



**All are welcome, because God is Welcome!**  
We hope you feel the warmth of God's presence and a genuine welcome here. If this is your first time with us, we are honored to have you and look forward to seeing you again soon!

**Announcements, our weekly calendar, and scripture readings are available to view by scanning the QR code.**

**Connect with First Church by scanning the QR code or visiting our website.** There are wonderful things happening here, and we would love for you to find your place in our community of faith!

## ABOUT THE SERVICE

Portions of worship services are recorded and available on Facebook and our church website.

\*Indicates that the congregation may stand. **Words we all say are in bold print.**

**Tonight we will celebrate the sacrament of Communion.** At First Church, all are welcome at the Lord's table.

**Offering plates are available in the Narthex** (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship, or you can give online by scanning the QR code. Your support enables First Church to make a meaningful impact within our community and beyond. As we often say, we are truly "**blessed to be a blessing!**"

## CONNECTION, LEADERSHIP, AND STAFF

### WE ARE A CONGREGATION IN CONNECTION WITH

The Presbytery of Florida  
The Synod of South Atlantic  
The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

### THE SESSION

**The Rev. Julie Thompson**, Moderator, **Bob Plank**, Clerk of Session  
*Elected spiritual leaders of this congregation:*  
**Ann Fyfe** ('26), **Jennifer Hodges** ('27), **Steven McPherson** ('28),  
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## GOD WELCOMES US IN LOVE

**Prelude** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* BEACH SPRING

### Chiming the Trinity

**Choral Gathering Song** *Ubi Caritas* UBI CARITAS (Taizé)  
*Ubi caritas et amor, Live in charity and steadfast love.*  
*ubi caritas Deus ibi est. Live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Julie Thompson

### \*We Rejoice in God's Welcome

We gather this evening as friends gathered with Jesus in an Upper Room.

**Tonight we embrace the power of humble service.**

Draw us closer to you and inspire us with your love.

**Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us.**

May everyone know we are Christians by our love.

**\*Hymn 202** *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* O WALY WALY

### Call to Confession

On this night as we recall Christ's betrayal, we remember this: Christ broke bread with the one who would betray him. Christ washed the feet of Judas, that he may have a share in him. Knowing how deep our Savior's forgiveness runs, let us bring our sins to God.

### Prayer of Confession

**Humble Savior, your words were clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." You have loved us unfliningly, unceasingly, and we have rejoiced in that love. But we have not poured out on others the love you have lavished on us. Forgive us. Cover us with your mercy, and lead us once again in your ways.**

*(Time for silent reflection)*

**Kyrie (Hymn 551)** *Lord, Have Mercy* LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved of God, hear this good news: even in our sin, Christ went to conquer death on our behalf and Christ redeems us still. Even now, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN

**Gospel** John 13:2-17 hardcover p. 872; softcover NT p. 145  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 203** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

**Gospel** John 13:33-35 hardcover p. 873; softcover NT p. 146  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "The Power of Love" Rev. Julie Thompson

## GOD GATHERS US AT THE TABLE

**Communion Anthem** *Bread of the World* Dennis Eliot

### Invitation to the Table

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. ...**

... we are bold to pray:

**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

### Communion of God's People

*You will be invited by an usher to come forward by way of the center aisle and gather around the table in small groups to receive the bread and cup. If you are unable to come forward, an elder will serve you at your seat.*

### Music during Communion

*What Wondrous Love is This* (#215)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (#223)

### Prayer after Communion

# GOD SENDS US TO LIVE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

**Anthem** 'Tis Midnight

TEXT: William B. Tappan, MUSIC: Victor C. Johnson

## Entering the Three Holy Days (Triduum)

Deanna Garrett

We enter into these holy days—not as spectators, but as witnesses.

We walk with Christ from the table to the garden, from the garden to the cross, from the silence of the tomb toward the promise yet to be revealed.

Keep watch. Stay present to the story. Resist the urge to rush ahead to Easter morning.

In the breaking of bread, we remember his love. In the shadow of the cross, we face the depth of the world's pain. In the stillness of Holy Saturday, we trust that God is at work even when all seems lost.

This evening, carry this with you: that nothing—not betrayal, not suffering, not even death—can separate us from the love of God.

**\*Hymn 220 (v. 1-3)** *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

REDHEAD

## Stripping of the Chancel

*In silence the chancel area will be quietly stripped of all adornments—candles, paraments, linens, flowers, and other symbols, reminding us how Jesus was stripped of his garments and humiliated. We remember the desolation, abandonment and darkness that Jesus experienced before his death. It also reminds us how Christ was stripped of his power and glory in the hand of his captors.*

## We Go in God's Name

*Please remain in your seats until the Christ candle leaves the sanctuary, then depart in silence. Go in solemn hope and return ready to rejoice.*

### LEADING WORSHIP THIS EVENING:

The Chancel Choir  
Bradley Thoreson, *Director of Music*  
Rev. Julie Thompson, *Transitional Pastor*

### ASSISTING THIS EVENING:

Nancy Brzozowski, Rich Filippi, Sandy Filippi, Deanna Garrett, Julian Wells, Patty Wells, Kathy Welsh, Cindy Yeager

# GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

**Welcome to worship on this holy night.** On Maundy Thursday, we gather at the table with Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room—drawn into a story of love that kneels to serve, breaks bread with friend and betrayer alike, and calls us to love one another as Christ has loved us. Tonight, we remember not only what Jesus did, but how he loved: with humility, grace, and unwavering compassion.

