



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Twenty-Ninth Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Four
Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister

The Reverend Dr. Charlie Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

The Greetings

The Prelude — “Were You There?”..... Spiritual
Madeleine Case, Horn; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 22:1-2; 23-24

The Hymn No. 254 — “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

The Invocation

The Responsive Reading — Isaiah 53:3-7, 10

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.**

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

**All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

**Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,**

he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Solo — “Give Me Jesus”..... arr. Hall Johnson
Kim Porter, Soprano

The Confession of Faith — *The Heidelberg Catechism* Q. 37-39

The Question: What do you confess when you say that he suffered?

**During all the time he lived on earth,
but especially at the end,
Christ bore in body and soul
the wrath of God against the sin
of the whole human race.
Thus, by his suffering,
as the only atoning sacrifice,
he has redeemed our body and soul
from everlasting damnation,
and obtained for us
the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.**

The Question: Why did he suffer under Pontius Pilate as judge?

**Though innocent, Christ was condemned
by an earthly judge,
and so he freed us
from the severe judgment of God
that was to fall on us.**

The Question: Does it have a special meaning that Christ was crucified and did not die in a different way?

**Yes. Thereby I am assured that he took upon himself the curse
which lay on me, for a crucified one was cursed by God.**

The Hymn No. 257 — “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 13:1-20...(pew Bible page 900)

The Sermon — Love to the End..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 246 — “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

The Benediction

EASTER MORNING SERVICES

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School will be held at 9:45 a.m.

EASTER EVENING SERVICE

6 p.m.

As we look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ together as a church family, we hope you will join us in inviting friends, neighbors, and family members to join us at FPC Easter Weekend. For our guests, stop by for refreshments and an informal meet and greet with our pastors in the Welcome Center following the morning services on Easter. For more information visit fpcj.ms/easter.

WELCOME

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. If you are a visitor, we would love to know more about you. Please leave your contact information in the "Welcome Pad" at the end of your pew. We will follow up with you to introduce ourselves and tell you about ways to get plugged in to the church.

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