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Elders

Bill Oughterson - Clerk of Session

2010	2011	2012
Agnes Hayden	Jake Behler	Ken Caldwell
Victor Kennedy	Jon Gottschalk	Fran DuCoin
Bill Laderer	Pat Hendricks	Polly Shafer
Collette Milberger	Karl Meier	Bob Simpson

Deacons

Cathy Ellis - Moderator

2010	2011	2012
Amy Bottegal	Cathy Egbers	Bill Barr
Karen Schoner	Cathy Ellis	John Friede
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Dr. Raymond W. Gamble

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

7:00 pm



April 1, 2010

*“Thinking, Believing,
and Living the Journey”*

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First Presbyterian Church of Stuart, FL
Maundy Thursday Order of Worship
April 1, 2010

Prelude: “*He Takes Away the Sins of the World*” Arr. Fettke
Shirley Kohnhorst & Sandra Turner, vocalists

***Call to Worship:** Alec/Cathy Ellis
Leader: We gather around our Lord’s Table in celebration
of our new covenant with God.
Congregation: **We are here this evening because this
covenant is written on our hearts, not tablets of stone.**
Leader: Our feast of love is a celebration of honest love:
God loves us, and we love him.
Congregation: **We love God because Christ has shared
with us love as we have never experienced. Praise the
name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Confession: We come to you as your children, Lord,
but we come as children who have denied your fatherhood.
Forgive us for failing to acknowledge your lordship in our actions
and thoughts. Keep us from a preoccupation with self-interest.
Touch our hearts with the conviction that we are your people ... a
people bought with a price. And then help us to be faithful as we
come to Your Table. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe and trust Jesus! Your sins
have been forgiven!

Congregation: **We believe, but please help our
unbelief, O Lord!**

***Hymn** “*Jesus Paid It All*” (please see music pages)

Readings from the Old Testament

Isaiah 53
Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Be Still My Soul”

- 1) Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly friend
thro’ thorny ways leads to joyful end.
- 2) Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



“Abide With Me”

- 1) Abide with me! Fast falls the even tide.
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me!
- 2) Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee,
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me!

Hymns for Maundy Thursday

“Jesus Paid It All”

1) I hear the Savior say, “thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”

Refrain

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain - He washed it white as snow.

2) Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.

3) For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim -
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

4) And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.



“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

1) Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, thro’ all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

2) Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
on holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav’n - descended Dove -
my heart an altar and Thy love the flame.



Special Music: “*My Song Is Love Unknown*” Childs
The Chancel Choir

Readings from the New Testament **(selections from John’s Gospel - *The Message*)**

First Reading: “If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and He’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!” (Reader: Arlene Van Kirk)

Second Reading: “I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.”
(Reader: Ken Caldwell)

Hymn: “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*”

Third Reading: “I’m telling you these things while I’m still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I’m leaving well and whole. That’s my parting gift to you. Peace. I don’t leave you the way you’re used to being left - feeling abandoned, bereft. So don’t be upset. Don’t be distraught.” (Reader: Polly Shafer)

Fourth Reading: “When the Friend I plan to send you from the Father comes - the Spirit of Truth issuing from the Father - he will confirm everything about me. You, too, from your side must give your confirming evidence, since you are in this with me from the start. I’ve told you these things to prepare you for rough times ahead ... They will do these things because they never really understood the Father. I’ve told you these things so that when the time comes and they start in on you, you’ll be well-warned and ready for them.” (Reader: Fran DuCoin)

Hymn: “*Be Still My Soul*” (please see music pages)

Fifth Reading: “I didn’t tell you this earlier because I was with you every day. But now I am on my way to the One who sent me. Not one of you has asked, ‘Where are you going?’ Instead, the longer I’ve talked, the sadder you’ve become. So let me say it again, this truth: It’s better for you that I leave. If I don’t leave, the Friend won’t come. But if I go, I’ll send him to you.” (Reader: Bill Oughterson)

Sixth Reading: “I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love ... I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you ... You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit; fruit that won’t spoil ... Remember ... Love one another.” (Reader: Mary Jane DuCoin)

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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Communion by Intinction

Prayer of Reflection and Renewed Commitment

In closing, let us sing quietly “*Abide with Me*” and depart to reflect upon what Jesus has said to us tonight.

