

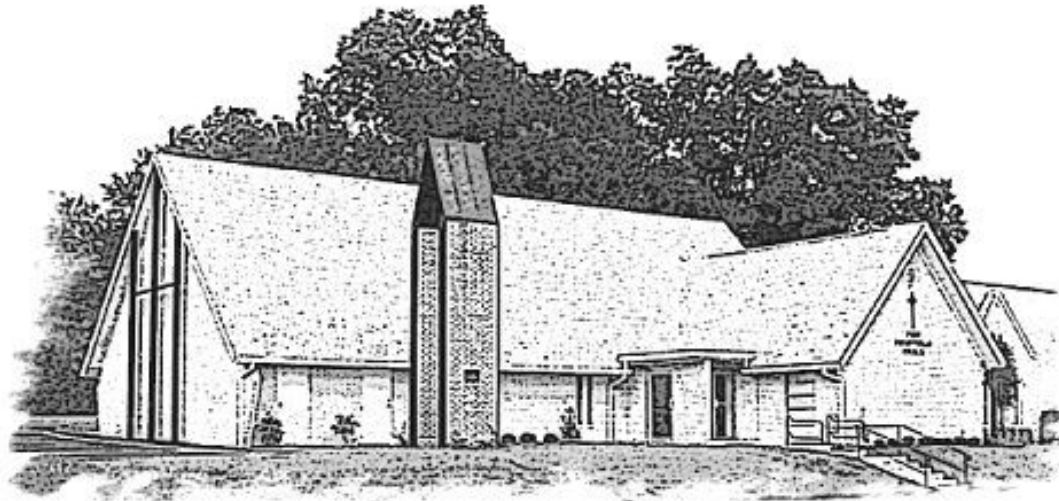


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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

HENDERSON, TX

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**



*“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return” - Genesis 3:9*

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit.  
***Bold italic letters*** indicate congregational responses.

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020

## — *A Service for Ash Wednesday* —

### THOUGH FOR THE EVENING

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

### — *Gathering* —

#### INTROIT

**“O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER”**

Chancel Choir

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist-Carol Scoggins

People of God—listen to the trumpet’s call!

***We come from near and far to kneel before the Holy One.***

Children of God—listen to the voice of your Creator!

***We return to God with open hearts and minds ready to be transformed.***

Beloved of God—listen to the good news!

***The Lord is merciful and kind, full of faithful love and ready to forgive.***

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #415 **“COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY”** (vs. 1&2) Hart, 1759

### — *Word* —

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God,  
your word is our way of truth and life.  
Create in us hearts that are clean  
and put your Holy Spirit within us,  
so that we may receive your grace  
and declare your praise forever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### ASH WEDNESDAY

*Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812* is a musical adaptation of a section from Tolstoy’s *War and Peace*. Written by Dave Malloy, the score merges Russian folk and classical music with influences from indie rock. In the solo “Dust and Ashes,” Pierre reflects on his life. Has he lived with his eyes open to the beauty all around, and his heart open to love within? On Ash Wednesday, we also reflect. “You are dust and to dust you will return,” the ancient liturgy tells us. But Ash Wednesday is not an end, it is a beginning. “We are children of dust and ashes... but when we know Love, we wake up, and we are with God and angels weep.”

*Ash Wednesday*



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

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*and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.*

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

The gifts of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

## **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*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. AMEN.*

*— Sending —*

**HYMN #166**     *“LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS”* Hernaman, 1873

## **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the steadfast love of God,  
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit  
be with you this day and always. *Amen.*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:  
If any wish to be my disciples  
let them take up the cross  
and follow me. *Amen.*

*~ All depart in silence. ~*

## **Hebrew Scripture**

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

**Bibles, p.647/LG.p.841**

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## **GOSPEL SCRIPTURE**

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

**Bibles, p.5/ LG. p.6**

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. *Thanks be to God.*

## **HOMILY**

Rev. Michele R. Goff

## **ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we bend our knees and lift up our hearts,  
giving glory to God forever. *Amen.*

## **ANTHEM**

*“YOU ARE DUST”*

Chancel Choir

## **INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT**

*SILENT REFLECTION*

*(A time for silent for personal prayer.)*

## **PsALM 51 - Responsive**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>*Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.*

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>*Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak  
and right in your judgment.*

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>*Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.*

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and  
blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

ALL: <sup>17</sup>**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**HYMN #418 “SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING”** (vs. 1) Thompson, 1880

## LITANY OF PENITENCE

Please respond: **have mercy on us.**

*(Liturgist, Carol Scoggins continues...)*

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.  
**Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.**

**HYMN #433 “SIGN US WITH ASHES”** (vs. 1-3)

Bringle, 2003

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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.**

— *Eucharist* —

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### 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.**

*(Rev. Michele continues...)*

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**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.**

*(Rev. Michele continues...)*

...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

*(Rev. Michele continues...)*

## LORD'S PRAYER-UNISON

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;**