



First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
February 14, 2018**

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Ash Wednesday
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Welcome to our Ash Wednesday service of worship. With Ash Wednesday the season of Lent begins. We journey together to Jerusalem. As we go, we pray for God's love to overshadow us, for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to cover our sins, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us.

Gathering

PRELUDE "Lenten Contemplation" by William Moats
Westminster Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm upon the holy mountain!
Let everyone tremble, for the day of the Lord is near.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of Righteousness, you see the secret acts of our devotion and know the hidden motives of our hearts. Confirm in us a spirit of humble obedience, that without regard to earthly honor we may live as your faithful children and receive the treasure of eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 81 (Blue Hymnal) "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" LONESOME VALLEY

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Joel 2, 1-2, 12-27 Pg. 847

BELL ANTHEM "Within The Darkest Night" by Derek Hakes

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Pg. 5

MEDITATION "Repentance" Rev. David Smith

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Let us pray.

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,
self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,
we confess to you, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
we confess to you, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
we confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
we confess to you, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
accept our repentance, O God.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
accept our repentance, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of our Savior,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

SILENT CONFESSION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN NO. 383 (Blue Hymnal)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Worshippers will move down the center aisle for the imposition of ashes,
then proceed to the communion servers.*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be celebrated by intinction. Take bread from one server and dip the bread in the cup of the next server. The station nearest the pulpit has gluten free bread. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward due to physical limitations, the servers will come to you.

PRAYER

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying, Our Father . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*We use "debts" and "debtors."*)

Sending

*HYMN NO.171 (Blue Hymnal) "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ST. COLUMBIA

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE "Father, in Thy Mysterious Presence"

S. Bingham

** If you are able, please stand.*