

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A graphic for Maundy Thursday featuring a chalice with red wine and a red flower on an orange background.

Maundy
Thursday

Remember Me

A graphic for Good Friday featuring a blue cross on a blue background.

Good
Friday

**My God,
my God,
why have you
forsaken me?**

MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 28, 2024

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICES

*Please bring this worship booklet with you to the Good Friday Service,
or leave it in the pew following the service so it may be reused.*

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WELCOME. We're glad to be together as a community of faith through Holy Week. This week we journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb. From the upper room where Jesus shared the last supper with his disciples, to the garden of Gethsemane, to his trial before Pilate, to Golgotha where Jesus was crucified, to the garden tomb – we journey into the deepest mysteries of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. This journey and these mysteries are at the center of our Christian faith. Theologians seek words to explain these mysteries. Yet at times we do best to simply live into them. So we gather this week to journey with Jesus and live more deeply into the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection.

ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:

Maundy Thursday – The Thursday of Holy Week is referred to as “Maundy,” because it is traditionally understood to be the night of Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. At that supper, the Gospel of John reports that Jesus said to them, “I give you a *new commandment*, that you love one another.” The Latin word for “commandment” is *mandatum*, from which we get our word “Maundy.” So Maundy Thursday is, literally, “Commandment Thursday.” On Maundy Thursday, we remember that the church is fundamentally constituted by Jesus’ commandment to love, above all else.

Foot-washing – In the Gospel of John, before Jesus serves the Last Supper, he ties a towel around himself, and he washes the feet of his disciples. He then says, “If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” Then, even more than now, to wash the feet of another person was an act of tremendous humility and servanthood. Since many people wore sandals or walked barefoot, the feet of people were often dusty and dirty. Yet Jesus summons his followers into this act of humble servanthood.

Communion/Lord’s Supper/Eucharist – In the Presbyterian tradition, there are two Sacraments, Baptism and Communion. Baptism is understood to be the *rite of initiation* into the Christian community, the *entrance* into the community of faith. Communion is the *ongoing nourishing meal* of the church, providing sustenance and nourishment for our daily journeys. Churches vary in the frequency with which they celebrate Communion. It is understood to be a key, and mysterious, way that Jesus is present with the church and with believers, although different denominations understand that presence in different ways. The meal is also known as “The Lord’s Supper” (with particular reference to the Last Supper, remembered on Maundy Thursday), and “Eucharist,” which comes from the Greek word for “Thanksgiving.”

You are welcome to participate in as much of this evening’s service as you feel comfortable. And if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to one of the pastors following the service. If you need hearing assistance or a pillow, please see an usher.

NOTES FOR WORSHIP:

GG – Glory to God The Presbyterian Hymnal
Renew – Renew! Hymnal (grey)

OT – Pew Bible Old Testament
NT – Pew Bible New Testament

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

* *If you are able, please stand*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the growing darkness we gather.

Our Lenten journey has brought us here.

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us,

a towel, a bowl,

bread, a cup.

He gives us an example and a commandment ever new:

John 13:34-35

to love one another as he has loved us.

This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,

when we love each other.

* **HYMN**

What Wondrous Love Is This?

GG 215

WONDROUS LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

silence

Holy God, you call us to serve others as Christ serves, and you commanded that we love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we could. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us. We conceal our vulnerabilities, and we do not love as generously as we could. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are quite capable of denying and betraying you and each other, just like the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us from our sin. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

My Song Is Love Unknown

GG 209, vs. 1

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,

Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.

O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*	RESPONSE	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	GG 223, vs. 4
		<p>Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.</p>	

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE	<i>John 13:1-20</i>	NT p. 107
	<p><i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Thanks be to God.</p>	

THE FOOT WASHING

PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF WATER FOR WASHING

**Loving God, as Jesus took a basin and poured the water long ago,
we bring these basins of water before you. Bless this water for washing,
and bless the feet of your servants, too. Wash away the stains and strains of this life,
that we may walk anew in the ways of Christ. In true humility, we bend our lives in
service to you. Help us all, by your example, to understand more deeply how we are
meant to serve rather than be served, for love's sake. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*If you wish to participate in the foot washing, please come forward to one of the two stations.
You may take your shoes and socks off before you come forward.
You are invited to wash the feet of the person in the chair.
After you have washed their feet, sit in the chair and have your feet washed,
then return to your seat.*

ANTHEM	<i>Ubi Caritas</i>	Ola Gjeilo
<p><i>Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Amen.</i></p>	<p>Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.</p>	

<i>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>	GG 727
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SCRIPTURE	<i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>	NT p. 173
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SERMON	<i>This Is My Body, Broken for You</i>	The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
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* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING



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and click the "Make a Gift" Button to give online.)

OFFERTORY

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Arr. Alice Parker

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
while millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

* **RESPONSE**

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

GG 221, vs. 1

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to the table.

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...therefore we join with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

GG 221, vs. 3

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my life to thee.**

Prayer continues.

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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

GG 202, vs. 2

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.

Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.

Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will indicate when each pew is to come forward to receive the bread and cup. After receiving the bread and cup, you may return to your pew using the side aisles. Those not desiring or unable to come forward may so indicate to the ushers, and the bread and cup will be brought to the pew so all may partake.

Wine is in the outer ring. Grape juice is in the center. Gluten-free crackers are available. Please indicate your preference.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

GG 525

Eat This Bread

GG 527

PRAYER AFTER THE SUPPER

O Lord our God,

we depart from this table aware of a love beyond our deserving,

thank you for giving us a place at your table;

for serving us the bread of life and for offering to us the good wine.

