

CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2023

Rosemary Gordon
Sharon Ragghianti
Becky Stirling

Class of 2024

Akwi Lillian Aseh
Susie Hayes
Janet Vawter
Moderator: John Michael Krech
Clerk: Becky Stirling
Treasurer: Jere Lawson

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Jere Lawson
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Grace Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2023

Good Friday

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Bartlett, Tennessee

April 7, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Opening Sentences and Collect for Good Friday

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| 1 | The Foretelling | Isaiah 53: 3-9 | John Gordon |
| 2 | The Psalm of Final Confidence | Psalm 22: 1-11, 27-31 | Susie Hayes |
| 3 | The Shadow of Betrayal | Matthew 26: 20-25 | Rosemary Gordon |
| 4 | The Shadow of Desertion | Matthew 26: 31-35 | Sharon Ragghianti |

O Sacred Head

Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux

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| 5 | The Agony of Soul | Luke 22: 39-44 | Kevin Bopp |
| 6 | The Unshared Vigil | Mark 14: 32-41 | Janet Vawter |
| 7 | “Father, The Hour Is Come” | John 17: 1-5 | Matthew Smith |
| 8 | “That They May Be One” | John 17: 6-19 | Sandy Kehrli |

Ah Holy Jesus

Johann Heermann

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| 9 | The Arrest at the Gate | John 18: 1-5, 12 | Rickie Cooke |
| 10 | The Shadow of the Cross | Mark 15: 16-20 | Akwi Aseh |
| 11 | The Death of Jesus | Matthew 27: 32-56 | John Price |
| 12 | The Conclusion | Hebrews 4: 14-15; 5: 7-9 | Emily Mayne |

Were You There?

African American Spiritual

Darkness
Silence
The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)
A Loud Knocking Is Heard
The Resurrection Candle
Dismissal Blessing

You are welcome to remain in prayer and then depart in silence.

The service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae, which is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." Tonight's service includes the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it grows darker and darker, we may reflect on the emotional and physical pain Jesus endured for us. Toward the end of the service, the light from the Christ candle is extinguished, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. A loud knocking symbolizes the resurrection. The Christ Candle, now the Resurrection Candle, is lit, symbolizing the triumph of God over evil. By this light we depart this service in silence.

Pastor: John Michael Krech

Soloist: Karen Schlichte, soprano