



# First Presbyterian Church

HILTON HEAD ISLAND



Templo de San Juan de Dios Church, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**APRIL 2, 2026**

**6:30 PM**

# WELCOME

We're glad you're here on this Maundy Thursday. Maundy Thursday commemorates the events of the evening before Jesus' death on Good Friday. The central event was Jesus' final meal with His twelve disciples, the "Last Supper." It was a Jewish Passover seder that Jesus reinterprets as the "Lord's Supper," which we'll celebrate this evening. (In the "Lord's Supper" or communion, we believe Jesus is present by the power of the Spirit, and we're assured of our forgiveness in Him.) That same evening, Jesus also washes His disciples' feet, exemplifying His "new commandment to love one another" (John 13). In fact, the word "maundy" derives from the Latin word for commandment.

## In Person

Hymns are in the red hymnals and on the screens. We invite you to listen to the Scripture readings this evening.

## Online

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## "Let the children..."

We value children in worship and encourage them to sit with their parents/guardians or use the Family Worship Center (under the south balcony in the Sanctuary), which helps engage children in worship.

## Easter Sunday!

Join us this Sunday, Easter!, at our 9 AM CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall or at our 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary. Or join us by livestream or view a recording of these services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

**Our Mission: Changing Lives...Making Disciples**

**Our Vision: Every Member in Ministry**

**In Christ United, Our Values of Ministry:  
Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,  
Sacrificial Service and Caring Connections**

# GATHER

*The prelude prepares us to worship the Lord.*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit and join in reading aloud the parts in **bold**.*

## CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE: *God So Loved the World* Sir John Stainer  
Gloria LaCoe, Cindy Gluszik and Jane Jude; Bell Ensemble

## SILENT PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL

### RESPONSE

The wisdom writers anticipated this day, lamenting:

**“He strips understanding from the leaders of the earth and makes them wander in a pathless waste. They grope in the dark without light.”**

The prophets spoke of it, saying:

**“Ah, you who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”**

And the gospel writer would name that...

**“people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.”**

And yet the psalmist would remind us that...

**“even nightfall is not dark to You, O God: the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to You.”**

On this night, in this sanctuary, we stand with Jesus, the Light of the world. Let us pray:

**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 215: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

## EXTINGUISHING THE DISCIPLES' CANDLES

Each of the six weeks during Lent, we lit two candles in remembrance of the twelve disciples who enthusiastically followed Jesus. Throughout tonight's service, we'll extinguish these same twelve disciples' candles to represent their desertion and betrayal of our Lord.

*We lay before  
God our sins and  
the sins and  
brokenness of the  
world.*

## CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, we are called to be children of the day and not children of the night.

**Let us approach God's throne of grace, that we may receive mercy for all the times and ways we have turned from the light.**

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we will betray You, yet You invite us to Your table. We will deny You, yet You give us Yourself in love. We will fail to pray with You, yet You pray for us. We will crucify You, yet You forgive us. Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. In our fear, we have withheld compassion. In our anger, we have judged others. We have betrayed Christ. We turn now from our sin and ask for Your forgiveness. (Time of Silent Confession) Forgive us, Lord, when we are weak and faithless. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: God is light.

**If we walk in the light, as Christ is in the light, we will have communion with one another, and the love of Jesus Christ for the world will cleanse us from all sin.**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:14-23

## WORD

*We listen to what  
God is saying to us  
through Scripture,  
sermon and song.*

ANTHEM: *In Remembrance from Celebrate Life!* Buryl Red  
Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano; Gloria LaCoe, flute  
*In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine. In remembrance of Me, pray for the time when God's own will is done. In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor. In remembrance of Me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.*

*Take, eat and be comforted. Drink and remember, too, that this is My body and precious blood, shed for you. In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me, always love. In remembrance of Me, don't look above, but in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of Me.*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Communion is by intinction: Take a piece of the gluten-free bread, dip it in the cup and then partake of the elements before returning to your seat. If you're unable to come forward, raise your hand and we'll serve you where you're seated.

## PRAY

*We use "Your/s" in the Lord's Prayer because it's more accessible language. You may also use "Thy/Thine."*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Gloria LaCoe and Jane Jude; Bell Duet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DRAPING THE TABLE

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

FIRST READING

Bill Chaney

Shadow of Betrayal: Matthew 26:20-25

SECOND READING

Jane Upshaw

Shadow of Desertion: Matthew 26:31-35

THIRD READING

Bob White

Agony of the Soul: Luke 22:39-44

TAIZE RESPONSE 204: *Stay with Me*

(The Sanctuary Choir will sing once;  
the congregation will then join and sing three times.)

**Stay with me; remain here with me;  
watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

FOURTH READING

Anna Marie Oehlmann

Unshared Vigil: Mark 14:32-41

FIFTH READING

Rev. Jeff Myers

Father, the Hour is Come: John 17:1-6

SIXTH READING

Mary Princing

That They All May Be One: John 17:15-22

HYMN 300: *We Are One in the Spirit*

SEVENTH READING

Tom Green

Arrest in the Garden: John 18:1-5

EIGHTH READING

Jackie Wilhelm

Shadow of Denial: Luke 22:54-62

NINTH READING

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

Shadow of the Cross: Mark 15:16-20

FINAL READING

Rev. Elizabeth Johnson

The Word Was God: John 1 (selected verses)

MUSICAL MEDITATION: *Were You There*

African American Spiritual

Beth Curtis, soprano

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

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*O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?*

*O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?*

HAMMERING THE NAILS

DRAPING THE CROSS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE

DARKNESS FALLS

Please leave in silence as we reflect on  
our Lord's suffering for us and our salvation.



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See an usher



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## TOMORROW – GOOD FRIDAY AT NOON

*The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Community worship at Christ Lutheran Church (HHI)

## APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY!

Bring a flower from your garden or purchased  
to help decorate our “living cross” at both services.

**9:00 AM**

CrossRoads contemporary worship (Fellowship Hall)\*

**10:30 AM**

Traditional worship (Sanctuary)\*

\*Both Easter services will also be live-streamed at fpchhi.org  
and on our YouTube channel.

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