

WELCOME!
We welcome you to worship this evening and to the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. We are truly one in Christ as we gather in remembrance of Him! Please pray during this special time of the year that God will transform people and situations for God’s own mighty purposes as we remember the events of Holy Week and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ around the world this Sunday! If you are joining us through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this Maundy Thursday service by preparing a small portion of juice (or something to drink) and bread for your use at home.

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April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday Service

Northwood Presbyterian Church
Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:00PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY “A Lenten Prelude” Charles Callahan
Flute, Adrienne Clover

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord for all God’s blessings to us?
People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
Leader: Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
People: Let us worship God and rejoice in His love as we come together sharing the love of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #216 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ST. CHRISTOPHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)* Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive)*
Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER
The Offering this evening is for Hope Villages of America (formerly RCS Pinellas), a mission project supported by Northwood and eighty other Christian and Jewish congregations. “The mission of Hope Villages of America is to feed the hungry, help homeless families return to self-sufficiency, and empower survivors of domestic violence.” (You may give your gift through our website or mail it to the church office or you may place it in one of the Giving Stations in the hallway as you leave.)

ANTHEM “Lamb of God” arr. Craig Courtney
Adrienne Clover, Flute
Barbara Jordan & Mike Wood, Soloists

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

Refrain: *O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in Your precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God. Refrain*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17, 31-35 (NRSVUE)

COMMUNION MEDITATION “Love In Action”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN #521 “In Remembrance” RED

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER Chris Curvin, Pastor
(If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

INVITATION AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #215 “What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDROUS LOVE

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

The service concludes in silence. There is no benediction as our worship service continues at Noon tomorrow, Good Friday.

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*