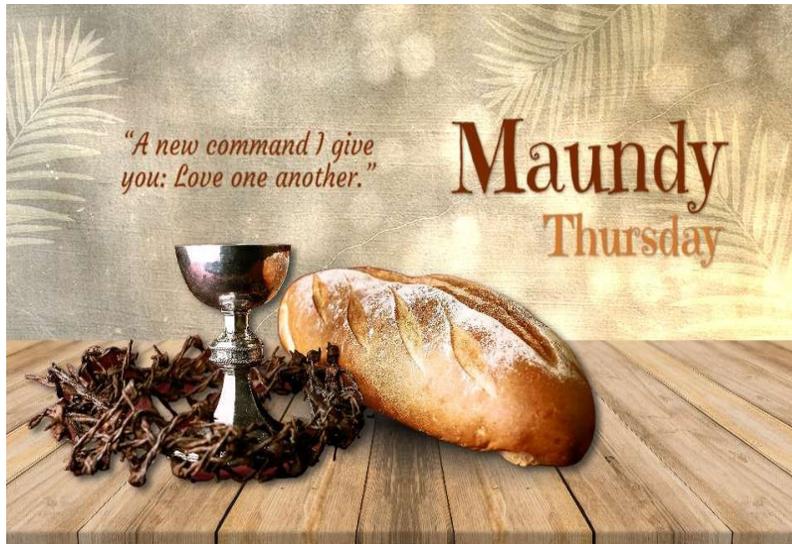


First Presbyterian Church

110 S. Ray Street
Post Office Box 397
Carthage, North Carolina 28327
(910) 947-2924 www.fpccarthage.com
infofpc397@gmail.com



Maundy Thursday/ Tenebrae Service

April 2, 2026
7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

John M. Rasley

“Midnight on Olive’s Brow”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: What shall we render to the Lord for all the blessings God has given us?

People: *We will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

People: *therefore, let us keep the feast.*

PRAYER OF THE NIGHT

HYMN # 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to do your will. Like doubting disciples, we deny and betray you. We do not deserve to sit at your table. By your grace, forgive us. In your mercy, do not withdraw your invitation. Welcome us again to your table, and unite us in your Spirit, for the sake of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GOSPEL LESSON

1 Corinthians, 11:17-26, page 173

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Maggie Beamguard

“Pass the Bread”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Christ and Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer (Unison)

God of Grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

DARKNESS IS COMING

Matthew 26:26-56, Page 30

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Baptismal Font, Candles, and Plates

HYMN # 220

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

DARKNESS IS COMING

Matthew 25:57-26:1, Page 28

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Bible, Paraments, and Pulpit

ANTHEM

Fred Pratt Green

“An Upper Room Our Lord Did Prepare”

DARKNESS IS COMING

Matthew 26:11-26, Page 29

HYMN # 218

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

GATHERING AROUND THE CROSS

Please depart in silent reflection.

218 Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.