

Maundy Thursday April 2, 2026

*“A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are
my disciples, if you love one another.”
~ John 13:34-35*



Prelude: *You'll Never Walk Alone* arr. Brent Edstrom

We Gather for Worship

One: We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

All: a story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial and death.

One: We gather tonight to tell an even older story prepared before the worlds began:

All: a story of love powerful enough to rewrite our endings with the promise of new life.

One: In the telling of the story, in the breaking of the bread, in the coming of the night,

All: we draw near once more to Christ.

Hymn # 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

We Tell the Story

Our story begins during the Passover, which Jesus is celebrating with his friends. The celebration is overshadowed, however, by the threats against Jesus. His words have been rejected, and his time is coming to an end. Let us walk again through Jesus' story.

Scripture Reading Mark 14:17-31 (New Testament page 51)

Anthem *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* arr. Moses Hogan

We Take the Bread and Cup (The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper)

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

We Tell the Story

We meet up with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, where he found both solace and danger.

Scripture Reading Mark 14:32-42 (New Testament page 52)

We Join Jesus in Prayer

One: So, we pray with Jesus. I invite you during the pauses to simply offer the names of Those you are praying for, aloud or in silence.

After each pause, I will say "in your love, Lord," and you will respond, "hear our prayers."

Prayers of the People

One: In your love, Lord,

All: hear our prayers

We Tell the Story

Jesus' story continues

Scripture Reading Mark 14:43-52 (New Testament page 52)

Time of Confession

Call to Confession

God, your faithfulness to us is so great, that we cannot help but fall short. Yet still we confess our sins, out of the hope you yourself gave us: that you still set us a place for us at the banquet of grace, feed us with forgiveness and mercy, no matter what we have done, no matter what we may yet do. And so tonight, we confess, and we put our trust in you.

Prayer of Confession

One: For every time you asked us to stay with you, and we wandered away,

All: forgive us.

One: For every time we fell asleep on the job of being your disciples,

All: forgive us.

One: For every time we boasted of our loyalty, yet crept away, betrayed, or denied you,

All: forgive us.

One: For every time we hear this story, and think “we would do better,”

All: forgive us.

One: For every time we meet your faithfulness, with faithlessness,

All: forgive us.

One: God, your love for us is unfathomably deep, that you would take all our failures,
and still love us as friends.

**All: May we take the gift of your forgiveness, and share it with the world that you
made and loved so much.**

All: Amen.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, the story we tell tonight is a story of the deepest love; love that would offer forgiveness even to the traitor at its right hand. The bread was for us; the cup, for us; the cross, for us; we are forgiven, not easily, but the hard way. We are forgiven, not cheaply, but wholly. We are forgiven, and we are freed. Praise be to God. **Amen.**

We Tell the Story

Jesus’s story continues.

Scripture Reading Mark 14:53-65 (New Testament page 52-53)

Hymn # 215 *What Wonderful Love is This?*

We Tell the Story

We leave Jesus with his accusers, and come now to the fire, where Peter is trying to keep warm on this terrifying night. We end tonight with Peter’s story —perhaps because it is ours, too.

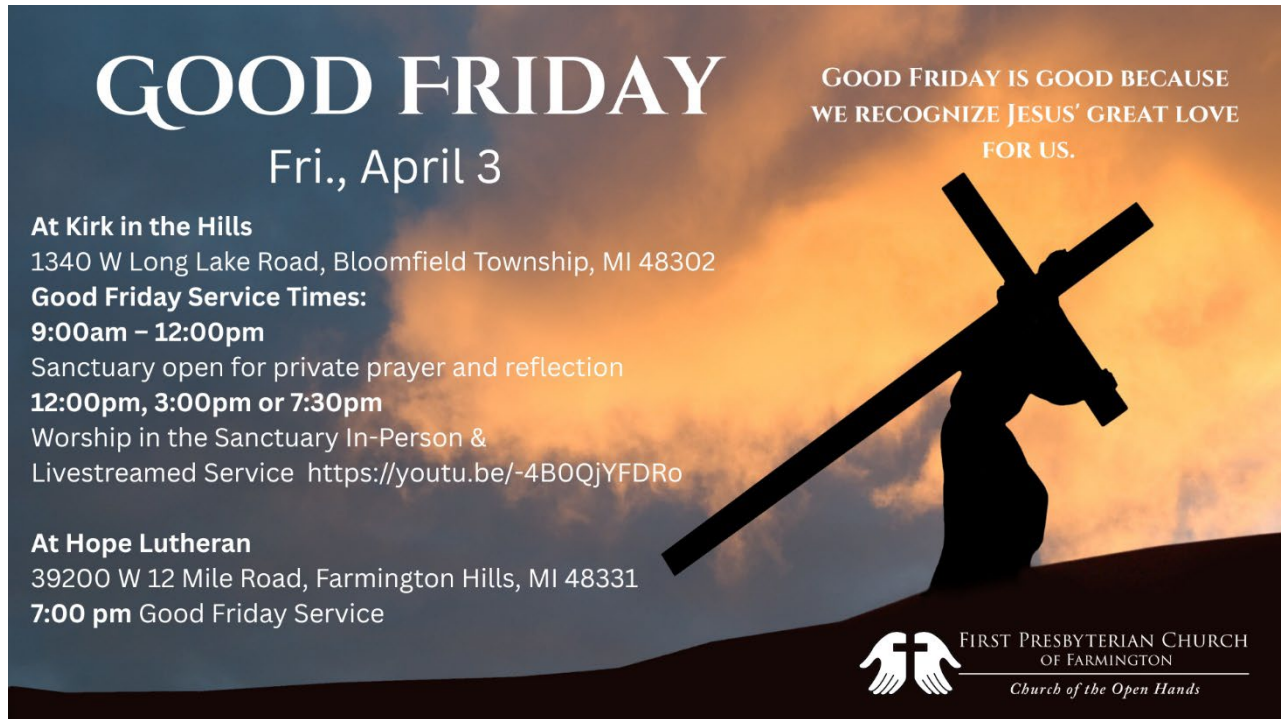
Scripture Reading Mark 14:66-72 (New Testament page 53)

