

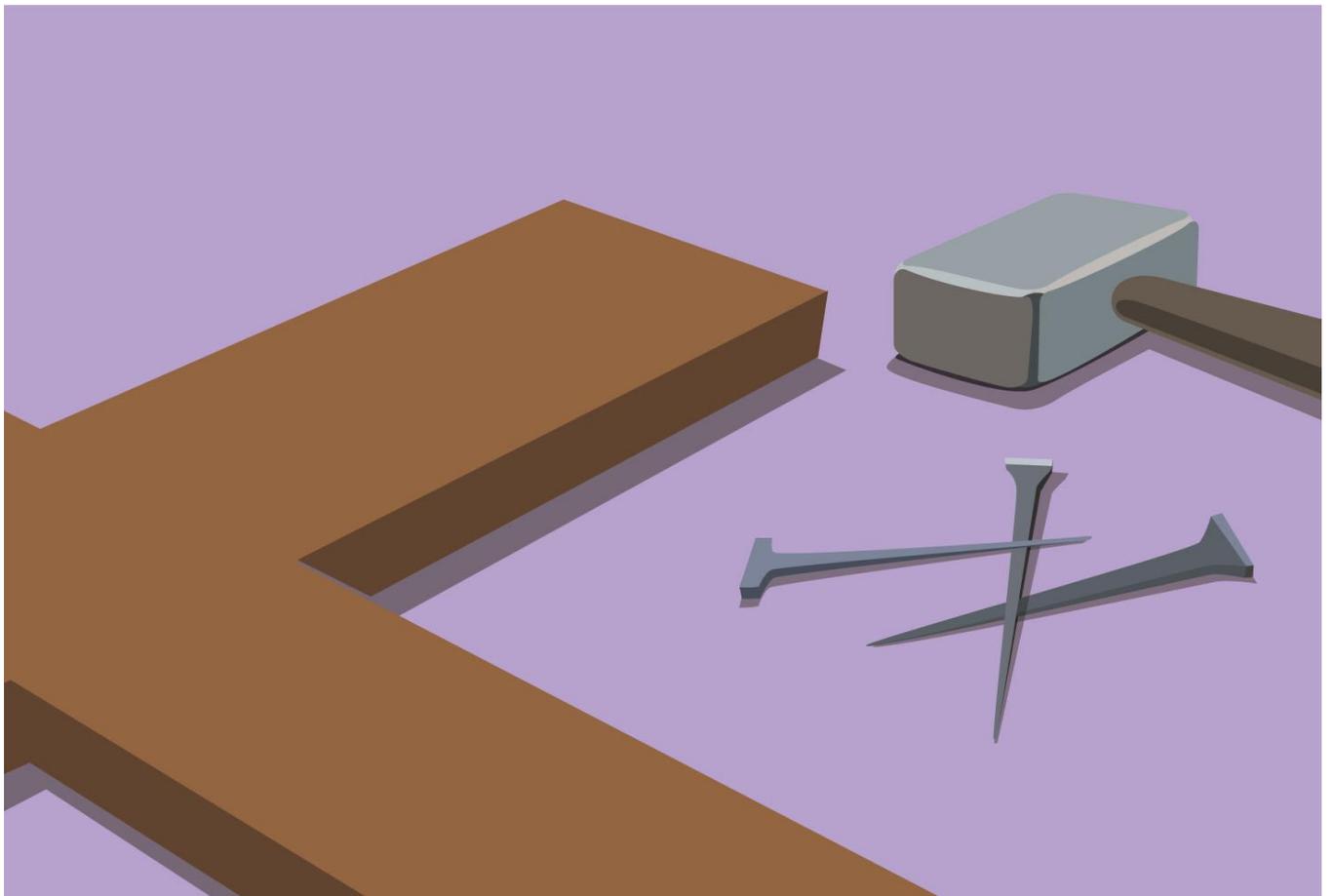


CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Friday



GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

I give you a new commandment,

that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you,

you also should love one another.

In worship this night, we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ,

and we recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ to save us. We have betrayed him. We have denied him. We have abandoned, mocked, and crucified him. Have mercy, O God. Have mercy on us. Through Jesus our Christ, our only hope. Amen.