**We extend a special welcome to our friends from Grace Presbyterian and Parkway Presbyterian.** Your presence enriches this gathering, reminding us that we are one body in Christ, united across communities in love and service.

**All are welcome here and all are invited to the table of grace.** You will be invited to come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the bread and cup. If you are unable to come forward, an elder will be glad to serve you at your seat.

**As we enter these Three Holy Days together,** may this night draw us deeper into the mystery of Christ's love—and prepare our hearts for the journey that lies ahead.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



**Good Friday, 4/3, 12-3 pm,** the Sanctuary will be open for prayer

### Local Good Friday Services:

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 12 pm  
1608 Baker Court, Panama City, FL 32401

First United Methodist Church, 7 pm  
822 East Hwy 98, Panama City, FL 32401

### Easter Sunday, 4/5

**Sunrise Service, 6:15 am** in the Pole Barn, bring a chair  
**Festival Worship, 10 am** in the Sanctuary

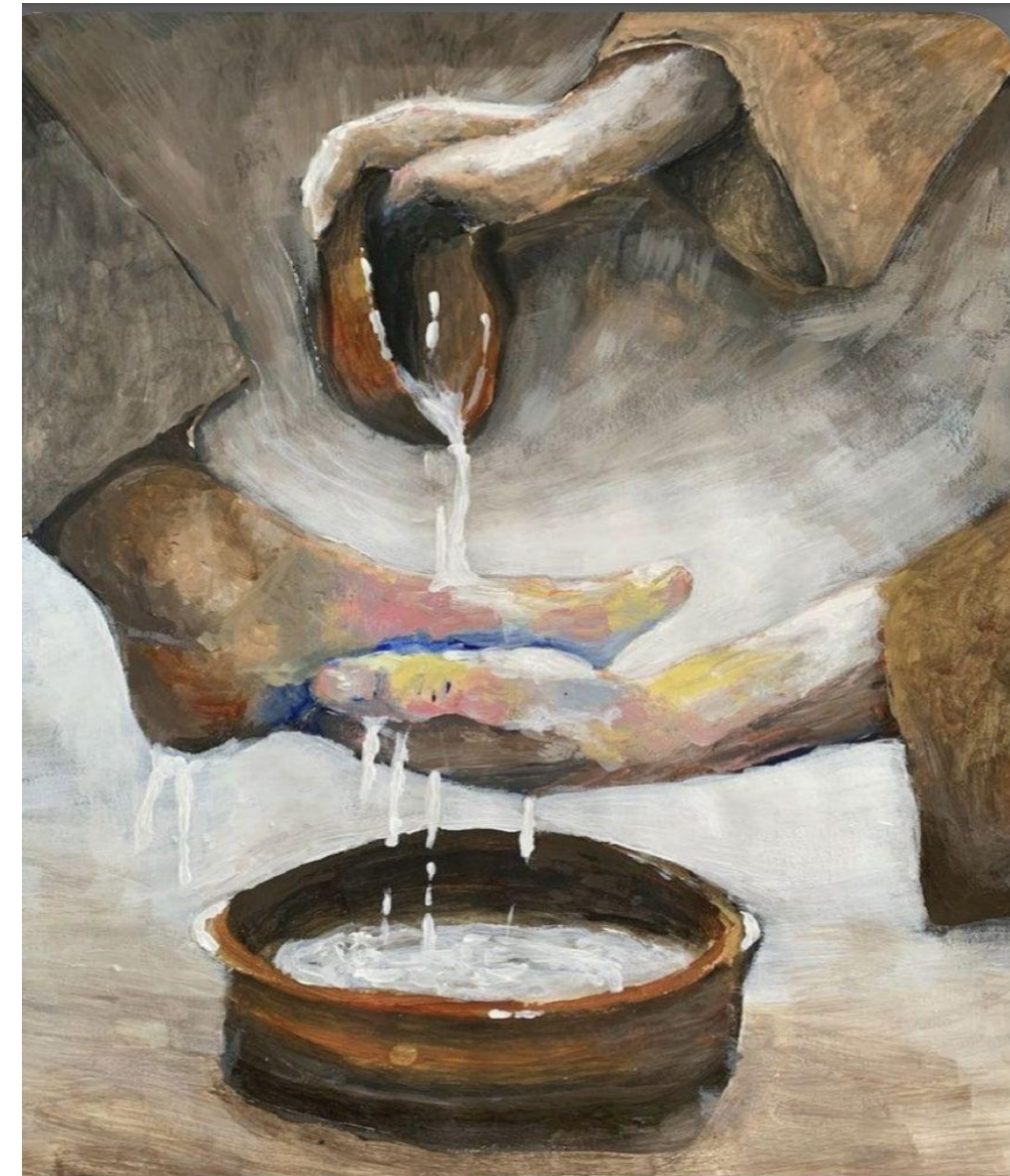


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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

April 2, 2026, 5 pm

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LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST