

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3, 2026
PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL
IN WORD AND SACRAMENT

*To maintain a spirit of reverent reflection on our Lord's Passion, please remain silent
prior to the beginning of the service as well as when you leave.*

Choral Anthem *Via Dolorosa*

Down the Vía Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day
The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street.
But the crowd pressed in to see
The man condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon his back
And He wore a crown of thorns upon his head.
And He bore with every step
The scorn of those who cried out for his death.

Down the Vía Dolorosa, called the way of suffering
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King.
But He chose to walk that road out of his love for you and me.
Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary.

The blood that would cleanse the soul of all men
Made it's way to the heart of Jerusalem.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what He has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For He grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men,

a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces

He was despised, and we esteemed him not.

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 to crush him;

He has put him to grief;

when his soul makes an offering for guilt,

He shall see his offspring; He shall prolong his days;

the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

Out of the anguish of his soul He shall see and be satisfied;

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,

make many to be accounted righteous,

and He shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many

and He shall divide the spoil with the strong,

because He poured out his soul to death

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet He bore the sin of many,

and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Invocation

Choral Anthem

When Hope Fell Silent

Choir & Orchestra

Hymn of Reflection

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.

Reading of Scripture

Mark 15:16-47

(pew Bible pg. 812/**852**)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Pastor Steven Clark

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Those who have not yet come to the place in their lives of trusting Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are requested to let the elements pass. Please use this time to read Isaiah 53 (p. 580/**613** in the pew Bible) asking God to show you the glory of His Son, Jesus Christ. If you are unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a member of the pastoral staff or one of the elders after the service.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Hymn of Preparation *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Receiving the Bread and Cup For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
1 Corinthians 11:26

Please note: the bread is gluten-free. Our custom is we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

Hymn of Reflection *Were You There?*
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Benediction

*To maintain a spirit of reverent reflection on our Lord's Passion,
please leave the sanctuary in silence.*

Thank you for worshipping with us at
Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church this evening.
If you do not presently have a church home, we
warmly invite you to join us again this Sunday for our
Easter Sunday Morning Service
at 11am in the Covenant Life Center (gym).

Regularly scheduled Sunday morning Worship Services
at 8:30 and 11am and Sunday School at 10am for all ages will resume on
Sunday, April 12.

To learn more about us, visit cmpca.org.
You may contact us by phone 770-967-3440
or email churchoffice@cmpca.org.
Our office hours are Monday through Thursday,
9am–3pm.

*May the Lord grant you
His grace, mercy, and peace
this Easter Season.*

Prayers for Those Not Communing:

For those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open my eyes to the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

A Prayer Encouraging Struggling and Doubting Believers to Come to the Table:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see your table as an invitation to grace upon grace; a place to run to in the midst of struggle and temptation. Help me to see that spiritual health and restoration begins with your means of grace and not the other way around. Where I have sinned against others, lead me into reconciliation as you have reconciled us by your blood. Where my conscience is burdened, let me not be my own session but bring my burdens to those you have given to your church for oversight and care. In all matters, help me to see your table as a means to laying aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.



Good Friday Worship Service

April 8, 2026

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