

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

April 1, 2021 • *Maundy Thursday*

(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Sentences

On this night, the Son of God gathered with his disciples in an upper room.

On this night, the Bread of Life gave us this holy feast to remember his sacrifice.

On this night, the Servant of God told his disciples, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

On this night, the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would crucify him.

Hymn

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
(verses 1 and 2)

(Glory to God, 202)

*An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
And his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.*

*A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.*

Prayer of Confession

God of infinite mercy, you do not hold back in pouring out your love for us. And yet, we continue to fall short in our response to your grace. We fail to follow your commandment to love one another. We deny your call to serve one another. We betray our commitment to reflect your way of peace. Forgive us, we pray. Increase our resolve to love and serve you faithfully by loving and serving one another; in the name of the Savior of the World. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

(Glory to God, 306)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

REMEMBERING THE FINAL EVENING

Hymn *This is the Night* (Glory to God, 206)
(verse 1)

*This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
When powers of darkness overcome the day,
The night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
Whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.*

Scripture Reading John 13:1-17, 34-35

Hymn *This is the Night* (Glory to God, 206)
(verse 3)

*This night Christ institutes his holy supper,
Blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
This night injustice joins its hand to treason's,
And buys the ransom price of humankind.*

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Creator God, ruler of the universe, we give you thanks and praise ... 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty.... Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. ***Amen.***

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

We have been fed by your very self, Lord. May this meal sustain us through the night and into the coming day as we remember your death, which enabled life for us all; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn

*This is the Night
(verse 5)*

(Glory to God, 206)

*O make us sharers, Savior, of your Passion,
That we may share your glory that shall be;
Let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
To Easter's laughter and its liberty.*

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

*There is no benediction this evening.
The service continues on Good Friday and concludes on Easter morning.*



Weekly online gatherings

(See weekly emails or call the church office for Zoom links.)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds, Rise 'n' Shine, and
Let's Talk About It
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship
11:30 a.m. Pathfinders: children's class
5:30 p.m. Faith seekers: Youth class

Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Coffee Chat with Sharon

Wednesdays:

5:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study

Thursdays:

7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

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