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INTERACTIVE WORSHIP GUIDE FOR LIVE STREAM

Friday, April 10, 2020 ~ Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship (Sanctuary)

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, meaning “darkness” or “shadows”, has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship services during Holy Week. Tonight we join Christians down through the ages and throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his paths, and the power of silence and darkness suggest the drama of this momentous day. We remember that God revealed his great love for us most fully in the cross of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Rev. Stuart Spencer

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Sacred Head

Buxtehude
Joel Krott, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly LePenske

PRAYER

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Most merciful God, we confess that in the midst of trouble we have not stayed faithful to you. Like Peter and the other apostles, too often our own waywardness has gotten the best of us. Too often, seeking to insulate ourselves from the pangs of the world, we have forsaken your way for our own. We have turned a blind eye to those who are hurting, instead letting the world’s pain recede into background. On this most solemn Friday, remind us of your passion. In your death, O Lord, come alive in our hearts once again. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ah, Holy Jesus
Janet Wilkie, Soprano

Crueger, arr. Walters

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 15: 33-39](#)

Rev. Spencer

MEDITATION

“THIS HAS TO BE THE SON OF GOD”

Rev. Spencer

continued

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS (*Tenebrae*)

Shadow of Betrayal

My Savior Was Betrayed (Gwen Wilkie, Alto)

[Matthew 26: 17-29](#)

Reader: Dr. Dick Herman

Shadow of Desertion

Lo, the Good Shepherd (Janet Wilkie, Soprano)

[Matthew 26: 31-35](#)

Reader: Rev. Stuart Spencer

Shadow of Loneliness

Go to Dark Gethsemane (Gwen Wilkie, Alto)

[Matthew 26: 36-46](#)

Reader: Kelly LePenske

Darkness of Accusation

Christ, Who Knew No Sin or Wrong (Janet Wilkie, Soprano)

[Matthew 26: 57-68](#)

Reader: Dr. Dick Herman

Shadow of the Crucifixion

When On The Cross the Savior Hung (Joel Krott, Organ)

[Luke 23: 32-43](#)

Reader: Rev. Stuart Spencer

Shadow of Death

O Sacred Head (Joel Krott, Organ)

[Matthew 27: 45-54](#)

Reader: Kelly LePenske

Shadow of the Grave

Resting From His Work Today (Gwen Wilkie, Alto)

[John 19: 38-42](#); [Isaiah 53: 5-9](#)

Reader: Dr. Dick Herman

All depart in silence

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Worship Ministry (*Tenebrae, Sanctuary*)

Music: Joel Krott, organ
Soloists: Gwen Wilkie, Janet Wilkie
Sound Technician: Harris Ransom
Flower Arrangers: Carol Morgan and Stacy Schaffer

- **Celebrate the joy of the Resurrection** this Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday with three livestream worship experiences: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service. Rev. Spencer preaches on [John 21: 1-19 \(NRSV\)](#) with his sermon: "More Than These," in our sermon series "Not a Fan."
- **NEW!** As we prepare for Easter, please visit www.fpcmoorestown.org (Events) for a Concert Video from the First Presbyterian Church Touring Choir, performing two spirituals heralding the Resurrection. The choir performed in Denmark, Sweden and Germany in Summer 2019.

- Connect with First Presbyterian Church every **SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.** FOR LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP. Go [to www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) from any device.
- **The church campus is CLOSED until further notice.** You may reach staff members via e-mail, phone and text. Are you receiving the Friday eblast and [Facebook updates](#)? If not, email Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org so you can keep up with current FPC news. God bless you, stay well and stay home.

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