

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday Service

6:30 p.m.



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Leader: 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: 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,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

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

People: accept our repentance, O God.

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

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

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

People: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

Hymn No. 576

Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.*

Imposition of Ashes

*During the imposition of ashes, the congregation is invited
to sing on the refrain of hymn 433.*

Sign Us with Ashes

PHOENIX

*Sign us with ashes, merciful God, children of dust, as to dust we return.
Sign us with ashes, merciful God. Mark us and make us your own.*

***Hymn No. 675**

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

TALLIS' CANON

***Benediction**

*Following the benediction, we invite you to leave in silence
as the bell tolls forty times signifying the forty days of Lent.*

*Those who are able may stand

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days and six Sundays prior to Easter. It is a period of discipline but not necessarily of a negative character. As someone has said, "Lent consists in doing something, not in merely doing without something." The earliest record of a forty-day period of discipline was in the fourth century when Athanasius urged the people of Alexandria to fast. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the Old Testament tradition of donning "sackcloth and ashes" as symbols of repentance. In many churches, clergy take ashes from palm branches from the previous year and mark the forehead of worshipers while saying, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Prayers of Repentance from the Psalms: 6, 15, 25, 31, 32, 38, 39, 40, 41, 51, 60, 102, 130, and 143.

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