

First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow in anger and abounding in love.
In the name of Christ, be reconciled to God.
This is the day of our salvation.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #415 "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of
ashes and dust. We want you to notice our humility,
but we fail to notice neighbors in need. We want you
to show us your mercy, but we fail to show mercy to
others. Forgive us, God of grace. Cleanse our hearts
and renew our spirits so that we may know once
again the joy of your saving love; through Jesus**

Christ our Lord.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 51:1-17

**(A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came
to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast
love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my
transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse
me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before
me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what
is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your
sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother
conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach
me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and
I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you
have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my
iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new
and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take
your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain
in me a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will
return to you.

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my
salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your
deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your
praise.

**For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give
a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a
broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

ANTHEM "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
arr. Bryan Greer

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
(p. 787)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION "Keeping our Faith"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #471 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Study Catechism, Q.80
What does it mean to believe in "the forgiveness of sins?"
**That because of Jesus Christ, God no longer holds
my sins against me. Christ alone is my righteousness
and my life; Christ is my only hope. Grace alone, not
my merits, is the basis on which God has forgiven
me in him. Faith alone, not my works, is the means
by which I receive Christ into my heart, and with him
the forgiveness that makes me whole. Christ alone,**

grace alone, and faith alone bring the forgiveness I receive through the gospel.

INVITATION TO OBSERVATION OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*HYMN #410 "God is Calling through the Whisper"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Sam Mills is today's liturgist.
Rick Prall is today's audio-visual specialist.
Mark Ring is Music Director.
***Please stand if you are able.**



MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please Complete and place in offering plate
 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Member(s) Visitor(s)

Members please indicate if this is a change.

Are You Interested In (circle as many as you like):

Fellowship Sunday School Small Group Study

Meet with Pastor Baptism Membership Choir

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

SERMON NOTES:
