

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE**  
**MARCH 29, 2018**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude from Behold the Darkness* Benjamin Harlan

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *from John 13:33-34 & 15:10*

Pastor: Jesus said to his disciples: “A new command I give you:”

**Congregation:** “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Pastor: By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**Congregation:** “If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

**\*INVOCATION**

**SCRIPTURAL INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Martin Lifer

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (Unison):

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.

**GOD’S WORD OF GOSPEL GRACE AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**+SERVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING**

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*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

+We invite all baptized Christian believers who are affirming members of the Body of Christ and who are prepared in faith to join us tonight in the Sacrament, sharing from the Lord’s Table.

**Serving Holy Communion Tonight by Intinction:** Tonight, we will serve Communion primarily by *intinction*. Participants come forward in front of the Chancel – first, to receive a wafer [the Bread] and, second, to dip it into the Cup. *Worshippers will not drink from the common Cup but simply dip a wafer into the Cup.*

**Special Provisions:** (a) Worshipers coming forward who prefer not to take by intinction may – after receiving a wafer – take from the Lord’s Table by Dr. Lifer an individual, clear plastic cup filled with the fruit of the vine.

**(b) Bringing the elements to the Choir and to other worshippers unable to walk forward.** Elders will bring Communion Service Trays with wafers and individual portions of the Cup to (a) Choir members in the Chancel and, afterward, (b) any other worshippers who indicate that they are unable to come forward.

**The First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir**  
*Presents*

**BEHOLD THE DARKNESS**

*A TENEBRAE SERVICE*

BY BENJAMIN HARLAN

Matthew 26:20-25, 31-35

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Matthew 26: 47-52; Luke 22:54-62

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

John 18:33-38; Mark 15:16-20

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

*Were You There?*

Mark 8:31

*It Is Finished*

Pastor: For the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior

**Congregation: We give thanks.**

Pastor: For the blessing and breadth of God’s love toward us

**Congregation: We give thanks.**

Pastor: For the challenge and comfort of the cross

**Congregation: We give thanks.**

Pastor: For the power and presence of his Spirit

**Congregation: We give thanks.**

*Behold the Savior*

**Following the concluding music, please depart from the Sanctuary in silence *into this night on which we especially remember Jesus our Lord and what He has done for us and for our salvation.***

Thank you for joining us in this “*Tenebrae*” Service— moving toward darkness, in accordance with the solemnity of Holy Thursday evening.

The Paschal Triduum (three-day) conclusion to Holy Week begins this evening, when Friday begins according to Jewish reckoning of days. **Thus, even as we leave silently in remembrance and meditation tonight, we look ahead to rejoicing with you on Resurrection Sunday morning here at FPC. Our Traditional Easter Sunday Services will begin at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

You are also invited to our **Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast beginning at 6:30 a.m. – at Robinson Lake (weather permitting), or on the front steps of the Sanctuary.**

## The FPC Chancel Choir

Dr. Craig Aarhus, Music Director  
Jennifer Blackbourn, Accompanist

### *Soprano*

Glenda Clark  
Brenda Koenig  
Vivien Miller  
Margaret Claire Pound  
Michele Rackley  
Patsy Randle  
Lynn Zimmerman

### *Alto*

Amy Aarhus  
Marquita Beaty  
Vivian Cade  
Paula Ivey  
Nancy Lifer  
Peggy Moore

### *Tenor*

Richard Blackbourn  
Matt McAfee  
Thomas Pound

### *Baritone/Bass*

Jim Beaty  
Charlie Guest  
Phil Hubbard  
Perry Rackley

### Instrumental Ensemble:

Allison Tutor, flute  
Michaela Dubose-Schmitt, oboe  
Brian Harris, bassoon  
John Ferguson, percussion

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*A Global Movement of Evangelical Christians*



## MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION & TENEBRAE WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 29, 2018  
7:00 P.M.