

# Maundy Thursday

*The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper*  
*The Order of Worship*

April 13, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Gathering of God's People

Prayer & Meditation

Prelude

Call To Worship

From generation to generation  
we celebrate this day as a festival to You, O Lord.  
**We remember with thanksgiving all Your goodness to us.**  
We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.  
**We are Your people, Your grateful guests,**  
**As we celebrate this sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn 504                      *We Come as Guests Invited*

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, how well You know our hearts,  
**and still love us – you have loved us to the end.**  
We have denied You  
**and we have denied our calling to serve one another.**  
We have betrayed You,  
**and we have betrayed Your commandment**  
**to love one another. ...**(time for silent confession)**...**  
Pour out Your Spirit of grace upon us.  
**Teach us to love and serve You faithfully**  
**and to love and serve one another**

**by the example You have set for us; in Your Holy Name we pray. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

\*The Peace                      The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

(Welcome each other in the Spirit of Christ, and share with them His peace.)

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God, feed us with Your Holy Word and fill us with Your Holy Spirit,**  
**so that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

Scripture Readings

*Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14*

*Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

Anthem

*Wash Me Thoroughly*

David Halls

Communion Meditation

*Love Models*

The Prayers of the People

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

\*Hymn 202

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . .we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:  
**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.**

. . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. . .**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Anthem

*Holy Are You, Lord of Sorrow*

Teleman, Liebergen

Prayer After Communion

**We thank You, Holy God, for giving us this meal, shared in the Spirit, which**  
**sustains us with the food and drink of Your life. Grace our lives that we may at**  
**the last come to share in the heavenly banquet of Your kingdom, through Jesus**  
**Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn 300

*We Are One in the Spirit*

The Charge and Benediction

This is our new commandment:  
to love one another, as Jesus loves us.  
**By this everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples:  
that we love one another.**

\*Postlude



**SERVICE FOR REMEMBERING THE LAST SUPPER**

For Christians, Maundy Thursday is a day of reassurance which culminates in the remembrance of Jesus' last meal with His disciples before His crucifixion. In three of the Gospels -- Matthew, Mark, and Luke -- the scriptures recounting that meal include the words of institution of The Lord's Supper, but the Gospel of John includes not the words of institution but the service of foot-washing. It is from the Gospel of John that we derive the name for this day of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday. The word "Maundy" means "commandment" and refers to Jesus' words in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."



You may still sign up to participate in the Prayer Vigil which begins after tonight's service and ends with tomorrow's Good Friday service.

**GOOD FRIDAY Schedule**

**7:00 p.m. *Tenebrae* Service of Shadows**, The Presbyterian Church  
*Tenebrae* is a dramatic reading of the Passion of Christ with hymns and anthems recounting Jesus' sacrificial death.

**EASTER DAY Schedule**

**6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Service**, The Presbyterian Church  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service**, The Presbyterian Church  
**9:45 a.m. Church School**, The Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*  
The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*  
E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*  
Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*  
Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*