MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STARKVILLE MARCH 29, 2018

PRELUDE WELCOME

Prelude from Behold the Darkness

Benjamin Harlan

CALL TO WORSHIP from John 13:33-34 & 15:10

Pastor: Jesus said to his disciples: "A new command I give you:"

Congregation: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Pastor: By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Congregation: "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept

my Father's commands and remain in his love."

*INVOCATION

SCRIPTURAL INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Martin Lifer

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (Unison):

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.

GOD'S WORD OF GOSPEL GRACE AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+SERVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING

Serving Holy Communion Tonight by Intinction: Tonight, we will serve Communion primarily by *intinction*. Participants come forward in front of the Chancel – first, to receive a wafer [the Bread] and, second, to dip it into the Cup. Worshipers will not drink from the common Cup but simply dip a wafer into the Cup.

Special Provisions: (a) Worshipers coming forward who prefer not to take by intinction may – after receiving a wafer – take from the Lord's Table by Dr. Lifer an individual, clear plastic cup filled with the fruit of the vine.

(b) Bringing the elements to the Choir and to other worshipers unable to walk forward. Elders will be bring Communion Service Trays with wafers and individual portions of the Cup to (a) Choir members in the Chancel and, afterward, (b) any other worshippers who indicate that they are unable to come forward.

The First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Presents

BEHOLD THE DARKNESS

A TENEBRAE SERVICE
BY BENJAMIN HARLAN

Matthew 26:20-25, 31-35

What Wondrous Love Is This

Matthew 26: 47-52; Luke 22:54-62

Ah, Holy Jesus

John 18:33-38; Mark 15:16-20

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Were You There?

Mark 8:31

It Is Finished

Pastor: For the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior

Congregation: We give thanks.

Pastor: For the blessing and breadth of God's love toward us

Congregation: We give thanks.

Pastor: For the challenge and comfort of the cross

Congregation: We give thanks.

Pastor: For the power and presence of his Spirit

Congregation: We give thanks.

Behold the Savior

Following the concluding music, please depart from the Sanctuary in silence into this night on which we especially remember Jesus our Lord and what He has done for us and for our salvation. Thank you for joining us in this "Tenebrae" Service— moving toward darkness, in accordance with the solemnity of Holy Thursday evening.

The Paschal Triduum (three-day) conclusion to Holy Week begins this evening, when Friday begins according to Jewish reckoning of days. Thus, even as we leave silently in remembrance and meditation tonight, we look ahead to rejoicing with you on Resurrection Sunday morning here at FPC. Our Traditional Easter Sunday Services will begin at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. You are also invited to our Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast beginning at 6:30 a.m. – at Robinson Lake (weather permitting), or on the front steps of the Sanctuary.

^{*}The congregation is invited to stand.

⁺We invite all baptized Christian believers who are affirming members of the Body of Christ and who are prepared in faith to join us tonight in the Sacrament, sharing from the Lord's Table.

The FPC Chancel Choir

Dr. Craig Aarhus, Music Director Jennifer Blackbourn, Accompanist

Soprano
Glenda Clark
Brenda Koenig
Vivien Miller
Margaret Claire Pound
Michele Rackley
Patsy Randle
Lynn Zimmerman

Alto
Amy Aarhus
Marquita Beaty
Vivian Cade
Paula Ivey
Nancy Lifer
Peggy Moore

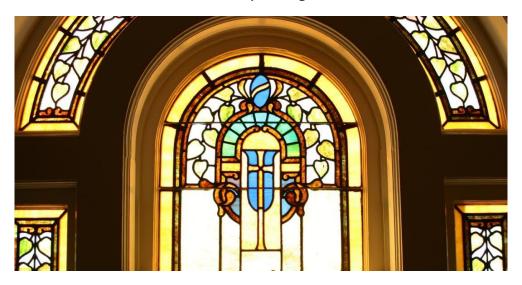
Tenor
Richard Blackbourn
Matt McAfee
Thomas Pound

Baritone/Bass
Jim Beaty
Charlie Guest
Phil Hubbard
Perry Rackley

Instrumental Ensemble:
Allison Tutor, flute
Michaela Dubose-Schmitt, oboe
Brian Harris, bassoon
John Ferguson, percussion

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HOLY COMMUNION
& TENEBRAE
WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 29, 2018 7:00 P.M.