



The Worship of God ✠ April 17, 2025
Maundy Thursday

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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April 17, 2025 ✠ 7:00 PM

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

PIANO PRELUDE

Cross Medley

Greg Barmer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, our Holy Brother, said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as he loved us, we also should love one another. Just as He served us, we should also serve one another.

On this day, Christ, the Lamb of God, gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.

On this day, Christ gathered with His disciples in the upper room.

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do for others as He has done for us.

Christ our God gave us the holy feast,

He gave us the holy feast, that we who eat the bread and drink the cup may proclaim His holy sacrifice and be partakers of His resurrection, and at the last day may reign with Him in heaven.

GATHERING SONG

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

O soul are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dennis Bazemore

WE RESPOND IN THE CONFESSION OF OUR SIN

Friends, sometimes it is our sin that leaves us discouraged and guilty. Other times it is our foolishness and ignorance that shame us before God. On this most holy night we know one thing for certain: both our sin and our foolishness have the gravest of consequences - Jesus, our Lord, is crucified. And so, we humbly make a common confession as we pray together:

Merciful God, our hope on earth and in heaven, we confess to You and to each other that we are sinners who need a Savior. We have not loved You without reserve, we have not loved others without conditions. We have spread folly rather than wisdom and have crucified the good things that emerge from our hearts. We repent, Lord, and seek your costly grace. We plead Lord, for Your forgiveness and cleansing. Wash us and make us clean. Repair our spirits and make us whole. Lord, have mercy.

PRIVATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WE RESPOND

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 34-35

Christ prepares for the Passover by washing the feet of His disciples.

MESSAGE IN SONG

In All Things Love

Dan Forrest

Jordan Martin, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:20-28

Jesus acknowledges that Judas will betray Him and serves His disciples the Passover Meal.

WE RESPOND

O How He Loves You and Me

O how He loves you and me; O how He loves you and me.
He gave His life; what more could He give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me.

HOMILY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRIVATE PRAYER DURING THE MEAL

GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:1-20

Jesus appears before Pilate and is mocked by the crowd.

WE RESPOND

There Is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away;
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:21-37

The crucifixion and death of Christ.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Christ has died.

WE RESPOND

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

FEEL FREE TO LINGER IN THE SANCTUARY
DEPART IN SILENCE

Our worship continues Sunday morning.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barmer
Interim Minister of Music

Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist

Mr. Jordan Martin
Organist