

A Service of Worship for  
MAUNDY THURSDAY

**First Presbyterian Church**

April 2, 2026 • 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Danielle Kendig, *Pastor*



*As I have loved you,  
so you must*

*Love one another.*

*By this everyone will know that  
you are my disciples.*

JOHN 13:34–35 (NIV®)

# First Presbyterian Church



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*Vision Statement ~ We seek to become a Christian people of Spiritual Vitality and Faithfulness embraced by the love of God in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, as we love God and our neighbors, near and far.*

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING HYMN** “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”

*(Refrain x2) Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) John 13

Leader: Jesus gathered with his friends around the table.

**People: And showed them what love looks like.**

Leader: He didn't stand above them,

**People: He knelt beside them.**

Leader: He didn't speak about love,

**People: He lived it.**

Leader: So we come tonight to remember...

**People: And to learn how to love like that.**

**All: Let us worship God!!**

**\*THE OPENING PRAYER** (Unison) Psalm 116, John 13

**God, thank you for this night. A night that reminds us, love isn't just something we say, it's something we do. Slow us down. Help us set aside distractions and expectations. Meet us here in the quiet, in the simplicity, in the ordinary things... like water, and touch, and presence. Teach us how to love like Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen.**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN #94 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”**

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** John 1 and Philippians 2

*Begin in silence, reading over the Prayer of Confession and preparing to pray it together.*

**God, if we're honest... loving like Jesus is hard. We like to stay comfortable. We like to stay in control. We don't always want to kneel. We miss chances to serve. We hold back when we could give more. We choose ourselves when we could choose others. Forgive us. Wash away what gets in the way of love. Help us start again. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Responsive) Psalm 116, 1 John 1

Leader: Here's the good news: God doesn't wait for us to get it all right. God meets us right here. Loves us as we are. And gently calls us forward. You are forgiven, you are loved, and you are being made new.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*THE RESPONSE #579**                      **“The 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.*

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Responsive) Psalm 118:26; Matthew 21:5

Leader: Christ enters our lives in peace, humility, and love. Let us share that peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC “So Said the Lord that Night”**      *Westmont Presbyterian Church Choir*

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**    Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19    Pg. 541

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**                      John 13:1-17, 31b-35    Pg. 102

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**                      **“Love that Kneels”**                      *Rev. Danielle Kendig*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #97**              **“Go to Dark Gethsemane”**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD** (By Intinction)

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT & BLESSING OF THE HANDS**

**COMMUNION HYMN #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN #85 "What Wondrous Love is This"**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

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