

*GLORIA PATRI # 581

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 p.56

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 p.163

ONE: We proclaim Christ crucified-the wisdom and power of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SOLO: Were You There? *African-American Spiritual*
Beatrice Bartlett, soloist

GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17, 31-35 pp.101-102

SERMON *Rev. McLaughlin*

*SERMON HYMN O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go #833

*COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967, 9.31*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

ALL: And also with you.

RESPONSE: Blest be the Tie that Binds #306

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Lord, in your mercy

ALL: hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

ONE: ... Therefore, we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy #572

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ONE: ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus.:

ALL: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

THE 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Psalms 22

*SILENT DEPARTURE

** Those who choose, please stand*



First Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026- 6PM

** Indicates that those who are able may stand Bold type is spoken by the people.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: Evening Prayer *Anthony Giamanco*

SILENT MEDITATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Donna Simpson, Liturgist*

ONE: The Lord has heard the cries of the people and meets every sickness, every pain, every broken heart, and every hungry belly at the Lord's table.

ALL: We cannot earn our place here;

ONE: we can only accept that we are loved and come to be fed.

ALL: We offer ourselves as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and give our lives as our act of praise.

*OPENING HYMN: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love **#203**

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Humble Savior, your words were clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." You have loved us unfailingly, unceasingly, and we have rejoiced in that love. But we have not poured out on others the love you have lavished on us. Forgive us. Cover us with your mercy, and lead us once again in your ways.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us **#575**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Beloved of God, hear this good news: even in our sin, Christ went to conquer death on our behalf and Christ redeems us still.

ALL: Even now, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!