In humility and hope,

we go now from this night to your promised day

as we seek to bring about the Kingdom of God wherever we are.

We go forth to love as you have commanded.

Through the love of Christ, Amen.

SENDING

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

Psalm 22

Please leave the sanctuary in silence. There is no Benediction.

*Our Holy Week journey continues with the Service of Tenebrae on Good Friday, March 29
at noon and 7:30 p.m.*

To honor Women's History Month, Lewinsville's Music Ministry will be performing works of female composers throughout the month. As part of Lewinsville's mission, may we continue to promote and empower women.

Alice Parker (1925-2023) began composing at the age of five and wrote her first orchestral score while still in high school. At Smith College and the Julliard School, she studied composition and conducting, beginning her long association with Robert Shaw. Her many settings of American folk songs, hymns, and use of Negro-Spirituals form an enduring repertoire that captured American melodies and defined the character of American choral singing. She has published books on melodic styles, choral improvisation, and "Good Singing in Church." Ms. Parker often described song as a great common denominator — a powerful gift humankind has bestowed itself. "I think it is meant to unite us as human beings in a way that nothing else can," she said. "If we're arguing with our rational minds, we're talking about which divides us," she continued. "If we are singing with our intuitive minds, we are concentrating on what unites us. Our common human experience and all life experiences can be sung about."

MUSIC MINISTRY
READER
AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Chancel Choir
Sally McKeown
Ed Kenney and Carlos Claros

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Good Friday

March 29, 2024

12:00 p.m. and 7:30pm

* *If you are able, please stand*

Please gather in silence.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Were You There?

Evelyn Simpson Currenton

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
for us and for our salvation,
Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.*

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Surely, he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
let us worship God.*

* HYMN

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word;

They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They nailed Him to a tree, and He never said a mumbalin' word;

They nailed Him to a tree, and He never said a mumbalin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They pierced Him in the side, and He never said a mumbalin' word;

They pierced Him in the side, and Not a word, not a word, not a word.

He never said a mumbalin' word;

The blood came streamin' down, and He never said a mumbalinn' word;

The blood came streamin' down, and He never said a mumbalinn' word.

He never said a mumbalin' word;

He hung His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word;

He hung His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word.

He never said a mumbalin' word;

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross.
Save us from all hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died for us,
we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

The congregation is invited to write confessions on the paper provided, including personal, corporate, and even universal confession and then move to the cross and nail the confession to the cross.

SUNG RESPONSE

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the cross, the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the cross, the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

TENEBRAE

SOLEMN SERVICE OF SHADOWS, REFLECTING ON CHRIST'S PASSION AND DEATH

SCRIPTURE

The Arrest

John 18:1-11

The Interrogation by Annas; Peter's Denial

John 18:12-27

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

GG 224
ROCKINGHAM

The Trial Before Pilate

John 18:28-38a

The Trial Before Pilate Continues

John 18:38b-19:16a

The Crucifixion

John 19:16b-30

SERMON

He Descended Into Hell

Rev. Layne Brubaker

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

GG 221
PASSION CHORALE

SCRIPTURE

Jesus' Side is Pierced

John 19:31-37

The Burial

John 19:38-42

ANTHEM (12:00PM)	<i>Deep River</i>	Moses Hogan
ANTHEM (7:30PM)	<i>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</i>	Moses Hogan
SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS		
HYMN	<i>Were You There?</i>	GG 228 WERE YOU THERE
CLOSING SCRIPTURE	<i>Isaiah 53:3-9</i>	OT p. 683
DEPART IN SILENCE		
READERS		12:00pm – Rachel Russell 7:30pm – John Curran
MUSIC MINISTRY		12:00 – Kate Gibson 7:30 – Lewinsville Cantorum, Hector Munk

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Evelyn Simpson Curenton (1953-) is a leading African-American composer, pianist, organist, and vocalist. At age two, Evelyn Simpson-Curenton began to play the piano; at five, she began formal piano lessons; by age nine, she was accompanying her renowned musical family, The Singing Simpsons, in public performances. She earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Voice from Temple University. Simpson-Curenton has performed with musical organizations such as Philadelphia's National Opera Ebony (renamed Opera North) and was choral director and arranger for the Howard University Drama Department's production of "Mahalia's Song." She has been commissioned to write works for the American Guild of Organists, George Shirley, the late Duke Ellington, and her sister, the late Joy Simpson, arranged music for Kathleen Battle, Jessye Norman, and the Porgy and Bess Chorus of the New York Metropolitan Opera. Based in the Washington D.C. area, Curenton is Music Director of the Washington Performing Arts Society's Men and Women of the Gospel and an associate of the Smithsonian Institution.

Discover the heartwarming touch of our **Prayer Squares** - tiny treasures reminiscent of prayer shawls, conveniently sized for your pocket or purse. Crafted with love and adorned with a comforting cross, each square carries a heartfelt prayer note. Find them displayed in our narthex, inviting you to grasp a tangible reminder of God's love and compassion. Take one for yourself, and share the solace with a loved one.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

***Easter
Resurrection of the Lord***

Sunrise Service
6:30 am in the cemetery
Coffee and donuts in St. Andrews Hall after the service

SERMON
“What Will You Do With This Good News”
The Reverend Layne Brubaker

Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

SERMON
“Death Swallowed Up”
The Reverend Dr. Scott Ramsey

SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 25:6-9; Mark 16:1-18

MUSIC
Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells
Lewinsville Choristers
Junior Choristers
Joyful Noise
Easter Brass and Tympani

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