Hymn # 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

We Go Out to Wait for the Dawn

(Benediction)

Holy Week Schedule



GOOD FRIDAY
Fri., April 3

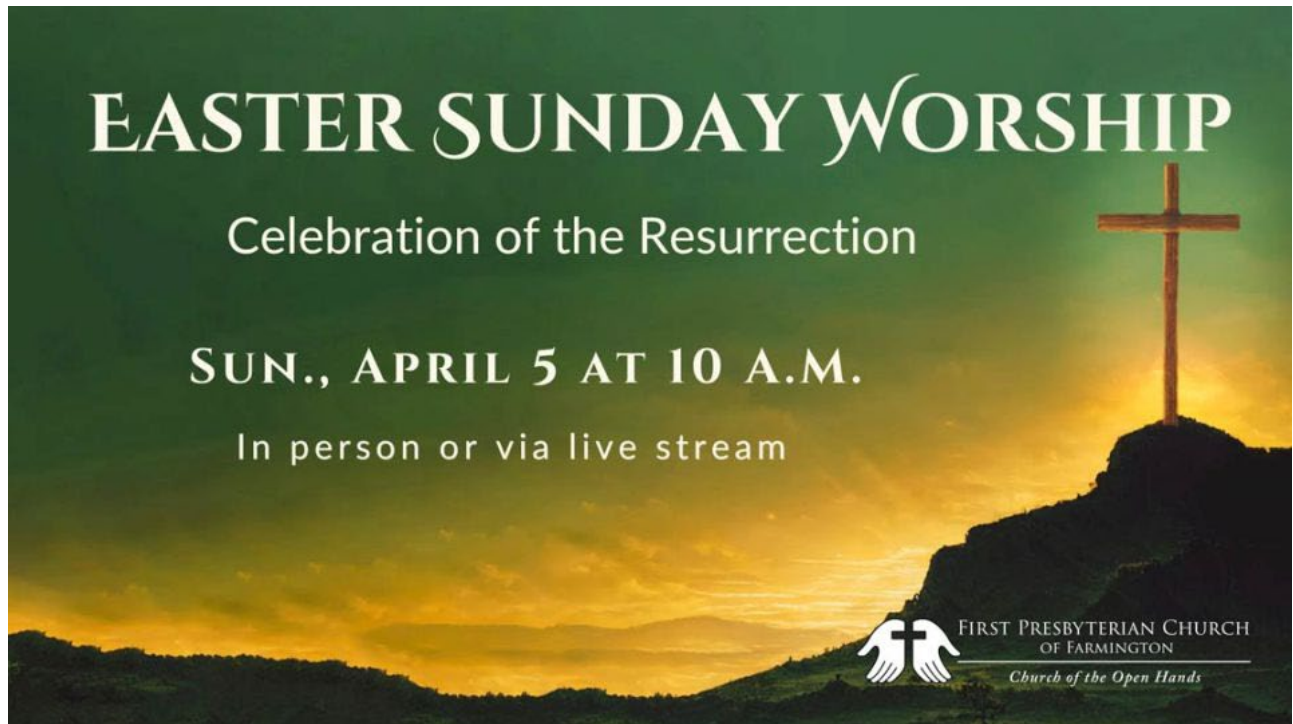
GOOD FRIDAY IS GOOD BECAUSE
WE RECOGNIZE JESUS' GREAT LOVE
FOR US.

At Kirk in the Hills
1340 W Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, MI 48302
Good Friday Service Times:
9:00am – 12:00pm
Sanctuary open for private prayer and reflection
12:00pm, 3:00pm or 7:30pm
Worship in the Sanctuary In-Person &
Livestreamed Service <https://youtu.be/-4B0QjYFDRo>


At Hope Lutheran
39200 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331
7:00 pm Good Friday Service

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Or you can look online for a Good Friday service that works with your schedule.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
Celebration of the Resurrection
SUN., APRIL 5 AT 10 A.M.
In person or via live stream

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