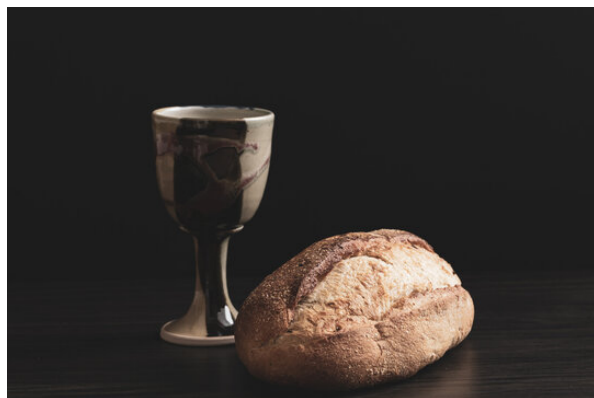


# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m.

### *Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

PRELUDE

*Adagio for Strings* Samuel Barber, arr. Wm. Strickland  
Eric J. Gastier, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

April Gamble

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Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

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took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,  
showing us that we should do to others as God has done to us.

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that we who eat this bread and drink this cup  
may here proclaim his holy sacrifice  
and live into God's grace for the sake of the world.**

PRAYER

\* HYMN 206

*This Is the Night*

MY NEIGHBOR

\* CONFESSION

**God Beyond All Names, 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 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.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

(Silence is kept for personal prayers)

\* RESPONSE 227 (repeat 3 times)

*Berthier*

**Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

\* THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

THE PSALMS

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Reverend David Rice

Response: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of  
salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the  
Lord in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my  
vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people, in the courts of  
the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 34-35

Pew Bible page 101

A TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

ANTHEM

*O the Lamb*

*John Bell*

The Sanctuary Choir, Elizabeth Partee & Gavin Slate, soloists

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (we offer gluten-free wafers)

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*Aurora*

*Ola Gjeilo*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 202

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

*O WALY WALY*

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Litany*

*Myron J. Roberts*

The asterisk (\*) indicates places in the service where those who are able are invited to stand.

First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

**More Light Church and Member of Covenant Network  
Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church**

**The Mission of More Light Presbyterians:** Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

**The Mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace. We are called to achieve this goal by furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, and by working for the unity of the PC(USA).

**Earth Care Pledge:** Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

**The Mission of the Matthew 25 Church:** Matthew 25:31–46 calls us to actively engage the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. We commit ourselves to congregational vitality by acting boldly and compassionately to end systemic poverty and structural racism, serving people who are oppressed, imprisoned, poor.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	April 5	9:15 a.m. — Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt
		10:15 a.m. — Organ and Brass Prelude
		10:30 a.m. — Easter Service and Communion in the Sanctuary

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Liturgy for Maundy Thursday, 2 April 2026

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PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of life and death  
we wait in hope.

God of all the worlds that are  
we wait in hope.

God of dazzling darkness  
we wait in hope.

We wait in hope and awe.

(Ruth Burgess)

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