

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw, SC

6:00 p.m.

March 6, 2019

Prelude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Page

Welcome & Announcements Dr. Dan Sansbury

Call to Worship

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Blessed are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and you forgave the guilt of my sins. (from Psalm 32)

Hymn: 92 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

Invitation to Confession Avery Dickson

Litany of Confession A Responsive Reading of Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

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

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand your wisdom .

**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God,

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,

but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Assurance of Pardon

Response 383 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*, verses 1-2 OLIVET

Scripture Isaiah 58:1-9

Matthew 6:1-8

Message "Just OK is Not OK" Dr. Sansbury

*Hymn 98 *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Imposition of Ashes

Evening Prayers

*Closing Hymn: 543 *Abide With Me* EVENTIDE

*Benediction

Postlude *There is a Balm in Gilead* Larkin

WELCOME TO OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! We gather this evening to worship our Lord Jesus Christ, and to begin the journey of Lent together.

You may receive the imposition of ashes at the end of this service. Simply come forward when the minister summons you and receive the sign of the cross upon your forehead. Whether you receive this sign tonight or not, please go out to follow Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord, more closely in the season of Lent, and all seasons to follow. Remember: for Presbyterians, Lent is not the season to give up something, but to take on something, in ministry for and with our Lord Jesus Christ.