



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Wednesday, February 13, 2013

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 13, 2013

5:30 p.m.

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

The Glory of These Forty Days

Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We who live in the shelter of the Most High, we who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

People: We will say to God, "Our refuge and our fortress; our God, in whom we trust."

Leader: Because we have made God our dwelling place, no evil shall befall us.

People: God will protect those who call on the name of God and show them salvation.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #394**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (Unison)

We call upon You, O God; hear our prayer. We raise our voices in glad adoration because You have brought Your people out of bondage. You ministered to Jesus when He was tempted by Satan. You know when Your people are afflicted, and understand their estrangement when they are alone and dismayed. We pause along our journey of faithfulness to bow down before You and worship Your name. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Everyone Who Calls

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 *Ah, Holy Jesus* Crüger

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: Dana Neal Lay Reader: Jemmie Moseley

Communion Steward: Dana Neal