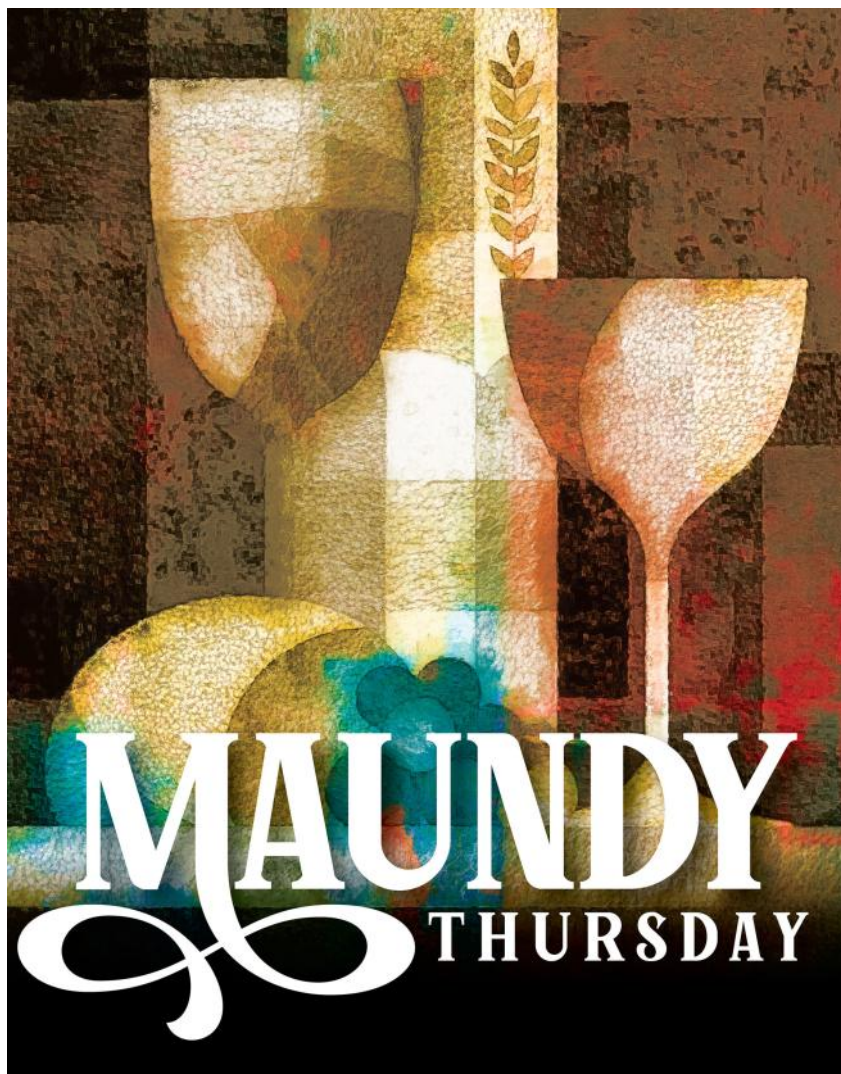


# First Presbyterian Church



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*Inspired by Scripture, guided by Spirit, and nourished by our life together, we seek to be a reflection of God's radical grace. We believe God's love models a world without walls; therefore, we provide a safe and affirming home where you are welcomed exactly as you are. No matter the color or your skin, who you love, your gender, or the unique ways your mind and body work, you have a place here. Following the way of Jesus and empowering one another to grow in faith, we commit to feeding the hungry, caring for those in need, and working for justice and peace in our community and the world—living out our confidence in the promises of God.*

**April 2, 2026**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**PRELUDE**                      *O Sacred Head*                      J. S. Bach, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader: The spirit of God leads us into this holy season.

**Congregation: We come to find our strength in God's grace alone.**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is a day of remembrance: a day to gather at the table.

**Congregation: We remember the bread broken and the cup shared.**

Leader: This is a day of service: a day to remember the towel and the basin.

**Congregation: We remember the new commandment: to love one another as Christ has loved us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, source of all love, on this night Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life for the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 202**                      *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have been eager to be served, but slow to serve others. We have turned away from the suffering of our world and ignored your call to be a community of grace. Forgive us, and by your Spirit, wash us clean, that we may walk in the way of your love. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

**Congregation: And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**Congregation: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.***  
***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!***  
***Amen, amen.***

**\*THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*\*At this time young children may depart for the nursery.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*According To Thy Gracious Word*

W.A. Mozart  
arr. Mark Schweizer

*According to Thy gracious word, In deep humility  
This will I do, my loving Lord, I will remember Thee.  
Thy body broken for my sake, My bread from heaven shall be;  
The cup, Thy precious blood I take, And thus remember Thee.*

*When to the cross I turn mine eyes, And rest on Calvary,  
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice, I must remember Thee;  
And when these failing lips grow dumb, And mind and memory flee,  
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come, Jesus, remember me.*

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 12:1-14

OT 58

GOSEPEL

John 13:1-17

NT 107

#### SERMON

*The New Commandment*

#### \*HYMN 498

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

#### THE RITUAL OF THE BASIN AND TOWEL

Leader: On this night, Jesus rose from the table, took a towel, and poured water into a basin to wash the disciples' feet. He said, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." We do not wash feet tonight, yet we acknowledge the call to be a servant people.

**Congregation: We remember that to follow Jesus is to serve.**

Leader: As the water flows, consider the work of your hands. May they be hands that heal, hands that give, and hands that hold the weary. Let the cooling water remind us of the refreshment of grace and the humility of our Savior.

