

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Tenebrae Service of Worship

Gathering Darkness in Commemoration of the Crucifixion

Good Friday
April 3, 2026 | 6:30pm

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers

Ministers: All members of the congregation

*A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer honor God and serve as a blessing to you.*

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Why Have You Forsaken Me?

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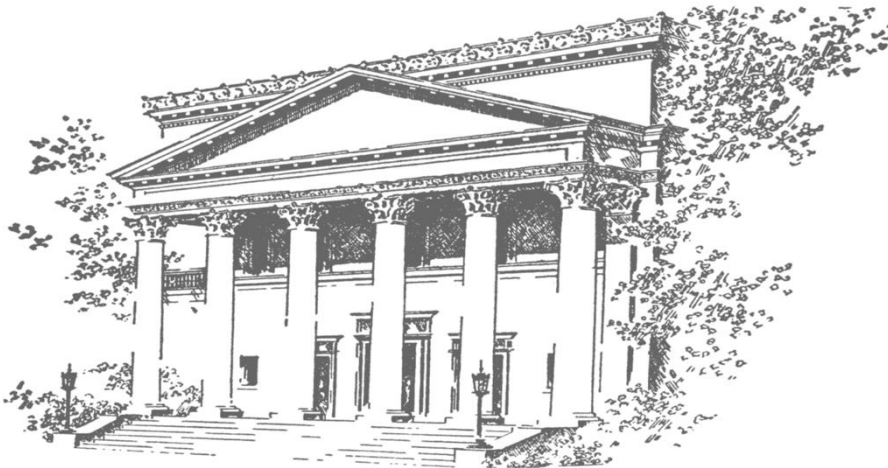
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*Seek the welfare of the city where I
have sent you...
and pray to the Lord
on its behalf for in its welfare you will
find your welfare.*

Jeremiah 29:7

The Church Gathers in the Growing Darkness...

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

One: *"Is it nothing to you, all who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow..."*

Lamentations 1:12

~ *Silence* ~

CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Smith

One: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

All: Surely, he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows.

One: Yet we esteemed him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

All: But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

One: Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,

All And with his wounds we are healed.

HYMN #224

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Susan Smith

One: Let us remember Jesus: who, though rich, became poor; who came among us not to be served, but to serve; who walked our roads and bore our burdens.

All: We remember him.

Let us remember Jesus: who loved those who betrayed him; who prayed for those who rejected him.

We remember him.

Let us remember Jesus: who was mocked and condemned; who carried the cross and suffered unto death.

We remember him.

Let us remember Jesus: who cried out in anguish, and entrusted himself to God.

We remember... and we wait.

~ *Silence* ~

HIS ARREST IN THE GARDEN



SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:1-5, 10-11

Will Myers

"Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray..."

~ Silence for reflection and prayer ~

HIS DENIAL AND ABANDONMENT



SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:15-18, 25-27

Sam Keller

~ Silence for reflection and prayer ~

HIS TRIAL BEFORE PILATE



SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-38

Margie Myers

~ Silence for reflection and prayer ~

ORGAN MEDITATION

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. J. Ryan Garber

PROPHETIC WITNESS

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:6-9

Sam Keller

~ Silence ~

HIS SENTENCE TO DIE



SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:1-5, 12-16a

Margie Myers

~ Silence for reflection and prayer ~

HYMN #228

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

HIS SENTENCE TO DIE



SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:16b-18, 25-27

Will Myers

~ Silence for reflection and prayer ~

ANTHEM

They Crucified My Lord

arr. Stephen DeCesare
Lindsay Marchio, soprano

MEDITATION

“Father, Forgive Them”

Pastor Myers

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do...”
Luke 23:34

HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS



SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:28–30

Pastor Myers

~ Silence for reflection and prayer ~

ORGAN MEDITATION

The Last Breath

Jayson Keeton

HIS BURIAL IN THE GARDEN TOMB



SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 19:38–42

Pastor Myers

ANTHEM

The Crucifixion

Samuel Barber
Lindsay Marchio, soprano

DRAPING OF THE CROSS AND STRIPPING THE SANCTUARY

~ Silence for reflection and prayer ~

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

~ Silence for reflection and prayer ~

All depart in silence.

Our service continues as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday at 10:30am.

OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS

Worship is broadcast on Sundays at 11:00am on WCHS 580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel: First Presby WV
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