***HYMN 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, our hope and strength, DPG we give thanks for your Word made flesh— for the life that death cannot destroy, and for the light that darkness cannot overcome. Enlighten our minds and enliven our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may testify to your light share the life of Christ with a hurting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***INVITATION TO THE CROSS**

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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THE WORD

(THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE)

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL AND DESERTION Mark 14:43–52 (NASB95)

- 43** Immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, *came up accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, *who were* from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.
- 44** Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him and lead Him away under guard.”
- 45** After coming, Judas immediately went to Him, saying, “Rabbi!” and kissed Him.
- 46** They laid hands on Him and seized Him.
- 47** But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as *you would* against a robber?”

49 “Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but *this has taken place* to fulfill the Scriptures.”

50 And they all left Him and fled.

(Extinguishing of the first candle. Silent Prayer)

THE SHADOW OF AGONY OF SPIRIT AND ARREST

Matthew 26:36–39, 26:47–50 (NASB95)

36 Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.

38 Then He *said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.”

39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”

47 While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, *who came* from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.”

49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

50 And Jesus said to him, “Friend, *do* what you have come for.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

(Extinguishing of the second candle. Silent prayer)

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL Mark 14:67–72 (NASB95)

- 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and *said, “You also were with Jesus the Nazarene.”
- 68 But he denied *it*, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are talking about.” And he went out onto the porch.
- 69 The servant-girl saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, “This is *one* of them!”
- 70 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, “Surely you are *one* of them, for you are a Galilean too.”
- 71 But he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about!”
- 72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, “Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And he began to weep.

(Extinguishing of the third candle)

HYMN 212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

THE SHADOW OF REJECTION Luke 23:13–21 (NASB95)

- 13 Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people,
- 14 and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him.

15 “No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.

16 “Therefore I will punish Him and release Him.”

18 But they cried out all together, saying, “Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!”

20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again,

21 but they kept on calling out, saying, “Crucify, crucify Him!”

(Extinguishing of the fourth candle. Silent prayer)

THE SHADOW OF RIDICULE Luke 23:33–42 (NASB95)

33 When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

34 But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,

37 and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!”

38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

39 One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!”

40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

41 “And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!”

(Extinguishing of the fifth candle. Silent prayer)

THE SHADOW OF DEATH Matthew 27:45–54 (NASB95)

45 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.

46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

47 And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, *began* saying, “This man is calling for Elijah.”

48 Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.

49 But the rest *of them* said, “Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.”

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

52 The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

(Extinguishing of the sixth candle. Silent prayer)

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL Matthew 27:57–60 (NASB95)

- 57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.
- 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given *to him*.
- 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
- 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

(Extinguishing of the Christ candle)

HYMN 228 Were You There

Dismissal

May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

Amen.

The People Leave in Silence (No Benediction in this service)

HE **LOVED** THEM



TO THE END.

JOHN 13:1



John 20:28

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church, where we come together to **celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others.** This congregation opens wide its doors and hearts and welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Sunday April 1st

Easter Breakfast Buffet at 8am.

Easter Egg hunt is happening at 9am.

Easter Morning Cantata Service at 10am.

We'll be taking up the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday.

Senior High Youthquake Registration is open! Youth in Grades 9-12 are welcome to attend. Deadline to register is April 2nd. Fee is \$95 per person. Scholarships are available!

Pastor

Rev. Jai Deok Kwak

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Session

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Class of 2019

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Zac Cosner

Mike Kelley

George Mosley

Lynda Vick

Brad VonTungeln

Karen Perdue

Logan Mosley

Sunday School 9:30 am

**Young Adults Sunday School 9:30 am
(New class forming)**

Choir Practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Noon Bible Study Thursdays

Evening Bible Study Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Standing Committee Moderators:

Zac Cosner Budget & Finance

Zac Cosner Fellowship & Nurture

Kay Cromwell Missions & Outreach

George Mosley Building & Grounds

Logan Mosley Education

Lynda Vick Worship & Music