

 KALAMAZOO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"A Sanctuary in the City... Living Faith"

APRIL 3, 2026 — GOOD FRIDAY



Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here as we worship God, who welcomes us all.

***Bold type** indicates congregational response.*

Where there is an asterisk, you are invited to stand together in God's Spirit.

PRELUDE

Gethsemane

David Cherwien

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sandra Eithun

OPENING RESPONSES

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Christ disarmed the powers and authorities, making a spectacle of them by the cross.

In his steadfast love, he remained faithful to the end.

And in his faithfulness, he has won the victory.

* HYMN 209

My Song is Love Unknown

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: A LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Lord we have denied you,

Each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.

May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we have betrayed you,

Each time we have kept our distance from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.

May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we have mocked you,

Each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.

May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we are lost and have strayed,

Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.

May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Silence

KYRIE 434

Restore in Us, O God, stanza 1

Baylor

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;

renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All merciful One, God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed, you have never abandoned us. In this season of repentance, we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways.

Amen.

TENEBRAE SERVICE

A Service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ, usually accompanied by darkening of the sanctuary and removal of adornment.

As we enter into this meditation, we are observers of what the disciples may have been thinking and feeling on the nights following Jesus's arrest and crucifixion, when they found themselves alone and afraid.

INTRODUCTION

SUNG RESPONSE 204

Stay with me, remain here with me

Watch and pray. Watch and pray.

MOVEMENT 1: JUDAS ISCARIOT: THE BETRAYAL

RINGING OF BELLS

MOVEMENT 2: JOHN, SON OF ZEBEDEE: THE BEATITUDES

SUNG RESPONSE 204

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MOVEMENT 3: JAMES, SON OF ZEBEDEE: FEEDING THE THOUSANDS

RINGING OF BELLS

MOVEMENT 4: ANDREW: THE WOMEN

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MOVEMENT 5: THADDEUS: THE PARABLES

RINGING OF BELLS

MOVEMENT 6: MATTHEW: HEALING STRANGERS

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MOVEMENT 7: THOMAS: RAISING OF LAZARUS

RINGING OF BELLS

MOVEMENT 8: PHILIP: THE TEMPLE

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MOVEMENT 9: BARTHOLOMEW: PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES

RINGING OF BELLS

MOVEMENT 10: JAMES, SON OF ALPHEUS: PALM SUNDAY

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MOVEMENT 11: SIMON, THE ZEALOT: THE KINGDOM TO COME

RINGING OF BELLS

MOVEMENT 12: PETER: THE LAST SUPPER

SUNG RESPONSE #204

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MOVEMENT 13: MARY MAGDALENE: THE ONES WHO STAYED

*You are invited to remain sitting prayerfully in the silence as long as you wish.
Please leave the sanctuary in the silence of this holy night and save conversations
until you have exited the church building.*

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury

Music

Red Door Ringers

Autumn, organist

Michael Montgomery, director

Sound and Video Team

Mark Ohrstrom

Dana Underwood

**Thank you to all
of our readers!**

Readings from tonight's service are from "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley: A New Tenebrae Service" by Rev. Dr. Margie R. Crawford, 2009. Adapted by Rev. Chrissy Westbury, 2026

OUR NEXT SERVICE IS 10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY ON EASTER SUNDAY

Grounded in living faith, receiving diversity as a gift, we seek to reflect Christ's light in God's world. Continually discerning God's vision of grace and peace, we share inspirational worship, spiritual nurture, compassionate service to others, and the pursuit of justice... all to the glory of God.