



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023

12:00 p.m.



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

A SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

*It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Jesus...
When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three o'clock in the afternoon.
At three o'clock, Jesus...gave a loud cry and breathed his last. —Mark 15:25, 33, 37*

†VOLUNTARY

Cantico from Suite in G Major
Ottorino Respighi

WELCOME

†INTROIT

And Can It Be?
Michael Linton

Love, love, amazing love and can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood? Died he for me who caused his pain for me who him to death pursued? God's love for me that thou my God shouldst die for me? Amazing love, how can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me. Jesus! That thou my God shouldst die for me. 'Tis mystery all the Immortal dies who can explore his strange design in vain the first born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine! 'Tis mercy all let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in chains of sin, night my cell's dark cover, thy kind eye found my distress I awoke in wonder flamed in light my cell flew op', freed was I forever. No judgment now I dread Jesus my redeemer alive in him clothed in righteousness divine. Bold, I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown through Christ, my own. *Amazing love, how can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
All: Who redeems us from sin and death.
Pastor: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

ANTHEM

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Philip W. J. Stopford | Charles Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Saviour hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity. Amen.

*The Good Friday service lasts approximately one hour and forty-five minutes.
Please come and go as needed.*

— THE WORDS FROM THE CROSS —

THE FIRST WORD | Luke 23:32–34

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

MEDITATION

Father, forgive them ...

Dr. Jeff Mims

PRAYER

*†HYMN 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
HAMBURG

**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 to 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.**

THE SECOND WORD | Luke 23:39–43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

MEDITATION

Truly, I say to you, today you ...

Mallory Hammond

PRAYER

ANTHEM

Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me
Philip W. J. Stopford

Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ, save me. Today you shall be with me in Paradise. Blood of Christ, refresh me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. Today you shall be with me in Paradise. O good Jesus, hear me; within your wounds, hide me; let me never be separated from you; from the darkness, defend me. Today you shall be with me in Paradise. In the hour of my death, call me, and bid me come to you, that with your saints I may praise you forever and forever. Today you shall be with me in Paradise. Amen.

* Those who are able, please stand.
† Arrivals may be seated and those leaving may exit.

THE THIRD WORD | John 19:25–27

²⁵ But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

MEDITATION

Woman, behold, your son!

Dr. John Musgrave

PRAYER

*†HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
PASSION CHORALE

THE FOURTH WORD | Matthew 27:45–47, 50

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”...⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

MEDITATION

My God, my God ...

Gage Arnold

PRAYER

†ANTHEM

O Boundless Love
J.S. Bach

O boundless love, O love beyond all telling wherefore you made this vale of tears thy dwelling, I live within the world, its pleasures cherish, and thou must perish.

THE FIFTH WORD | John 19:28–29

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

MEDITATION

I thirst.

Dr. Sandra Randleman

PRAYER

*†HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

THE SIXTH WORD | John 19:30

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

MEDITATION

It is finished.

Dr. Ryan Moore

PRAYER

ANTHEM

O Thou My Savior, give me answer from Passion of St. John
J.S. Bach

O thou my saviour, give me answer, dearest saviour. (Jesus, thou who once wast dead.) Since thou upon thy cross art crucified, and thyself hast said: it is fulfilled. (Livest now forever.) Shall I from death be ever free? (When the path of death I tread.) Can I through thy despair and passion the heavenly home inherit? (Let my seeking never.) Is all the world redeemed today? (Elsewhere than to thee be turned O beloved saviour!) Thou canst for pain indeed not answer, yet bowest thou thy head to say, in silence: Yea, yea! (Give me but what thou has earned, more I do not pray for.)

THE SEVENTH WORD | Luke 23:44–46

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

MEDITATION

Father, into your hands ...

Lonnie Stout

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

ANTHEM

Here Bide We Still from *St. Matthew’s Passion*
J.S. Bach

Here bide we still with tears and weeping, and call to thee in death now blest. Rest thou softly. Rest, thou weary body sleeping. Rest thou well. See in grave and stone a grace for the anxious, the despairing: heaven’s pillow, comfort bearing, and the soul’s sweet resting place. Come, my joy! Slumber doth mine eyes embrace.

*BENEDICTION

*Please depart in silence as you leave the Sanctuary in
preparation for the resurrection of Christ.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
John Musgrave – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Missions*
Gage Arnold – *Director of Youth Programming*
Mallory Hammond – *Director of Ministry to Children and their Families*
Jeff Mims – *Pastor, Judson Baptist Church*
Lonnie Stout – *Clerk of Session*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
FPC Sanctuary Choir
Emily Kent – *Soprano*
Ryan Bede – *Baritone*
David Davidson – *Concertmaster*
David Angell – *Violin*
Alison Gooding Hoffman – *Violin*
Elizabeth Lamb – *Viola*
Andrew Dunn – *Cello*
Austin Hoke – *Cello*
Craig Nelson – *String Bass*
Emily Stewart – *Harp*

MUSIC NOTES

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COVER IMAGE

The Crucifixion (restrike?), Hans Schäufelein, 1505, Woodcut, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York.

WELCOME

First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. Since 1814 First Presbyterian has sought to be faithful in service to Jesus Christ and the common good. We are rooted in the Reformed, orthodox, and evangelical traditions of the larger church. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you!

Hearing Assistance App Directions: Join WiFi network. You must be connected to this network for the app to work. Network Name: FPC Guest; Password: GreenRock-81. Download the WaveCAST app. Open the app and select “First Pres Sanctuary.” Plug in your headphones and adjust the volume to your preference.

To **livestream** worship and special events or view past services, visit youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofnashville.

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the offering plate so we can follow up!

*Stay informed about news and upcoming events by reading FPC's weekly Parish News email.
To subscribe, email communications@fpcnashville.org.*

LOOKING AHEAD

Program Change: History, Politics, and Religion: A Better Conversation about School Safety
Tuesday, April 11 | 6:00 p.m.

Finding Jesus in Health Care at St. George's Episcopal Church
Tuesday, April 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Leaving Your Legacy Dinner
Monday, April 17 | 6:00 p.m.

First Friends Luncheon: What in the World is Going on at the Nashville Airport?
Thursday, April 20 | 12:00 p.m.

Inquirers Class
April 22 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

PW Spring Gathering
May 9, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

Save the date for VBS 2023
July 25–27 | Evenings

— WORSHIP WITH US —

Easter

Sunday, April 9

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Columbarium

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services
Sanctuary

*Join us for Easter breakfast following the
services in Courtenay Hall until 11:00 a.m.*

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

We invite you to take part of the Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday. As you come to worship, please pause at the cross and help us cover it with flowers. Wildflowers, purchased flowers or flowers from your garden are welcome. This ancient and meaningful tradition represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of the resurrection. Christ's resurrection brings new life to the whole world—the beginning of the restoration of all things. Even the terrible, rugged cross, the instrument of Jesus' death, can become an emblem of new life in Christ when we cover it with flowers on Easter Sunday.