 p.m.

Prelude

Within the Darkest Night
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Derek Hakes

Responsive Call to Worship

On this night we gather to remember.

Tonight we enter into the pain and betrayal of Jesus.

Shadows which encroach on every life surround us even here.

Tonight we enter the reality of that moment in history

when Shadows seemed to extinguish the Light of the World.

**We come in awe and in worship, for the darkness has never,
and will never, overcome the Light revealed
in the life and love of Jesus Christ.**

The Lord's Supper

"And When They Were at Table ..."

Responsive Communion Litany

We begin at the Table, re-living the last meal Jesus shared
with his friends on the night of his arrest and agony.

**Jesus and his followers gathered around a supper table
to celebrate the Passover.**

As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and said to them,

"This is my body, broken for you.

Take and eat, and remember me."

When the meal was complete, Jesus took the cup of wine and said to them,

"This is my blood shed for you.

Take and drink, and remember me."

And so we do this, now and always,
to remain connected with the One
who gave himself for us.

Invocation Prayer

Holy Spirit come, be poured out upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and cup,
so that we may eat the bread of Jesus' body;
and drink the wine of Jesus' blood;
and be nourished by the love of Jesus,
the One who died to bring us life.

**We shall keep sharing this meal together
until he returns. Amen.**

The Communion is shared.

Please come forward to be served.

If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

**We thank you, Lord God,
for giving us this sacred meal,
for giving us your Presence
and your Life,
for giving us your love,
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.**

Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing

All gifts in tonight's offering, unless noted otherwise, will go to support *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

At the offertory

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

John Reim

Adaptation of Isaiah 53

Chancel Choir

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. With Your stripes we are healed. The

Lord has placed on you the iniquity of all. Have mercy. The chastisement of our

peace was upon You. You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

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The Shadow of Betrayal – Judas

Based on Matthew 26:20-25

The First Light is Extinguished

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Judas extinguishes the first candle.

Hymn 206 (stanzas 1-3) (seated) This Is the Night

MY NEIGHBOR

Responsive Praise and Confession

Lord Jesus, your passion for us is more than we can fully comprehend.

You did not hide from your accusers,

You did not run from the darkness,

You did not fade into safe obscurity.

You faced it all with determination and love,

willingly giving yourself to whip and fist, to wood and nails.

We praise you, gracious Lord,

for what you endured to show God's unconditional love.

We praise you, gracious Lord,

for your forgiveness, and your invitation to wholeness.

Forgive us for allowing ourselves to become too familiar with this story,
for taking your agony for granted, and your grace without consideration.

As the darkness encroaches, help us keep watch with you,

help us comprehend the cost and the depth

of the love you freely gave and forever give.

The Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

The Shadow of Inner Agony – Salome (Mother of James and John)

Based on Luke 22:39-46

The Second Light is Extinguished

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Salome extinguishes the second candle.

Anthem

My Song in the Night
Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night: Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight. Unto Thee O Lord in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night.

O why should I wander an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see. My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

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The Shadow of Desertion – John

Based on Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56

The Third Light is Extinguished

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

John extinguishes the third candle.

Hymn 220 (stanza 1) (seated) Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

The Shadow of Denial – Peter

Based on Matthew 26:31-35

The Fourth Light is Extinguished

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Peter extinguishes the fourth candle.

Hymn 215 (stanza 2) (seated) What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

The Shadow of Accusation – Mary Magdalene

Based on Matthew 26:59-67

The Fifth Light is Extinguished

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Mary Magdalene extinguishes the fifth candle.

Hymn 218 (stanzas 4&5) (seated) Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIBSTER JESU

The Shadow of Mockery – Thomas

Based on Mark 15:12-20

The Sixth Light is Extinguished

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Thomas extinguishes the sixth candle.

Hymn 220 (stanza 2) (seated) Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

The Shadow of Death – Mary, Mother of Jesus

Based on Luke 23:33-46

The Seventh Light is Extinguished

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Mary extinguishes the seventh candle.

DARKNESS

*Silence is kept in the darkness as
the Christ candle is removed.*

*House lights will be partially restored
for the Chancel to be stripped.
Please wait reverently for this and
until the dismissal is spoken*

Dismissal

*Please depart in silence, allowing space for others to pray,
or linger briefly, or to otherwise depart with reverent silence.*

No benediction or postlude

Instrumentalists assisting with tonight's service:

Violin: Dwight Jennings, Melissa Wobig

'cello: Kay Tate

Worship participants in tonight's service:

Jay Rowland (Judas)

Karen Sessler (Salome)

Al Depman (John)

T. J. Parlette (Peter)

Cheri Hann (Mary Magdalene)

Casey Clements (Thomas)

Melissa Wobig (Mary, Mother of Jesus)



FRIDAY – April 14

Ecumenical **Good Friday service** from noon-1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

SATURDAY – April 15

Easter Egg Event for children through fifth grade. Join us from 9:30-11 a.m. for FPC's annual Easter Egg Event! Children should bring their own hard boiled eggs to dye and a basket for their candy and crafts. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come with their children, particularly preschool age children.

SUNDAY – April 16

Easter Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Easter Brunch: Join us between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday for the annual Easter Brunch! No reservations are necessary.

About Our Church

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