



*April 17, 2025
Maundy Thursday*

First Presbyterian Church Aiken, South Carolina

A community actively seeking ways to continue:

... writing new chapters in an old story ...



A Stephen Ministry Congregation.

First Presbyterian Church of Aiken extends a simple and unqualified welcome, in Christ's name, to all who seek to join us. We affirm that there can be no exclusiveness within the body of Christ, and therefore we invite all children of God into our worship, study, mission, and fellowship as we together seek ways to live in grace and respond with gratitude. We would be happy to answer any questions about our mission, ministry, and membership.

We invite you to please join us again in worship.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING MUSIC

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your love was embodied in Jesus Christ who washed the disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin so that in hours of danger, we may not fail but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, now and forever. Amen.

✦ **HYMN 202**

AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE

✦ **INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN**

(Silent Confession)

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ Please rise in body or spirit.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

✦HYMN 206

THIS IS THE NIGHT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Beth Yarborough

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS BY INTINCTION

Please exit your row to the left, go to the station at the front of your section to receive the Communion elements, returning to your row from the right side. Gluten-free bread is available at the station located in the center beside the ministers. When taking Communion by intinction, a piece of bread will be placed in your hand. Take the bread and dip it in the cup, partake of it, then return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, it will be brought to you at your seat.

Concluding Prayer

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

Please leave in silence.

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