

Thursday April 2, 2026

7:00 PM

Welcome members, friends, and visitors! In this hour, may you find fellowship and experience the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign the Guest Book and complete a welcome card.

MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

*Those who are able are invited to stand ***Indicates times for ushers to seat worshippers

As a courtesy to other worshippers, please silence your cell phones. Thank you.

Welcome to Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church for a time of worship. Greet each other in Christian love being mindful of those who need some time for quiet meditation.

Prelude "God So Loved the World" John Stainer
~~ During the prelude, please take time to "Be still and know that God is Lord." ~~

A Word of Welcome Pastor Linda

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Call to Worship Chuck Jones

Leader: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

People: A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

Leader: The Lord calls us to this table of remembrance.

People: As we break bread and share the cup, our understanding may fail us,

Leader: But we will never forget Christ's example.

People: We will never forget the full extent of his love.

***Gathering Hymn #274** "An Upper Room with Evening Lamps" Verses 1, 3 & 4

***Prayer of Invocation (in unison)** Chuck Jones

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We will remember him as he asked us to do. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. As we move toward the cross, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

First Reading, The Passover Meal: Matthew 26:20-29

Pastor Linda

Sanctuary Choir "The Table of Forgiveness" Pamela Stewart/John Purifoy

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Communion by Intinction

After the words of institution, please come forward to receive Communion. After taking the bread, dip it into the cup and eat immediately. Please come forward up the center aisle and return by the side aisles. (If you cannot come forward, you may remain in the pew and Communion will be brought to you.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Merciful God, by coming to your table, we receive more gifts than we deserve. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. Renew us so we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND TENEBRAE

Peter's Denial Foretold

Rick Cunningham

Second Reading: Matthew 26:30-35
(A Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn #284 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Verses 2 & 3

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

John McCann

Third Reading: John 17:1-6
(A Candle is Extinguished)
Fourth Reading: Mark 14:32-41
(A Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn #276 "Christ Let Us Come with You" Verses 1, 2 & 3

Jesus is Arrested and Peter Denies Him

Beth Moore

Fifth Reading: Mark 14:43-52
(A Candle is Extinguished)
Sixth Reading: Matthew 26:69-75
(A Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn #285 "Jesus, Remember Me" Sing two times

Jesus is Mocked and Led to His Crucifixion

Seventh Reading: Mark 15:16-20

(The Last Candle is Extinguished)

Mike Moore

Solo "Were You There"
Joanne Wales

Closing Prayer

Silent Recessional

"...and you shall be called ministers..."

Ministers: all members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Organist: Margery Jones

Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb

Secretary: Beth Lamarre

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