

Welcome to Maundy Thursday Worship

First Presbyterian Church, Bordentown, NJ

March 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Following the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we will have a Tenebrae service, a "service of shadows." As a visual reminder of the desertion of Christ by the disciples, candles will be extinguished as the scriptures are read. After the Benediction, you are asked to leave in silence as you are ready.

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet me, O God, so that I may worship you in Spirit and in truth, and sense more fully your gracious gift of love in Jesus Christ.

PIANO PRELUDE

The "Cross" Medley

Arr. Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the apostles, we have walked with Jesus for years.

Like the apostles, we have seen his wonders and felt the world's scorn.

Like the apostles, we have entered Holy Week with fear and trembling,

For we can tell that the world is ready to crucify God's Beloved.

Like the apostles, our fear will overpower our faith,

And we will betray Christ in his hour of greatest need.

We will watch with horror as he suffers alone.

We can do nothing but pray to be reconciled with our savior.

*HYMN

Abide with Me

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(vv. 1-2)

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one

another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

DECLARATION OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING: John 13:33-35 (Pew Bible NT pp. 108)

MEDITATION

"Love Who?"

Pastor William Stell

*HYMN

**We Are One in the Spirit
(vv. 1-3)**

Insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (by Intinction)

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER**

***SOLO**

Weepin' Mary

Solo Wendy Huber

SERVICE OF SHADOWS

After each reading, please join in the response:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.



FIRST READING	In the Garden	Mark 14:32-42
SECOND READING	Betrayal and Arrest	Mark 14: 43-50
THIRD READING	Before the Council	Mark 14:53-63
FOURTH READING	Peter's Denial	Mark 14:66-72
FIFTH READING	Before Pilate	Mark 15:1-15

BENEDICTION

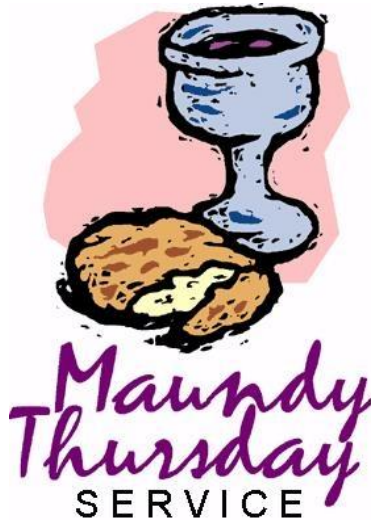
SERVING THIS EVENING

Pastor Rev. William Stell
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Dr. Robert Lowden
Communion Servers..... George Carmichael, Bobbi Maiuro, Dana Maiuro
Readers Ron Barnard, Robert Hake, Bobbi Maiuro, Dana Maiuro, Elke McAteer

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