

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
MARCH 28, 2024**

PRELUDE *A Lenten Prayer* Antonin Dvorak

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #315 *Were You There? (vs. 1-3)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, when we remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples, we acknowledge our lack of servanthood and love. Too often we are quick to serve ourselves or to expect to be served instead of following the example of our Lord to be servants of all. Our love can be selfish and self-serving instead of selfless and focused on the needs of others. Please forgive our failure to do what your Son has commanded us to do. Help us to follow his example of service and to love with his love. We pray in his name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *Pieta* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*

SCRIPTURE John 13:34-35

SERMON Love One Another Pastor Pullen

HYMN #314 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

THE BENEDICTION

DEPART IN SILENCE with the PEACE of Christ

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth –
please feel free to ask for one.
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #505465757

WELCOME

This evening as we join in worship, our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health, and strength in God. We are glad to welcome each visitor and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God's call with this congregation. If you are living in this area, either permanently or for the season, we invite you to join hands in ministry with us by becoming a member of our congregation.

Pastor	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Music Director	Joan Byron
Organist	Denny Ausman
Office & Worship Admin	Debbie Rostad
Ushers	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Patti MacDonald, Sam Cessna

SANCTUARY CROSS – The Colors of the Cross are a symbolic depiction of the Easter season. For the beginning of the Lenten Season the cross is draped in purple. **The purple cloth remains on the cross from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday representing royalty – the King of kings has come.** The black cloth remains on the cross from Good Friday through Saturday – representing His death. The white cloth is placed on the cross Easter Sunday representing His resurrection – His victory over sin, death and Satan.

***** HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE*****

- **Good Friday – March 29 – 12:00pm Good Friday Service**
- **Easter Sunday – March 31 – 10:30am Easter Worship Service**

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John 13:34-35

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

*First Presbyterian Church (ECO)
of Punta Gorda
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5:00 p.m.*

