

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

LOVE COMES FIRST

JOHN 13:31-35

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday

7:00PM

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (*You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.*)

Loving God, empower us to love as Jesus loved, so that everyone will know that we follow the way of Jesus Christ, our friend and Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A table is set before us.

Many: A feast is prepared for us.

One: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

Many: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

One: As we break the bread and share the cup,

Many: We will never forget Jesus' example.

All: We will never forget the full extent of Christ's love.

inspired by John 13

† HYMN 507

I Come with Joy

LORD'S SUPPER

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free.

In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me.

His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed.

The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near.

Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise Him here.

We see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways.
And as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise.
We'll live and speak His praise.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, how well You know our hearts, and still You love us; You have loved us to the end. We have denied You, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed You, and we have betrayed Your commandment to love one another. Pour out Your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve You faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example You have set for us; in Your holy name, we pray.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† HYMN 579

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible p. 927
Large Print p. 1641

SERMON

Love Comes First

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

† A LITANY FOR HOLY WEEK

One: Jesus' face turns toward the cross.

Many: Even if we wish to look away, we shall not.

One: We will watch what comes although our hearts may break.

Many: In the breaking, we shall be made whole.

All: This is our blessing, that Love endured death for us.

† HYMN STF 2198

Stay With Me

STAY WITH ME

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

A TIME OF SHADOWS

As we read Matthew's account of the Passion of our Lord, we will experience the growing shadows of sin and this world's darkness gathering around Jesus. For those worshipping with us online, we invite you to join us in extinguishing lights or candles after each reading, ending in darkness.

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Matthew 26:30-35

Missy Beach

HYMN 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane (Verse 1)

REDHEAD

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who 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.

THE SHADOW OF AGONIZING SPIRIT
HYMN 93

Matthew 26:36-45
Ah, Holy Jesus (Verse 1)

Lynn Burnside
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, Holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL
HYMN 93

Matthew 26:46-50
Ah, Holy Jesus (Verse 2)

Paige Neyland
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL
HYMN 97

Matthew 26:69-75
Go to Dark Gethsemane (Verse 2)

Susan Reese
REDHEAD

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

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION
HYMN 92

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-26
Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Verse 2)

Lauren Pember
ST. CHRISTOPHER

Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH
SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew 27:39-50
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Charlotte Schwarzlose
arr. Dan Forrest

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss. And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
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.

DARKNESS

We will sit in darkness together for a minute until you hear the tolling of the chimes. This is the only worship service of the liturgical year that does not end with a benediction as we journey through Good Friday and await Jesus' Resurrection on Sunday morning.

We thank Chris Turner and Jacob Furlow for sharing their gifts of music with us in worship today.

Please use the **CONNECT** cards in the pews to let us know about prayer requests or areas of interest. If you are a visitor, please also include your contact information and help us get to know you better! You can place completed cards in the offering baskets.

The **NURSERY** is located near the sanctuary and is available for children ages 0-4. Children's activity bulletins and **LARGE PRINT** bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

EASTER DEVOTIONALS for adults are available on the sanctuary tables.

Easter Sunday is April 20! Join us for a potluck **EASTER BRUNCH** at 9:30AM. Names starting with A-M, bring something savory; those with names starting with N-Z, bring something sweet.

The St. Andrew's Day School is **NOW REGISTERING** students for the summer term and the 25-26 school year!

Grab a **BABY BOTTLE** after the service and fill it with change, cash, or a check to benefit the Hope Women's Resource Clinic! Donations provide help to families, mothers, and babies in need. Return your bottle to the church office by April 30.

St. Andy's is attending an **ASTROS GAME!** Join us on May 31 for the Astros v. Rays. Tickets are \$48. This includes a \$15 voucher for drinks and food. Please RSVP to the church office.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: John Alexander, Maryann Sweeney, Bobbie Wied, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Pamela Humphrey, Ron Denton, Kenna Gordon, Family of Joyce White, Yvonne Williams, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Geneva Broussard, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame.

St. Andrew's Calendar

Friday, April 18, 2025

7:00PM Instrumentalist Rehearsal

Saturday, April 19, 2025

6:00PM Choir Rehearsal

6:00PM Instrumentalist Rehearsal

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Christ is Risen!

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal

9:00AM Instrumentalist Rehearsal

9:30AM Easter Brunch

10:30AM Worship

Monday, April 21, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

10:00AM PW Bible Study

5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:30AM Day School Chapel

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

5:30PM AA Group Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:30AM MOW Cooks

10:00AM MOW Delivers

4:30PM Foundation Board

6:30PM GTHE Rehearsal

Friday, April 25, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor

Thomas Furlow, Music Director

Tori Armstrong, Day School Director

Rachel Stiles, Organist

Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant

Katrina Strong, Custodian

Victoria Wilkins, Admin Assistant

Patricia Williamson, Accompanist

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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