



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Eighteenth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Five
Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

The Greetings

The Prelude — “Were You There?” Spiritual
Rae Shannon, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 283 — “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

The Invocation

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Meditation — “What Wondrous Love Is This” Wilbur Held
Rae Shannon, Organ

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. 254 — “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Luke 22:1-36.....(pew Bible page 881)

The Sermon — The Betrayer, the Backslider, and the Blood... 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 in the Welcome Center at 9:45 a.m. 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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