

First Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in Milledgeville

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MAUNDY *Thursday*

Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.

We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship, empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshiping community for LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.

March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

Ah Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Helmet Walcha

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

Congregation: On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

EVENING PRAYER

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 277

Jesus, Remember Me

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

***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!***

***Please stand as you are able.**

*Into the woods my Master went,
 Clean forspent, forspent,
 Into the woods my Master came,
 Forspent with love and shame.
 But the olives they were not blind to Him.
 The little grey leaves were kind to Him,
 The thorn tree had a mind to Him,
 When into the woods He came.*

*Out of the woods my Master came
 And he was well content;
 Out of the woods my Master came,
 Content with death and shame.
 When death and shame would woo Him last,
 From under the trees they drew Him last,
 'Twas on a tree they slew Him—last
 When out of the woods He came.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that we may see the light of your Word in the darkness of our lives. And seeing, may we understand; understanding, may we do all that you ask. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING Mark 14:1-2, 10-12

SECOND READING Mark 14:12:-21

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING (see insert)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THIRD READING Mark 14:22-25

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Communion will be served via intinction. Please approach the Lord's Table down the center aisle; take a piece of bread and a little cup; you may return to your pew via the side aisles.

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.

HYMN 207 VV. 1

Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine

FOURTH READING Mark 14:32-46 207

HYMN 207 VV. 2

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FIFTH READING Mark 14:53-65 207

HYMN 207 VV. 5

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SIXTH READING Mark 14:66-72 207

HYMN 207 VV. 6

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SEVENTH READING Mark 15:1-15 207

HYMN 207 VV. 7

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EIGHTH READING Mark 15:16-20 207

HYMN 207 VV. 8

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NINTH READING Mark 15:25-32

SPECIAL MUSIC *Were you there?*

TENTH READING Mark 15:33-39

OFFERTORY *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Newman W. Powell

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

DEPART IN SILENCE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

Leader: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of mercy, we praise you that in love you have reached across the abyss of our sin and brought us into your embrace. We thank you for the sacrifice of your Son on the cross, for the breaking of his body for our sakes, and for the spilling of his blood to seal us in the covenant of your love. By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance, and guide us in the ways of righteousness.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these, your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Keep us in all holiness and blamelessness in your sight, until we feast with all the saints in your eternal home. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

You are holy, O God of majesty...

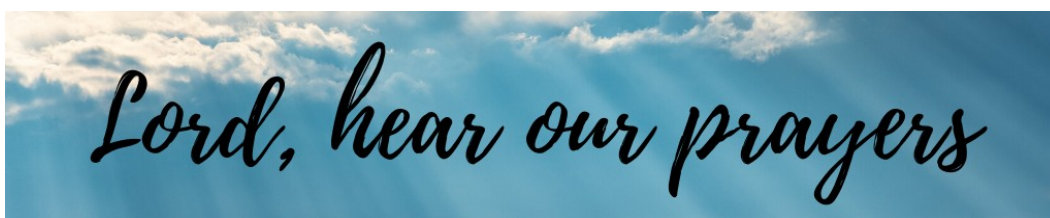
... Great is the mystery of faith:

According to Christ's commandment: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...

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

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.



CHURCH FAMILY:

Wesley Applebury, attending seminary in Atlanta
Beth Baarda, at home in hospice care in LaGrange, GA
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns
Greg Jones, congestive heart failure

LIMITED MOBILITY

Helen Danuser

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues
Joseph Bennett, Joe Bennett's father, in hospital
Judy Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's daughter, recovering from car accident
Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns
Heather Brooks, Susan Balfour's cousin, lung and brain cancer
Peggy Deschermeier, Jennifer Flory's aunt, stage 1 pancreatic cancer, recovering at home from Whipple procedure
Margret Ellen (Meg) Clark, Margaret Ivester's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer surgery
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer
Karen Hartmann, Susan Balfour's cousin, stage 4 cancer
Alonzo Kelly, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melenoma
Velma Kelly, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Julie Montemayor, Becky Henderson's mother, ongoing health concerns
Mildred Moore, Sundae Coleman's aunt, in hospice care
Janie Mullis, Bill Werts' son-in-law's mother, ongoing health concerns
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon
Paul Orman, Barbra Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis
Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns,
Gloria Roberts, Bill Werts' cousin, recovering from a traumatic fall
Willy Sanders, Sunda Coleman's cousin, ongoing health concerns
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis
Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards son-in-law, ongoing health concerns
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, ongoing health concerns

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