

THE THREE DAYS  
Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Our Good Friday liturgy is in the form of a Tenebrae service, which has been practiced by the church since at least the ninth century. *Tenebrae* comes from Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.”

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## PRELUDE

### \*GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCES

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

**Who redeems us from sin and death.**

For us and for our salvation,

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

### \*HYMN 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death. Lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully all the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*After each reading and response that follows, a candle will be extinguished. Silence will be kept as we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death.*

## THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL | Matthew 26:20-25

Rev. Matt Curry

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

**THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF SPIRIT** | Matthew 26:36-50

Stephanie Dube

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Father, If This Cup*

**THE SHADOW OF DENIAL** | Matthew 26:69-75

Harley Bravo

POEM

“Judas, Peter” by Luci Shaw

**THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION** | Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Debbie McCoy

HYMN 221

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

**THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION AND HUMILIATION** | Matthew 27:31-43

Larry Hale

SOLO

*Calvary*

Tevin Vincent, Soloist

**THE SHADOW OF DEATH** | Matthew 27:45-54

Patti Price

CHORAL RESPONSE

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Gilbert Martin

**THE SHADOW OF BURIAL** | Matthew 27:57-60

Rev. Matt Curry

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

*Silence is kept as the Christ candle and other adornments are removed from the sanctuary.*

SOLO

*Were You There?*

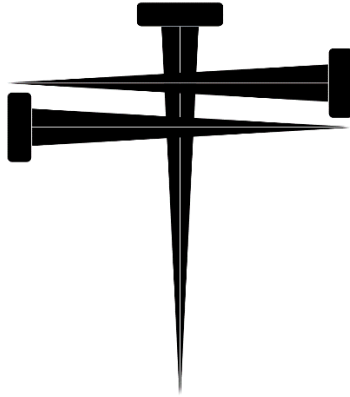
Nadia Wilkes, Soloist

*After silent reflection, all depart in silence.*

*The service continues tomorrow with the Great Vigil of Easter, 6pm in the Prayer Garden.*

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*



## **LEADING OUR WORSHIP TONIGHT**

Rev. Matt Curry  
The First Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dennis Jewett, Music Director  
Tyler Simpson, Organist