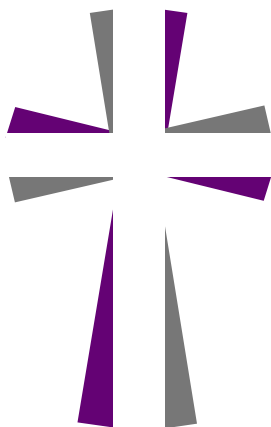


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Honor God.  
Welcome All.  
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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22, 2023

“This life was given to you for repentance, do not waste it on other things.”  
*Isaac the Syrian (died around AD 700)*

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PASTOR: Dear people of the Living God, let us pray:

ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are repentant: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive forgiveness from you, the God of all mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Song

“Be Thou My Vision”

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 9:3-6; 17-19

PASTOR: Dear people of God; Early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of repentance and fasting. The season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by repentance and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind the message of pardon and forgiveness set forth in the gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

We are told in Scripture to put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit (Rom. 8:13) and to lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely (Heb. 12:1); we are told to examine ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28) and to bear fruit in keeping with repentance (Matt. 3:8); all so that we might more fully look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross (Heb. 12:2).

I invite you, therefore, to the observance of Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as an admission of our need for repentance, let us now come before the Lord, our Maker and Redeemer, and confess our sins.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 51

PASTOR: Let us pray together:

ALL: **Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

PASTOR: 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, Lord.**

PASTOR: We have been deaf 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, Lord.**

PASTOR: We confess to you, Lord, all of our pride, hypocrisy, and the impatience of our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitations of other people, our anger at our own limitations, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

ALL: **Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

PASTOR: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done; for our blindness to the needs and sufferings of those around us, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

ALL: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

PASTOR: 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, Lord.**

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

ALL: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

PASTOR: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

ALL: **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

PASTOR: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation.

ALL: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

PASTOR: By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord.

ALL: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of the resurrection.**

## Silent Confession

## Song of Confession

“Trisagion”

## Assurance of Pardon

PASTOR: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

*1 Peter 2:24*

PEOPLE: **Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.**

## A Call to Repentance

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus said unto us, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” (Matt. 5:4). And his Apostle told us, “I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation” (2 Cor. 7:9, 10).

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and repentance, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: **Amen.** *(Silence to follow)*

## The Imposition of Ashes

*Those wishing to receive the sign of ashes are invited to approach and kneel.*

*The ashes are imposed with the following words:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent and believe the gospel.

## Psalm Reading

Psalm 103

## Song

“Rock of Ages”

## A Prayer for the Journey

PASTOR: Let us now pray together:

ALL: O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to thy servant. Yes, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own faults, and not to judge my brother; For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. O God, cleanse me, a sinner. Amen. *Prayer of St Ephrem the Syrian 4th Century*

## Benediction

PASTOR: May the God of all grace, who has called us into his eternal glory, restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us.

PEOPLE: To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **Special Services for the Season of Lent:**

Sunday Evening Prayer Services: Begin **February 26**, continuing every Sunday evening through March 26 from 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday Evening Service: **April 2**, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Holy Week: - **April 3-5**. Evening services will take place at 6:00 p.m. A light supper will be provided at the conclusion of each service.

Maundy Thursday: **April 6**, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner not provided.

Good Friday: **April 7**, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner not provided.

## **Easter Events:**

Easter Sunrise Celebration & Breakfast: **April 9**, 6:00 a.m.

Resurrection Service: **April 9**, 10:00 a.m. (No CE)



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## Lord's Day Worship

9:30 a.m.

## Christian Education

Children & Youth 11:00 a.m.

Adults 11:10 a.m.

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**Guests!** We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Please take time to fill out the Guest Info Slip on the insert and place it in the offering plate or in the box located in the foyer.

**Welcome Center:** Located in the front foyer, our Welcome Center is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Trinity and includes an area to sign up for upcoming events. Please help yourself to our brochures and other resources.

**Hearing Assistive Devices** are available at the sound booth in the Sanctuary.

## Church Leadership

### ELDERS

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Nursery Coordinator: Jodi Alderson

# Be Thou My Vision

Traditional

1. Be Thou my— Vis - ion, oh Lord of my heart.

Naught be all else to me save that Thou— art.

Thou my— best— thought— by day or by night.

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy— pres - ence my light.

**2. Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true word.**

**I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.**

**Thou my great Father, I Thy true son.**

**Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**3. Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise.**

**Thou mine inheritance now and always.**

**Thou and Thou only first in my heart.**

**High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**4. High King of Heaven my victory won,**

**May I reach Heaven's joys oh bright Heaven's Sun.**

**Heart of mine own heart whatever befall,**

**Still be my vision, O Ruler of all!**

## Trisagion (Holy God)

Words from Traditional Greek Orthodox liturgical text

Music by Fernando Ortega

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The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together in groups of four. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Ho - - - ly God,

ho - ly and might - - y,

ho - - - ly im - mort - al One, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Holy God,  
Holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One,  
Have mercy,  
Have mercy,  
Have mercy...

Have mercy,  
Have mercy on us.



## Rock Of Ages

Words by Augustus Toplady. Music by James Ward  
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1. Rock of a - ges cleft for me, let me hide my-  
self in Thee. Let the wa - ter and the blood  
from Thy ri - ven side which flowed, be of sin the  
dou - ble cure; — cleanse me from its guilt and — pow'r.

2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy Law's demands,  
Could my zeal no respite know; could my tears forever flow;  
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring. simply to Thy cross I cling,  
Naked come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace.  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly, wash me Savior or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath; when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.