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**WELCOME TO ELFINWILD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 28, 2013
7:30 PM Worship**

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for Maundy Thursday

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.

“Covenant God, we bless and thank you for the gift of the meal that Jesus commanded us to share. We thank you for this sign of your presence with us and your love for the world that Jesus came to redeem. We long to feast with Jesus in the fullness of the coming kingdom.

May our worship today deepen our anticipation of that glory. Amen.”

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus’ self-giving love, and by your Spirit work in our hearts to deepen our desire and commitment to serve you and each other, and to show your love to our hurting world. In Jesus’ name, Amen

***OPENING HYMN NO. 376** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Psalm 24:3-5

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: We confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you. God, have mercy on us, your weak and willful people. 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. To Christ be praise forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe this good news: the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world! In him, we are forgiven, and through him, God now lives in us.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

Dr. Dirk M. Lesnett

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Ave verum corpus”

Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death.

COMING TO THE TABLE

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and the Cup+

Prayer of Thanksgiving

+Communion will be received by intinction. Please come forward, receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup and partake. For those who are unable to come forward, an Elder will serve you.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 85** “What Wondrous Love is This” (stanza 1 only)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*All who are able, please stand

Ushers will be at the doors this evening to collect your tithes and offerings as you leave the sanctuary.



UPCOMING SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 2013

7:30 pm Service of Tenebrae

Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31, 2013

7:00, 8:30 & 11:10 am Communion Worship Services

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