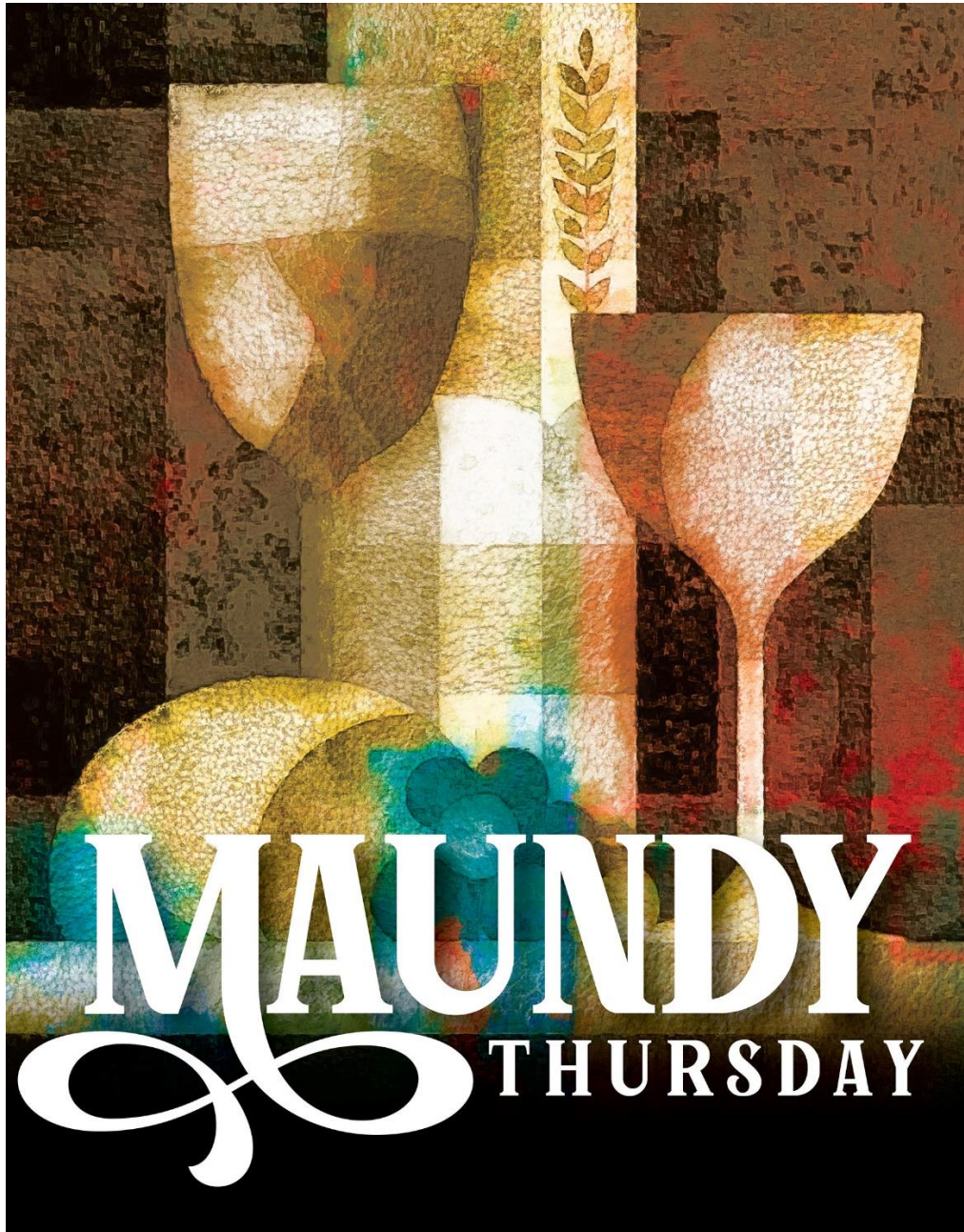

Marple Presbyterian Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 02, 2026



“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

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"Could you not watch with me one brief hour?"

Matthew 26:40



Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship | John 13:34

Leader: Jesus said, I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.

People: **Just as Christ has loved us,
let us love one another.**

*Litany

Leader: On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

People: **On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

Leader: On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

People: **On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** | *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* | #92

Scripture | John 13:31-35

Special Music | *Lacrima Christi (Tears of Christ)* by Paul Nordoff |
Susan Greene, Soloist and Matt Knecht, Piano

*Christ impinged on the cross, Let his head hang down.
He was faint and pricked by the thorns in his crown.
Back of him the dark sky howled with gales.
Through his feet and through his palms drove the long nails.
Down his cheeks, down his cheeks the tears did rain.
Because his wounds were terrible and he in dire pain.*

Sermon | Did E'er Such Love and Sorrow Meet | Pastor Jim Reisner

Offering

***Congregational Response** *Jesus, Remember Me*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The Distribution of the Bread and Wine



The Solemn Office of Tenebrae

(The lowering of the lights during the Service of Tenebrae symbolizes the flight of the disciples, and passion and loneliness of our Lord.)

Prayer

***Hymn** | *O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace* | #228

First Lesson | Matthew 26:30-35

Jesus Foretells His Denial

Hymn | *When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son* (v. 1 & 2) | #86

Second Lesson | Matthew 26:36 – 50

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Choir Anthem | *Watch With Me* by Daniel Gawthrop

Third Lesson | Matthew 26:57-68

Jesus Before Caiaphas, The Priest

Hymn | *Ah, Holy Jesus* v.1 & 2 | #93

Fourth Lesson | John 18:28-40

Jesus Before Pilate

Hymn | *Go to Dark Gethsemane* v. 2 & 3 | #97

Fifth Lesson | Matthew 27:26-31

Jesus is Scourged and Condemned

Hymn | *O Sacred Head Now, Wounded* v. 1 & 3 | #98

Sixth Lesson | John 19:17-27

Jesus is Crucified

Choir Anthem | *Crucified* by Craig Courtney

Seventh Lesson | Luke 23:39-49

Jesus Dies for the Sins of the World

The Congregation sits in the darkness of the tomb.

Hymn | *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | #101

Benediction and Silent Recess



Tenebrae (Latin, “darkness”) derives its name from the darkness which covered the land during the three hours when Jesus was on the cross.

Note:

The pastor will recess in silence after the Benediction. The congregation will leave church silently, after a moment of waiting, remembering the hour of meditation, and the loneliness of our Savior in the quiet of Gethsemane, and the withdrawal of those who had witnesses his dying.

Tenebrae Service





Happy EASTER!

Join us for a morning of worship.

EASTER WORSHIP

10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, April 5th

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School during the service after the Children's Moment.

Following the lesson time,
there will be a special visit from the
EASTER BUNNY to lead them outside for an **EGG HUNT**.

** Refreshments to follow service **

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 22 - 10:30 am

Calvary's Mountain (Cantata)

Sunday, March 29 - 10:30 am

Palm Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm, Chapel

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Communion

Friday, April 3 - 12:00 pm

Good Friday Interfaith Service

Sunday, April 5 - 10:30 am

Easter Sunday Worship Service

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SESSION

Paul Avazier '26

Amy Eckels '28

Patricia Gwartz '28

Ben Mitchell '27

Kristen Mitchell, Clerk

Debbie Pettinelli '27

Kerri Robinson '26

Lynn Smith '28

John Strain '27

Kim Wertz '28

DEACONS

Faye Allison '28

Marion Brower '27

Bette Downs '27

George Guyer '28

Greg Hoffman '27

Joyce Holmwood '26

Linda Pursley '27

Carol Robinson '28

Diane Valaitis '26

Shirley Wise '26