



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



February 14, 2018 • 5:30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

All: God's love endures forever.

One: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: God's love endures forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:1-2,12-17 (pg. 1118, OT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

2nd Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 (pg. 244, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 (pg. 11, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

PSALM 51 (Read Responsively)

(pg. 699, OT)

LITANY OF PENITENCE

One: Let us pray.

All: 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.

One: 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.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: 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.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: 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,

All: accept our repentance, O God.

One: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All: accept our repentance, O God.

One: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: accept our repentance, O God.

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

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

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise ...with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.

