

This Week at 1st Pres

Thursday, April 6

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service Sanctuary

Friday, April 7

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, April 8

10:00 AM Orchestra/Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Sunday, April 9

9:00 AM Easter Worship Service Sanctuary
9:15 AM Children's Church Children's Wing
10:30 AM Special Easter Music Sanctuary
11:00 AM Easter Worship Service Sanctuary
11:30 AM Children's Church Children's Wing



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*First Presbyterian Church exists to be a Christ-exalting,
city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission
in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,
to the glory of the Triune God.*

Maundy Thursday

APRIL 6, 2023

6:30 PM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

OUR PURPOSE

May our worship open your heart to God's love, your eyes to God's beauty, your mind to God's truth, and your will to God's service.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

The term "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin phrase "mandatum novum," which means "new commandment." The biblical reference is John 13, which features the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, followed by His statement about His new commandment to love one another just as He has loved us. B.W. Johnson says this foot-washing episode serves as "a rebuke to the disciples' ambitious strife, far more powerful than words could have spoken: It is such a rebuke that never again do we see a hint of the old question, 'Who should be greatest?' It was Christ's answer to their unseemly conduct and a lesson to all believers for all time. It said, 'Let him that would be greatest become the servant of all.'"

PRELUDE

"O God, Beyond All Praising" arr. S. Whitacre

String Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

"Thy Will Be Done" by Craig Courtney



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THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1,22-24

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the LORD's doing;**
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

GOSPEL LESSON

from John 13

Pastor: Now before the Feast of the Passover,
when Jesus knew that His hour had come
to depart out of this world to the Father,

People: **having loved His own who were in the world,**
He loved them to the end.

Pastor: Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands,
and that He had come from God and was going back to God,
rose from supper.

People: **He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel,**
tied it around His waist.

Pastor: Then He poured water into a basin
and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them
with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

People: **“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:**
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another
By this all people will know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another.”

†COMMUNION HYMN

“Behold the Lamb”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

Matthew 26:36-46 — “Thy Will Be Done”
Rev. Mike Haberkorn

TASTING OF GOD'S GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our heavenly Father,
we confess that we have doubted Your care and love
when facing our own bitter cups of suffering and pain.
Pardon us for not keeping watch with You in temptation's hour.
Instead of desiring Your will,
we have been absorbed with our own.
Forgive us for betraying our loyalty to You
by loving other things and people more than You.
Left to ourselves, we would run away in shame.
Yet Your Son gladly stoops again to serve us
by washing us with the waters of His blood.
Cleanse us thoroughly for we pray in the blessed name
of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to His own way;
and the Lord has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist,
is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus' cross,
relieve the anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal:
who profess faith in Jesus Christ,
who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church,
who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others,
and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend
this time considering Jesus' broken body and shed blood. Pray and
ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORDS OF PRAISE

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia!**

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Take these in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you.
Feed on them in your heart by faith, and drink remembering
that Christ's blood was shed for you.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 252 (vv. 1-4)

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God
and into the perseverance of Christ. Amen.

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