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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

“At the Table”  
Sanctus Handbell Choir

arr. Jason Krug

## \*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 took a towel and washed the disciples’ feet, giving an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.**

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

**and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.**

## \*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 in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive 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. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

**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. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.**

**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. May the God of mercy who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

FIRST READING — 1 Corinthians 11:23-31

NT p. 173

ANTHEM: “Prepare a Room for Me”

Randall Sensmeier

*Prepare a room for me, your Savior, host, and priest, where I may gather you, my friends, to celebrate the feast. This room we have prepared; the table now is set. We wait your promised presence, Lord, where we once more are met. Where even two or three have come to the meal to share, unseen, but living, loving still, I surely will be there. Lord Jesus Christ, your grace can give. We come with empty hungry hearts, that we may eat and live. My promise I will keep; your hunger will be fed, for in this meal I offer you myself, the living bread. All thanks and praise to you, our savior, Lord and friend, that through this loaf and cup you share your love that has no end.*

SECOND READING — John 13:1-12

NT p. 107

MEDITATION “Bending Low”

HYMN #218 “Ah, Holy Jesus”

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE (by intinction)

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.*

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Janet Spence, Flute

arr. Stan Pethel

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (In unison)

**God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal. May we show in our lives the fruits of his redemption. Amen.**

HYMN #209 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

vs. 1-4

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