



Maundy Thursday Meal of Remembrance & Worship

April 2, 2026 @ 6:00pm

A Service for the Worship of God

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

COMMUNAL MEAL *(from here we will move to the chapel at 6:30PM)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sherry Cox

Jesus said, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

***OPENING HYMN #228** "Were You There"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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 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.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #223** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:12-17

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “Rise Again” *Dr. Renee Huff*
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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:31-35

***CLOSING HYMN #220** “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

***STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH**

Elders

Class of 2026

Cindy Cooke, Administration
Sherry Cox, Worship
Martha Tillen, Clerk

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Eddie Homes, Congregational Life
Sharon Wilson, Mission & Outreach
Mark Shore, Administration

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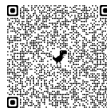
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Mission & Vision Statement**

Adopted on September 10, 2024

We open our hearts and our doors to worshipping Christ in downtown Staunton as a visible witness to the Gospel.

We are called to be a congregation that...

1. Invites all people to faith in Christ.
2. Worships God in a vibrant community through discipleship, music, and fellowship.
3. Uses our resources, time, and talents in the service of the least of these.
4. Nurtures and strengthens those within and outside of our community.
5. Makes the best use of our historic downtown property to benefit others.