



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Wednesday, February 22, 2012

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2012

5:30 p.m.

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Lenten Meditation

Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

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

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

People: **The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #394**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (Unison)

Gracious God, out of Your love and mercy You breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve You and neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for Your mercy; in Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Daniel 9:3-5

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Things That Separate Us Dr. Dan Festa

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Leader: 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. 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, O God.

Leader: 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.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to You, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

All: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

All: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: we confess to you, O God

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: Accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: 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, O God.

Leader: For our waste and pollution of Your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: Accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: Restore us, O God, and let Your anger depart from us.

All: Favorably hear us, O God, for Your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES (All those who wish to be marked with ashes may come forward at this time.)

Leader: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,

All: That we may show forth Your glory in the world.

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

**All: bring us with all Your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

In Remembrance

Red

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND

LORD'S PRAYER (We use debts and debtors.)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN #397**

O for a Closer Walk with God

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

Paris Antiphoner

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world with rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

**** Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

Usher: Zac Cosner & Bubba VonTungeln Lay Reader: Amanda Chandler

Communion Steward: Dana Neal