

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

March 28, 2023 • *Maundy Thursday* • 6:30 p.m.

Prelude

Opening Sentences

This is an evening of remembrance for the people of God.

We gather to remember Jesus and the disciples in the upper room.

We gather to partake of the bread of Christ's body and the cup of the new covenant.

We gather to prepare for the growing darkness and the death of the One who loved us to the end.

Hymn 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us. You have loved us even when we have not loved you or followed your commandment to love one another.

Have mercy on us, Lord. (silence)

We have denied you, and we have denied your calling to serve one another.

Have mercy on us, Lord. (silence)

We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed our commitment to reflect your way of peace.

Have mercy on us, Lord. (silence)

Lord, 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 Grace

The Peace of Christ

Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace, but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Anthem

Communion Prayer

Pote

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17, 33-35

Meditation

The Last Supper

verse 1, solo: Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

verse 2, all: ***Come to the table of peace....***

verse 3, all: ***Come to the table of love....***

Prayer after Supper

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 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

There is no benediction this evening.

The service continues tomorrow (Good Friday) and concludes on Easter morning.

You are invited to depart quietly.