**Congregation: We remember that to follow Jesus is to serve.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO OFFERING



You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR code in your bulletin or visit our website at [fpcmilledgeville.org](http://fpcmilledgeville.org).



#### OFFERTORY

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Newman W. Powell

#### \*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to serve as Jesus served. In giving, we remember that all we have is a gift from you, meant to be shared for the flourishing of your world. Bless these resources and our very lives, that we might become the bread and cup for a hungry world. May our hands be your hands, reaching out in love and invitation to all, following the example of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

## SEALING THE WORD

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

\*HYMN 428 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (v 2-4)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God .... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

# 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Great is the mystery of faith....

SERVICE MUSIC

# 553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984  
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LAND OF REST

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever....

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

## THE SHADOW OF GETHESMENE

## SOLO

*Were You There*

*Will Humphrey*

***Depart in silence.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The sanctuary will be open from 12:00-1:00 PM on Good Friday for silent prayer and meditation.
- Don't forget to bring your flowers for the Easter cross next Sunday. You can cut pieces from plants blooming in your yard or grab a bouquet at the grocery store.
- Easter Sunday is also food pantry donation day. Bring your dry goods to contribute during the first hymn. See the newsletter for suggested donations.
- We still need actors, narrators, and crew members for the bicentennial play. Contact Ruby Werts and Susan McGill for more info.
- Bicentennial Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.
- Are you interested in reading or sharing a moment in history about someone who was important in the life of this church? See Ruby Werts.
- The flower calendar is now on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please consider honoring or remembering someone with the gift of flowers for the sanctuary. Contact Becky (478-457-5349) for more information.



MORE LIGHT  
PRESBYTERIANS

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



Join us in-person or online  
on [Facebook Live](#) every week.

**9:45 AM Sunday School Class** (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), we are studying *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Please contact Joel Burns joeldburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

WORSHIP  
with us

**Sunday: 9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class** (meets in small room next to office at end of hall), studying *Questions of Faith: A Practical Guide to Christian Faith* by Nicky Gumbel.

**Sunday: 10:15AM Children's Sunday School Class**, singing, crafts and stories, (meeting in the Craft Room upstairs)

**Sunday: 12:00PM Youth Group** (Youth Room)

**Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**- we are studying *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted V. Foote and P. Alex

Thank you  
VOLUNTEERS!

**Greeters**

Apr. 2: Bradleys & Becky Humphrey

Apr. 5: Bradleys & Margaret Ivester

**Nursery Volunteers**

Apr. 5: Anne Smart/Nancy Miller

**Liturgists**

Apr. 2: Jan Hoffman

Apr. 5: Jan Hoffman

**Communion Volunteers**

Apr. 2: Nancy Miller, Laurie Peebles, Bill Werts, Becky Humphrey

Apr. 5: Susan McGill, Bill Werts, Becky Humphrey, Gloria Burns

**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: Mar 29-April 5**

Thursday	6:30	Maundy Thursday Service
	7:30	NA Meeting
Friday	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Good Friday—Sanctuary Open</b>
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Worship</b>
	12:30	Bicentennial Play meeting



*Lord, hear our prayers*

CONDOLENCES

Deanna Bivins for the passing of her husband, Jack  
Sunda Coleman for the passing of her sister, Janice Pounds Bivins

CHURCH FAMILY:

Elise Naber Allen, recovering at home; newborn Eleanor; Andrew Allen, caregiver  
Sherry Henry, recovering in Atlanta  
Holley Cowan, recovering from surgery  
Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns  
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns  
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns  
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues  
Kathie Bishop, Mari Turner's mother, recovering from a stroke  
Kandace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Ivester, heart attack  
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer  
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns  
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns  
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues—at Carlyle House in Macon  
John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation  
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, awaiting a bed in post-surgical rehab  
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, at home with health concerns  
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis  
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns  
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments  
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care  
Wayne Woodward, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549  
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Laura King, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive  
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Runette Pounds, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive  
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Frankie Holder, Pruitt Health-Marietta, 50 Saine Dr. SW-Room 215, Marietta, GA 30008

# An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

## Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973, alt.  
 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988  
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O WALY WALY  
 9.8.9.8

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C

food for - ev - er - more.  
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
 with you; do not fear!"  
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

CONFESSION

# 428 Before I Take the Body of My Lord



1 Be - fore I take the bod - y of my Lord, be - fore I  
 2 The words of hope I of - ten failed to give, the prayers of  
 3 The nar - row - ness of vi - sion and of mind, the need for  
 4 Of those a - round in whom I meet my Lord, I ask their  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, com - pan - ion at this feast, I emp - ty



share his life in bread and wine, I rec - og - nize the  
 kind - ness bur - ied by my pride, the signs of care I  
 oth - er folk to serve my will, and ev - ery word and  
 par - don and I grant them mine, that ev - ery con - tra -  
 now my heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you



sor - ry things with - in: these I lay down.  
 ar - gued out of sight: these I lay down.  
 si - lence meant to hurt: these I lay down.  
 dic - tion of Christ's peace might be laid down.  
 here in bread and wine which you lay down.

As this text acknowledges, the sins that separate us from God and from each other can be both things done and things left undone, as well as attitudes and habits that keep us from living in harmony. Letting go of our self-sufficiency enables us to receive Christ's gracious gifts.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1989

MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1989

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LAYING DOWN

10.10.10.4

He poured water  
into a basin and began  
to wash his  
disciples' feet ...

John 13:5

