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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Maundy Thursday Service

**We invite all who are able to stand where there is an asterisk.*

PRELUDE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Gilbert M. Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection.

*OPENING HYMN ★223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*PRAYER (In unison)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment on our hearts, Lord. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. In faith and penitence let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. **Amen.**

FIRST READING — 1 Corinthians 11:23-31

NT p. 173

ANTHEM: “A Lenten Prayer”

Hal Hopson

Zach Everly, Soloist

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
Jesus walked that lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley; we must walk it for ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.
You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself;
Oh nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.
And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide;
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

SECOND READING — John 13:1-12

NT p. 107

SERMON “Stooping Low”

HYMN ★525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the
glory of your name:

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, Hosanna in the highest.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal he has prepared for us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (In unison)

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN ★209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

vs. 1-4

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH (No benediction; all depart in silence)

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder; **Director of Music Ministry:** Susan Barker; **Christian Education Director :** Diane Adams; **Financial Secretary:** Sue Bondie; **Administrative Assistant:** Kelly Vergowven; **Sexton:** Gary Bogedain; **Childcare:** Sue Bondie, Amy Morgan; **Custodian:** Lori Lewis

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Liturgist: Diane Adams; **Servers:** Kate, Jonathon, and Faye McCoppin