

# 2011 Maundy Thursday Jazz Vespers

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

## What is Maundy Thursday?

Derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "commandment," *Maundy* refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.

## What is jazz vespers?

Jazz vespers, as a concept worship service and as an outreach ministry, began in New York City in the 1960s. Pastor John Gensel of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City befriended the city's musicians and designed a service of prayer and jazz for folks who couldn't make it to Sunday morning services after playing late night gigs on Saturday night. Some were concerned that jazz music would attract a wayward, nightclubbing crowd to church. Pastor Gensel wasn't fazed. "That's the kind we want," he said. "The good ones can stay at home."

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**Thursday, April 21, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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**This Maundy Thursday we invite you to experience a Jazz Vespers  
with a Jones UMC twist!**

Music...Prayers...Praise.  
Worship as You've Never Experienced It Before!  
The Gospel Story.....According to Jazz  
Featuring guest musician Rev. Dan Damon, Pastor of Pt. Richmond UMC,  
Marion Brewer, guest soloist,  
Our Minister of Music Ms. Aleece J. Carson,  
Our worship band – Randy Hood, Phillip Bryan, Anthony Dillard, and Kimberly Hands,  
Robert Williams, soloist, and  
The United Voices of Jones Choir with Ayan Jiggetts, soloist.

**Please join us as we reflect on the Lord's last night on earth. We will have glorious music, an  
inspiring message, and a sacred time of Holy Communion.**

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