



A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Faithful to the Scriptures  
True to the Reformed Faith  
Obedient to the Great Commission



Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

7:00 pm

# Welcome to Christ Community Church

*For God's glory, to make and deploy mature  
and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Free wifi:  
CCC Guest >  
guest2020

Whether you are a visitor or a member, it is a joy to worship our Lord Jesus Christ with you. Please consider participating in our Easter Services at 9:00am and 10:30am this coming Sunday as well.

This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask a Sound Technician for a receiver.

We believe it is right and good for children of all ages to be with the adult community in worship. This service will be approximately 1 hour in length. The atrium is available for your use as we seek to encourage children to become familiar with a worship service.

Hymns and worship songs are used by permission.  
CCLI # 187771

Prepare yourself now for the highest calling of the people of God which is the worship of God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

**S** - denotes  
congregation  
Standing

## *Reflections*

**John 15:12-13:** "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Download the  
CCC Simpsonville  
app today!

**1 John 4:10:** In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



## **Order of Worship**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### ***Hearing from the Savior***

#### **§ Call to Worship**

Isaiah 52:9-15

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the Lord. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you - his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind - so shall he sprinkle many nations.

#### ***Responding to the Savior***

### **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Choral Meditation**

*Behold the Lamb*

#### ***Hearing from the Savior***

#### **§ Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord crush him; he has put him to grief;

## *Responding to the Savior*

### **§ Song of Praise**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown, for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

### **Corporate Prayer of Adoration**

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

*"O Father who spared not your own Son that you might spare me: this divine exchange of Christ for Me took place that because you spared not Christ, you might in love spare me. Help me to adore thee by lips and life. O that my every breath might be in joyous praise, my every step lightened with delight, as I see those enemies of my soul crushed; Satan baffled, defeated, and destroyed; sin buried in the ocean of reconciling blood; hell's gates closed, and heaven's portal open. Go forth, O Conquering God and show me thy cross—mighty to subdue, comfort, and save. In the name of Jesus, Amen."*

### **Prayers of the Church**

#### **§ Song of Preparation**

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

### *Hearing from the Savior*

#### **Sermon Text**

Matthew 26:47-75

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." <sup>49</sup> And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup> And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" <sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

<sup>57</sup> Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What

further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." <sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly ."

## **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

### *"Wondrous Love"*

Week after week we proclaim the Bible because we are convinced it is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. That means that it comes to us from God, so it is true in everything that it claims. Therefore, you can trust it with all of your heart and it will not let you down.

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### *Responding to the Savior*

## **Bread & Cup**

Please hold the elements until all are served so that we may partake together.

## **§ Song of Response**

*Jesus Paid It All*

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in all."

*Chorus: Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain.  
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.  
*Chorus*

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's lamb.

*Chorus*

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete.  
Jesus died my soul to save. My lips shall still repeat;

*Chorus*

### ***Hearing from the Savior***

#### **§ Benediction**

John 13:34-35 & 2 Corinthians 13:14

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

---

*Space for Notes:*

## ***Why Do That in Worship?***

## ***Maundy Thursday Service***

For many people, Maundy Thursday services, may seem to be a fairly recent innovation. We've always celebrated Easter together. And many churches and communities have gathered to remember Christ's death on Good Friday. But Maundy Thursday is something new to most of us.

Not so in the wider Christian community. The celebration of Maundy Thursday goes back at least to the fourth century, when pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem are known to have marked the Last Supper and other events of passion week with special services at holy sites. Maundy is referring to the "new commandment" of love recorded in John 14. Maundy is an English corruption, via French, of the Latin *mandatum* or "commandment").

Various traditions know the day by different names: Holy Thursday, Great Thursday, Green Thursday. In the Middle Ages Christians officially called the day the "Thursday of the Lord's Supper," and this ancient designation is still the most descriptive. The central focus of Maundy Thursday worship has always been the upper room, where Jesus on the night of his arrest, sat at the table with his disciples and instituted a solemn memorial of his new covenant through the broken bread and shared cup of his supper.

Maundy Thursday, therefore, ranks among the richest and most complex of the Christian celebrations. As the climax of the old Passover tradition, the Last Supper recalls the exodus and other past signs of God's covenant faithfulness. As a prelude to the Easter drama, the service not only anticipates Gethsemane and Golgotha but also looks beyond them in expectation to the empty tomb and the great heavenly banquet of the Lamb (cf. Matt. 26:29).

Whatever the specific means employed in celebrating the Maundy Thursday service, the watchword should be simplicity— a simplicity of celebration that respects, and so enhances, the intrinsic power and richness of the great event we are privileged to commemorate.

© 2013 Faith Alive Christian Resources

### ***Church office: 864.967.2815***

#### **Staff**

Paul Sanders, Senior Pastor	864.431.6688	Rachel Beeson, Dir. of Children's Ministry	864.617.6768
Jonathan Williams, Ass't. Pastor/Discipleship	803.629.2952	Felicia Liddell, Dir. of Assimilation	813.335.7320
Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor/Youth	770.328.6363	Kim Wallace, Dir. of Women's Ministry	864.981.2449
	Jim Perry, Church Administrator		864.449.5609
	Joanne Heiser, Admin. Assistant		864.593.2424
	Steve Britton, Clerk of Session		864.277.9248
	Greg Coggins, Chair of Diaconate		904.472.9656