



The Worship of God ✦ April 6, 2023 ✦ Maundy Thursday

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 6, 2023 ✠ 6:45 PM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Maundy Thursday*

*Maundy Thursday, observed by many Christians on the Thursday before Easter, marks the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples prior to His arrest and crucifixion. The name Maundy Thursday is derived from the Latin word “mandatum” meaning “commandment.” The primary commandment of Jesus’ message is found in the story of the Last Supper when Jesus humbles himself to wash the disciples’ feet. He then commands them to “Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:34)*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Nancy Freeman

*Before the bright dawn in the garden  
– when Love was resurrected,  
before the cold silence of the tomb  
– by which Love was swallowed,  
before the black horror of the cross  
– on which Love was broken,  
before the bitter struggle of another garden  
– through which Love affirmed its choices,  
Jesus,  
eating a final supper with His friends,  
blessed and broke bread and poured out a cup of wine,  
sharing these tokens with them  
as a confirmation of the life He had lived  
and a sign of what was to come.....*

- Pat Bennett

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Freeman

HYMN

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.  
How marvelous! How wonderful! and my song shall ever be;  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mrs. Gilliam

HYMN

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.  
How marvelous! How wonderful! and my song shall ever be;  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me.

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:6-13

Dr. Gilliam

This is the word of God for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

*A Tender Moment*

Dr. Gilliam

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HYMN

*In Remembrance*

RED

# In Remembrance

*"Do this in remembrance of Me." Luke 22:19*

1. In re - mem - brance of Me, eat this bread. In re -  
2. (In re -) mem - brance of Me, heal the sick. In re -

mem - brance of Me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of  
mem - brance of Me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of

Me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
Me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

done. 2. In re - in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; Drink, and re - mem - ber,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the first vocal line and the second column to the second vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

too, that this is My bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, shed for you. In re - mem - brance of Me,

search for truth. In re - mem - brance of Me, al - ways love. In re -

mem - brance of Me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart, look

*slower*  
in your heart for God. Do this in re - mem - brance of Me.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER



+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+RESPONSE

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,  
Free to all a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

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*You are invited to join us tomorrow evening for our annual Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7:00 PM.  
The Service of Tenebrae commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as He suffered death  
on the cross.*

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### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III  
*Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Pianist*