



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LED BY CHRIST, TOGETHER IN FAITH AND  
LOVE, WE JOYFULLY THINK, QUESTION,  
GROW AND SERVE!

# True Lenten Discipline

*FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ dwelling in them.*

*FAST from fear of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.*

*FAST from words that pollute; FEAST on speech that purifies.*

*FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.*

*FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.*

*FAST from pessimism; FEAST on optimism.*

*FAST from negatives; FEAST on affirmatives.*

*FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.*

*FAST from self-concern; FEAST on compassion.*

*FAST from suspicion; FEAST on truth.*

*FAST from gossip; FEAST on purposeful silence;*

*FAST from problems that overwhelm; FEAST on prayer that sustains.*

*FAST from worry; FEAST on faith.*

# Ash Wednesday



February 10, 2016 • 6:00 p.m.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

\*for those who wish to stand

**Bold print indicates congregational participation**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Charlie Smith

GATHERING MUSIC

*Spirit of the Living God*

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*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

SILENT PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT, THE WATER, & THE ASHES

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus of the temptations, you enter the wild places of our hungers,  
our need for power, our desire to test God:

**All: Be with us on our journey, we pray.**

One: Jesus of hopes, you set aside your glory, choosing to cradle us in your wounded hands:

**All: Be with us on our journey to Jerusalem, we pray.**

One: Hold us in your tender embrace, we pray.

**All: Jesus of the Ashes, you are broken so we can be healed.**

One: You pour out your self so we might be renewed.

**All: You feed us from the simple gifts of creation, we pray.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Tune: Beach Spring

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain: There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.*

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 58:1-12*

(pg 907, OT)

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: ...Holy God,

**All: forgive us.** (silence)

AN OFFERING OF TEARS

SUNG RESPONSE

*You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

#437

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!*

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

## PRAYER OF TEARS

*based on Lamentations 2:18-19*

One: Here accept our sorrow and our repentance, O God,

**All: as we offer these tears to you.**

One: Cry aloud to the Lord! Let tears stream down like a torrent.

**All: We yearn to do away with our burdens of sin, our tears of injustice and oppression.**

One: Arise and cry out in the night! Pour out your heart like water in God's presence.

**All: We listen for God's grace-filled answer, praying for relief from our inner wilderness.**

## SCRIPTURE

*2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2*

(pg 244, NT)

## THE CROSS OF OUR REPENTANCE

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray together:

**All: God our creator, you have formed us out of the dust of the earth.**

**May these ashes be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence.**

**Help us remember that it is only in Christ we live.**

**May this cross remind us of God's call to repentance. Amen.**



## IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

*Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*based on Revelation 21:3b-7*

One: In Christ, God declares a home among all people.

**All: We are God's people, and Jesus dwells in us.**

One: In Christ, God wipes away every tear from our eyes, healing us by the resurrection.

**All: In Christ, God is calling us to be made new, offering us divine assurance in grace.**

One: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end," declares God,

**All: and we are your people who once were thirsty, but now drink deeply of the water of life.**

## HYMN

*I Will Come to You*

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## SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

(pg 11, NT)

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## PRAYING TOGETHER

One: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be:  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is heaven:  
the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.**

One: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**All: The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

One: Give us this day our daily bread.

**All: With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

One: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**All: In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

One: And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**All: In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

One: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

**All: For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

## \*COMMISSIONING &amp; BLESSING

One: Go forth into the world in the strength of God's mercy, to live and to serve in newness of life.

All: **May Jesus Christ, the bread of life, bless us and keep us.**

One: May the Lamb of God, who laid down his life for all, graciously smile upon you.

All: **May the Holy Spirit's touch guide all our days in wholeness.**



## POSTLUDE

**TONIGHT'S VOLUNTEERS:**

**Greeter: Tina Ralston**

**Ushers: John and Cyndy Knutson**

# Lent at First Presbyterian Church 2016

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS FROM PRESBYTERIANS TODAY**

You may pick up a 2016 Lenten Devotional from *Presbyterians Today* in the church office. The devotional, "Be Holy" by The Rev. Brian Coulter, begins today! Suggested donation is \$2 to help cover costs.

**OPEN CHAPEL DURING LENT**

The season of Lent is known as a time for self-reflection and repentance; it is a time to turn, or return, to God, a time to be intentional in our relationship with Jesus. Through the season of Lent, the Chapel doors will be open during office hours and soft music may be playing. You are welcome to enter the Chapel for reflection and prayer. On Wednesdays, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have "Open Chapel" 4:30-6:00 p.m. with resources available for reflection and prayer, including mandalas, colored pencils, poems, books, and more.

**ADULT CLASS ON FATHER GREGORY BOYLE'S WORK WITH GANGS**

Beginning on the First Sunday in Lent, **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, the Sunday morning Adult Education Class will be reading and discussing the book: *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle, Founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. We will read and discuss one chapter each week at 9:00 a.m. in the Hope Room. Books are available in the church office for \$10 each.

**WALK TO JERUSALEM BY EASTER, MARCH 27**

As we journey with Jesus this Lent, the Walk to Jerusalem encourages us to take care of the bodies God gave us through walking, running, chair exercises, and aerobics. *Physical activity will add years to your life, and life to your years.* From Salina to Jerusalem, it is **6,711 miles** "as the crow flies." Kids and Adults: pick-up a passport to track your miles each day, and we will begin tracking our distance as a congregation. Please turn your miles in to Brigid Hall who will track our progress through the Lenten season!



Switch hearing aid to t-coil. Please see your audiologist to activate your t-coil if you haven't done so yet. For more information on t-coil & Hearing Loop, you can find information packets on the credenza in the narthex.

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