

# Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Clemson, South Carolina



## *Our Vision*

*Joining together on a journey of Christian faith,  
we seek to be Disciples of Christ and to share God's love  
in our community and around the world.*

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Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2009

7:30 pm

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: Elegy

G. T. Thalben-Bell

*(A time for silent prayer and meditation.)*

+Choral Call to Worship: Hymn #24: "Angels We Have Heard On High"

GLORIA

Sung verse by verse, alternating with the choir singing "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

Rodney Norris

*Praying together: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Silent Prayer*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

Scripture: John 13:1-17

Laura Conrad

This passage is enacted by the worshiping congregation through a foot washing ritual.

Please see the directions on the next page. We will sing the following hymns while seated during the foot washing.

Hymn #367: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love"

CHERE PONI

Hymn #94: "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

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Scripture: John 13:31b-35

Kerin Watts

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Scripture: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Mary Gause

This passage is enacted by the worshiping congregation through coming to the Holy Table.

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Eucharistic Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Communion

*(Please see the directions located on the next page.)*

Choral Communion Anthem: Stay with Us Jesus

Hovland

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+Hymn #98: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
(The Stripping of the Sanctuary)

PASSION CHORALE

+Turning Toward Good Friday: Scripture: Luke 23:44-47 The Temple Curtain is Torn in Two

+Choral Response: "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

Bill Diekhoff, tenor

***Please depart the Sanctuary in silence.***

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+ All who are able may stand.

The term *Maundy* derives from the Latin *mandatum* (via the French *mande*), meaning *mandate*, or *command*. The evening that Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples (the Last Supper); he gave them a new commandment to "Love one another", and served them by washing their feet.

### **Directions for the Foot washing Ritual**

There are three ways that you may choose to participate in the foot washing ritual.

(1) Meditate on the actions of Jesus on that first Maundy Thursday.

*Remain in your pew and meditate on the story in John's gospel.*

*Who has metaphorically "washed your feet" – knelt down to care for you?*

*Who in your life are you called to serve, without thought of reward or return of the favor?*

(2) Come forward for a symbolic reenactment of foot washing.

*Come forward when there is sufficient room and sit on a front pew,  
Remove one shoe and sock if necessary.*

*When one of the chairs at the washing stations is free, be seated there.*

*If you would like to do the washing of another (with his or her consent),  
simply indicate to the Minister and you will be instructed how to do it.*

(3) Come forward for a symbolic and parallel practice in our culture: hand washing.

*Come forward to the hand washing station at the center of the Sanctuary  
on the floor in front of the table.*

*If you would like to do the washing of another (with his or her consent),  
simply indicate to the Minister and you will be instructed how to do it.*

### **Directions for the Celebration of Holy Communion**

The method of Communion tonight will be by intinction. After the choir is served, please come to the front using the middle aisle and depart using the side aisles. Tear off a sizeable piece of bread and dip that piece of bread in the cup. If you are unable to come forward, you will be served at your seat.

### **Easter Sunday Schedule:**

7:00 am	Sunrise service at Old Stone Church Cemetery
8:30 am	Worship service in Tartan Hall
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship service in Sanctuary

Elders assisting with communion tonight are Pansy Duke and David Hendricks.