

The First Presbyterian Church



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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Berwick! We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or scan the QR code to fill it out digitally. Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold** print.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love Is This *by Sarah Douglas*

*OPENING WORDS

M Let us pray together.

All 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 on our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was 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 OF PRAISE #98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
vss. 1 & 2

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.

² What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

+Luke 22:39-46 In the Garden

Silence

+Matthew 26:47-50 Betrayal and Arrest

Silence

+Luke 22:54-62 Denial

Silence

+Mark 15:1-5, 16-20 Jesus before Pilate

Silence

+Luke 23:32-43 Crucifixion

Silence

+Luke 23:44-49 Death

Silence

+Matthew 27:57-60 Burial

Silence

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please depart in silence.

Portions of this service were adapted from Book of Common Worship, Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 1993, and from the Book of Worship, United Church of Christ Office for Church Life and Leadership, New York, 1986.

**Please stand if you are able*

er sing to the glory of your name.

HYMN #98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded vs. 3

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 love to Thee.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION/LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL God of grace, we thank you that your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #97 Go to Dark Gethsemene vs. 1-3

¹ Go to dark Gethsemene,
All that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away,
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

² Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of Life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

³ Calvary's mournful mountain climb;

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken; we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and with hold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. Lead us once more to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and vine from which we grow in grace.

(Silence for people to examine their hearts in prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*HYMN #94 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

¹ An upper room did our Lord prepare
For those He loved until the end:
And His disciples still gather there,
To celebrate their risen Friend.

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.

³ And after supper He washed their feet,
For service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
Sent out to serve, as He was sent.

⁴ No end there is! We depart in peace,
He loves beyond our uttermost:
In every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17, adapted

Narrator It was now the day before the Passover festival. Jesus and his disciples were at supper. So Jesus rose from the table,

took off his outer garment, and tied a towel around his waist. Then Jesus poured some water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. Jesus came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

Peter (Congregation) Are you going to wash my feet, Lord?

Narrator Jesus answered Peter,

Jesus (Reader): You do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later.

Peter (Congregation) Never at any time will you wash my feet!

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus (Reader) If I do not wash your feet, you will no longer be my disciple.

Narrator Simon Peter answered,

Peter (Congregation) Lord, do not only wash my feet, then! Wash my hands and head, too!

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus (Reader) Anyone who has taken a bath is completely clean and does not have to wash, other than the feet.

Narrator After washing their feet, Jesus put the outer garment back on, returned to his place at the table, and said,

Jesus (Reader) Do you understand what I have just done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you.

Silence

Jesus (Reader) I am telling you the truth: No slave is greater than the master who is served, and no messenger is greater than the one who sends the message. Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice.

Silence

REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word
by Paul Taylor

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

M God of mercy and deliverance, on the night before he died, Jesus prayed to you for his disciples. He prayed that they would be protected from the evil one.

C **God, may you continue to protect us from the snares of evil and keep us safe for you.**

M Jesus prayed that the disciples would be sanctified in the truth of your Word.

C **Make us holy, God, and keep us attentive to your truth.**

M Jesus prayed that the disciples would be one with each another, even as he and you are one.

C **Bind us together in Christ, O God, and strengthen the unity of your Church.**

M Jesus prayed that your love might fill the disciples, just as it filled him.

C **May we receive your love in all its richness, O God, a love that takes away fear and offers us life.**

M Jesus prayed, even as he faced death, that the disciples' joy might be complete.

C **May we find joy in serving you, O God, even when that service leads us to into dark places.**

M God, as Jesus hosted a meal for his disciples, now Christ hosts a meal for us. Make us ready, dear Lord. Make us ready. May this meal nurture us in truth and unity and love and joy, and in its gifts may we find our protection and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

M You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to deliver us from the bondage of death and slavery to sin...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forev-