FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

April 18, 2019 7:30pm



SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE

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PRELUDE "Andante sostenuto" from Symphonie Gothique

C.M. Widor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christi O. Brown

One: Christ set the example for the disciples:

All: Wash the feet of your brothers; wash the feet of your sisters.

One: Christ set an example for us, that we might also do as he has done.

All: Let us love one another in Jesus' name.

One: Let us worship God.

† HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (verses 1-3)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

Jesus taught us how to serve,

but we fail to follow his example.

Jesus showed us how to love,

but we fail to keep his commandment.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Wash us clean in your mercy,

so that we will be faithful disciples and share in the life you offer.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
One: Give thanks for the Lord is good.
All: God's Love is everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Ansley B. Page

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.* **All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up, lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Communion Music

What Wondrous Love Is This

Anna Laura Page

PRAYER

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

HYMN OF TENEBRAE 206

This Is the Night (verse 1, solo; verse 2, choir; 3-5, all)

My Neighbor

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Isaiah 42:1-4a, 6-7 John 1:1-5 Mrs. Ali C. Beeson Mr. Andrew C. Darr Mr. D. Ashley Millinor

RESPONSE

O Savior of the World

John Goss

John 1:9-13 John 14:1-7 John 14:9-14 Dr. Blair W. Clementson Dr. Dawn M. Bingham Mr. Kam W. Neely

RESPONSE

Go, Congregation, Go!

John Antes

John 17:1-5 Matthew 26:36-42 Matthew 27:24-31 Rev. Leslie A. Lang Mr. C. Sloan Evans Mr. Steven A. Richards

RESPONSE

He Was Despised

G.F. Handel

Isaiah 53:2b-6 Matthew 27:45-50 Matthew 27:51-54 Mrs. Suzanne B. Cole Mr. S. Michael Pack Jr. Mrs. Suzanne H. McDaniel

READING

The Dream of the Rood

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONSE

Via Dolorosa

Billy Sprague and Niles Borop

Matthew 27:9

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONSE

Were You There?

Traditional Spiritual

Please depart in silence.

† Rise in body or spirit.

Musicians Participating in Today's Maundy Thursday Worship Service:

Ms. Lisa C. Cunningham Mr. Landon K. Hammett Mrs. Valerie F. MacPhail Mrs. Marcia C. Andrews, organ

Handbell Choir Chancel Choir

"The Dream of the Rood", circa 10th century, is one of the earliest English language poems remaining, although it bears more resemblance to Old Scots (the linguistic legacy of the Angles in Scotland). Parts of the poem are inscribed on the Ruthwell Cross in germanic runes and a longer version exists in manuscript form. The poem describes the crucifixion of Christ from the point of view of the cross, which tells the story of its own suffering whilst holding up the suffering of Jesus. Tom will be reading a portion of the poem.

Please join us for these additional times of Worship and Fellowship:

Good Friday, April 14

8:15am and 12:15pm Chapel (*Nursery provided at 8:15am*)

Easter, April 21

All Day - Cross of Flowers

Each Easter, a rough-hewn cross is erected by the Sanctuary Guild on the lawn of the church.

Members and guests are invited to bring flowers, or use those provided, to place on the cross as they come to worship.

This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.

6:45am Sunrise Service (Columbarium)

Following the Sunrise Service, there will be a time of fellowship in The Perrin Room.

8:45am Worship: MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) **and Traditional** (Sanctuary)

10:00am Butterfly Release and Hot Cross Buns

All are invited to enjoy the hot cross buns and fellowship on the Church Lawn.

11:00am Worship: Traditional (Sanctuary)

**There will be no Sunday School nor Children's Worship on Easter. **

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