



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

• 1 John 4:19

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 17, 2025 | Evening Worship 7:00 pm

Welcome to church!



Il rompit le pain by Bernadette Lopez

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Comes from the Latin word "*mandatum*" which means "commandment," and "*novum*" which means "new." Tonight is our remembrance of Jesus' last night with his disciples when they shared a meal together and received the commandment of Christ: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." "Tenebrae" means "darkness" or "shadows." In this service candles are extinguished, and lights are dimmed, symbolizing the flight and denial of Jesus' disciples before the crucifixion.

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Near the Cross"

arr. L. Schackley

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalms 34:1-4, 8

... and at the last day may reign with him in heaven. Therefore, we say together:

**I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG

"It Is the Cry Of My Heart"

It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life

Teach me Your holy ways O Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways O Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You (refrain)

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You (refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...
we have failed to serve as Jesus served;
we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;
we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus
with our lips and then denied him by our actions.
Merciful God, forgive us.
Empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true
to you in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG CONFESSION

"Lord Have Mercy"

arr. Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17; 33-35

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP #697

"Eat This Bread"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #272

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 22:39-46

First Candle Extinguished

HYMN #484

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 22:47-53, 63-71

Second Candle Extinguished

HYMN #281

“Lamb of God” vv. 1-2

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:1-12

Third Candle Extinguished

VOCAL SOLO

“A Purple Robe”

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:13-25

Fourth Candle Extinguished

FLUTE SOLO by Cruger

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

arr. Stemegna

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:26-31

Fifth Candle Extinguished

HYMN #255

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:32-43

Sixth Candle Extinguished

HYMN #285

“Jesus, Remember Me”

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 23:44-54

Christ Candle Extinguished

FLUTE SOLO

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

* Please rise in body or spirit.

*After a period of silence, the worship leaders will withdraw.
When more light is available you are requested to depart in silence.*

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Ebertz, Pat Edwards, Glinda
Manternach*
