



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester & Beyond



MAUNDY THURSDAY

worship



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April 9, 2020

WORSHIP ONLINE & AT HOME





You are invited from your home to participate in the elements of worship preceded by  and congregational parts in **BOLD**.

Thought Upon Entering

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, it produces Love.

— SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Amy Bowman, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17, 31b-35, NT

Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

²Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. ⁴So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. ⁶When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

⁸"No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

⁹Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

¹²After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? ¹³You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. ¹⁴If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. ¹⁵I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. ¹⁶I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

³¹When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One^[a] has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human

One^[b] in himself and will glorify him immediately. ³³ Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.'

³⁴ "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. ³⁵ This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

✝ HYMN 527, SING 2X

"Eat This Bread"

BERTHIER

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

✝ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

✝ PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world. through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever. Amen.

SENDING

The church remains in semidarkness and in silence, thus making the transition from the eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death. Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

After prayer and thoughtful deliberation and with deep regret but a sense that we are doing the right thing, our elected leadership, the Session has acted to suspend all church activities through May 10 in order to comply with the CDC recommendation and the Commonwealth of Virginia Executive Order 55, as well as an act of Christian love towards neighbors. The goal is to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and not overwhelm our health care system with new infections. Halting the spread of the coronavirus requires a community effort. *If new information arises that allows us to resume gathering in person, we will rescind this action and resume in-person gatherings.* A worship service will be broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and video will remain on our Facebook page after the broadcast. We will also upload the video to our website.

<https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchwinchester>

<https://www.fpcwinc.org/virtual>

What can you do during this time?

- Support our church's elected leaders and staff. We have been making some hard decisions on the fly without a roadmap. We are learning to lean ever more closely on God and one another more and more as we lead in this crisis. We are humbled by the trust you place in us to lead well and wisely.
- Maintain your giving to the church according to your ability. Our financial obligations remain as does yours – mission commitments, staff salaries, utilities, insurance, planned maintenance of a sizeable facility. You can send your offering via USPS [116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601] or you can give electronically using the "Donate" button on our website. Thank you.

[<https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate/>]

- Check on your neighbors. There are folks who are impacted harshly by the disruptions of this pandemic than others. They need us and we can help. Stay tuned to your email and our social media presence for ways to help.
- Pray for your church family. Make phone calls. Send emails. Write and send cards. Let folks know they are remembered and loved.
- Practice Sabbath. Set aside time to be with God, to be silent, to listen for the whispers of the Spirit, to release your anxiety and fear, to renew, to rest.

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER SUNDAY

fpc
easter
bonnet
challenge

GET CRAFTY!
We want to see your Easter Bonnet!

Find materials around the house - wrapping and tissue paper, fake flowers, paper plates, strings, etc.

Take selfies of you and your Easter Bonnet, and share online! You can e-mail pictures to info@fpcwinc.org or in the comments on our Facebook page.

Easter Sunday



Join us for worship on Easter Sunday, April 12 at 11 am on our Facebook page, our YouTube Channel, and on our website, fpcwinc.org/virtual