

What is a Maundy Thursday Service?

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. Historically, this was the traditional day in which those who had undergone a period of public penance under church discipline would be restored to full communion. The name "Maundy Thursday" is taken from the first words sung at the ceremony of the washing of the feet, "I give you a new commandment" (John 13:34); also from the commandment of Christ that we should imitate his loving humility in the washing of the feet (John 13:14-17). The term mandatum (maundy), therefore, was applied to the rite of the foot washing on this day.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pikeville

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026



Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

The Lord has heard the cries of the people and meets every broken heart at the Lord's table.

We cannot earn our place here;
we can only accept that we are loved and come to be fed.
We offer ourselves as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and give our lives as our act of praise. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Humble Savior, your words were clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." You have loved us unfailingly, unceasingly, and we have rejoiced in that love. But we have not poured out on others the love you have lavished on us. Forgive us. Cover us with your mercy, and lead us once again in your ways.

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved of God, hear this good news: even in our sin, Christ went to conquer death on our behalf and Christ redeems us still.

Even now, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture **Luke 22:14-27**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Flipping the Script at the Table

Lord's Supper Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Closing Prayer

