



first presbyterian

CHURCH OF NASHVILLE

MARCH 29, 2018
MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
6:30 P.M.

GATHERING

†VOLUNTARY

Helmut Walcha

Herzliebster Jesu (Ah, Holy Jesus)

†SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION

Todd Jones

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Jones

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Teach me Your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**People: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;

People: Wait for the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 836

EVENTIDE

Abide with Me

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stuart Gordon

O Lord our God,
Your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love,
that we may be obedient to Your will
and live for Your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Stuart Gordon
Matthew 26:17–25, page 30

Betrayal Foretold

ANTHEM

MY NEIGHBOR

This Is the Night

This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
when powers of darkness overcome the day,
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.
O make us sharers, Savior, of Your Passion,
that we may share Your glory that shall be;
let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
to Easter’s laughter and its liberty.

SECOND LESSON

Nan Russell
Matthew 26:26–30, page 30

The Last Supper

*HYMN 202

O WALY WALY

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

THIRD LESSON

Josh Rodriguez
Matthew 26:31–35, page 30

Denial Foretold

ANTHEM

J.S. Bach

Peter to His Heart Unwise

Peter, to his heart unwise, thrice his Lord denieth;
meeting then those saddened eyes, bitterly he crieth.
Jesus, do Thou look on me when I too forsake Thee.
From all falseness set me free; touch my heart and wake me.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

MEDITATION

Adam DeVries

The Spirit Is Willing but the Flesh Is Weak

In remembrance of Me, search for truth.
In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above,
but in your heart for God.
Do this in remembrance of Me.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Stuart Gordon

FOURTH LESSON

Austin McMullin
Matthew 26:36–46, page 30

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

*HYMN 220

REDHEAD

Go to Dark Gethsemane

FIFTH LESSON

Sandra Randleman
Matthew 26:47–56, page 30

Judas Betrays Jesus, Who Is Arrested

ANTHEM

J.S. Bach

Who Was It Thus Did Smite Thee?

Who was it thus did smite Thee, my Lord,
and who requite Thee with fierce and cruel blow?
For Thou wert no offender as we to sin surrender;
no evil didst Thou ever know. 'Tis I by guilt encumbered,
my sins like sands unnumbered that lie upon the shore.
These sins it was that brought Thee Thy misery
and wrought Thee of martyrdom the awful store.

SIXTH LESSON

Adam DeVries
Matthew 26:57–68, page 31

Jesus Is Interrogated by the High Priest

Ah Mighty King, Renowned and Great

Ah mighty King, renowned and great forever,
 to tell Thy glory is a vain endeavor.
 No mortal heart can ever hope to show Thee
 what it doth owe Thee.
 I can with all my senses never fashion
 an offering worthy of Thy great compassion.
 For all Thy love what thanks can I accord Thee?
 What works reward Thee?

SEVENTH LESSON

Todd Jones
 Matthew 26:69–75, page 31

Peter Denies Jesus

*HYMN 218

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, Holy Jesus

*Beginning with the fourth lesson,
 we will strip the Sanctuary of its liturgical elements
 to symbolize the darkness, betrayal and loneliness
 that our Savior experienced on Maundy Thursday.
 May the power of this symbolic act
 help prepare our hearts for the passion of Good Friday.*

Please depart in silence.

* Those who are able, please stand. † Latecomers may be seated.

Please silence your cell phone as you enter the Sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Todd Jones, Pastor
 Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor
 Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
 Sandra Randleman,
 Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions
 Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministries
 Francoise Nibaruta, Cross Bearer
 Nicholas Bergin, Organist
 Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
 Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
 Keith Moore, Sanctuary Chorale Conductor
 John Pell, Guitar
 Quintet: Sally Burch, Daphne Garey, Wendy Payne,
 Chris Simonsen and Greg Thomas

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

Good Friday Noon Service

Friday, March 30, Noon

*Stanford Chapel
“Good Friday Ironies”
by the Rev. Dr. Todd Jones*

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, March 30, 7:00 P.M.

*The Sanctuary Choir presents
this moving Good Friday service.
In this unique presentation,
the choir will interpret the passion story.
The text, read by Bob Loflin,
is taken from the Gospel of John.
The Sanctuary Choir and congregation
will respond and reflect
on the unfolding passion
with hymns and anthems.
You are invited to enter the world
of Christ’s passion through word and music.*

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 1, 6:30 A.M.

*Sullivan Gardens
“See For Yourselves”
by the Rev. Josh Rodriguez*

Easter Breakfast

7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall

Sanctuary Worship Services

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

*“The Defiant Doxology”
by the Rev. Dr. Todd Jones
(No Sunday School)*

*Overflow for these Easter services
will be located in Courtenay Hall.
Nursery care is available for children ages three and younger
for all services except the Good Friday noon service
and the Easter sunrise service.*

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love
through worship, education, and service.



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