

**Prayer After Communion**

**Stripping of the Sanctuary** *Ah, Holy Jesus*  
Leigh Montague, cello

Young

**Choral Benediction** *Were You There*  
Gina Goddard, soloist

**Recess in Silence**

We thank Leigh Montague, our guest cellist, for her musical gifts this evening.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Cheraw, South Carolina



*Our Vision*

*Rooted by God's Grace,  
Growing in the Spirit,  
Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

**April 17, 2025**

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*Maundy Thursday*

**Prelude** *What Wondrous Love* Haan  
Leigh Montague, cello

**Introit** *Adoro Te Devote* (Chancel Choir) 10th Century Chant

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**\*Call to Worship**

We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

**a story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial and death.**

We gather tonight to tell an even older story prepared before the worlds began:

**a story of love powerful enough to rewrite our endings with the promise of new life.**

In the telling of the story, in the breaking of the bread, in the coming of the night,

**we draw near once more to Christ.**

**\*Hymn 223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs. 1,3) HAMBURG

**Invitation to Confession**

In all humility and faith in the grace of God, let us confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us - you have loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Sisters and brothers, believe the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Choral Anthem** *Old Rugged Cross* (Chancel Choir) Bernard/Berry  
Leigh Montague, cello; Libby Pierce, wind chimes

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** John 13:1-17, 31-35

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Homily** "The Prayer" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**\*Hymn 221** *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

**Sacrament of Communion**  
**Communion**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Elements**

**Communion Music** *Adoro Te Devote* Callahan  
Leigh Montague, cello