

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Gather in Silence and Reflection

Prelude "If My People Will Pray" Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: We come to God with full and prayerful hearts.

All: We yearn to turn to God.

One: We mark on our foreheads our need for grace,

All: giving thanks and praise for mercy.

All: Hear our call to be in your will, O God.

Prayer

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Rev. Brogdon

Ash Wednesday Reflection

Instrumental Music "Softly and Tenderly" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Litany of Penitence

One: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

All: 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. Have mercy on us, O God.

One: 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. Have mercy on us, O God.

All: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives, have mercy on us, O God.

One: For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, have mercy on us, O God.

All: For our excessive love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, have mercy on us, O God.

One: For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, have mercy on us, O God. Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

All: For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, have mercy on us, O God.

One: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, have mercy on us, O God.

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

Litany of Silent Reflection

Imposition of Ashes

The congregation is invited forward to receive the sign of the cross as a sign of our humanity and mortality, and a sign of God's work through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" #215

*Benediction Rev. Brogdon

Following the benediction, please depart in silence.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

To Our Guests:

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of our congregation. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here.

Children's activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave.

A nursery is provided for children 3 years of age and under.

Please join us for:
Sunday School at 8:45 am
Worship 10:00 am

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Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"