

The evening's offerings, unless otherwise designated, will be used to assist church members, residents of our community, and passers-through with emergency financial assistance, at the discretion of the Pastor and the Session.

Child care is available in the nursery tonight for infants and young children.

Please silence cell phones.

### *Tenebrae*

The service of Tenebrae or “shadows” grew out of a combination of night prayer and early morning prayer, with an additional focus upon the commemoration of the passion (suffering) of Christ. The passion story was usually read by several deacons, and later, in the Middle Ages, was chanted by monastic choirs. The most striking feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the candles in the room.

### *Maundy Thursday*

The word “maundy” came into English by the Old English word *maunde* meaning “ceremony.” Following the example and command of Jesus, the feet of the poor were washed on Maundy Thursday. Additional influence on the word derived from Latin *mandatum* by way of Old French *mande*, which means “command.” On that night in the upper room Jesus commanded his disciples to observe the Lord’s Supper, “Do this in remembrance of me;” to wash one another’s feet, “You also ought to wash one another’s feet;” and of special note, this command from Jesus, also in the Upper Room, “A new command I give you, that you love one another.” This Thursday night before Easter is the traditional time of commemoration of these significant events in the life of Christ and in the lives of his followers.

## *Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service*



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