

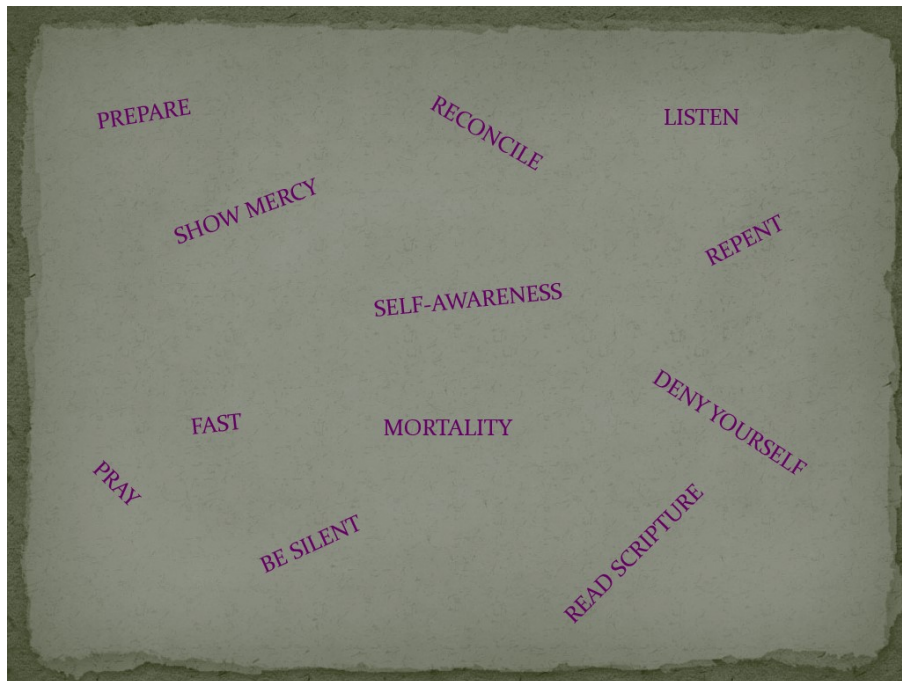
# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019

SEE THE ASHES – SHARE IN GOD'S CREATION



Please enter the sanctuary in silence. The words on the bulletin cover may be used for meditation

HYMN Come, O Prince of Peace Hymn 103, Verse 1

SCRIPTURE READING

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

HYMN Come, O Prince of Peace Hymn 103, Verse 2

SCRIPTURE READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b-6:10

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HYMN Come, O Prince of Peace Hymn 103, Verse 3

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

HYMN Come, O Prince of Peace Hymn 103, Verse 4

MESSAGE

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

LITANY OF PENITENCE

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.

**HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD.**

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.**

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.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

**HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD.**

For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD.**

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD.**

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. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD.**

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.**

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

**HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD.**

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

**TURN TO US IN YOUR MERCY AND REDEEM US.**

#### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation  
**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of our Savior,  
**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

\*SONG: Sunday's Palms are Wednesday Ashes  
Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes  
as another Lent begins;  
those we kneel before our Maker  
in contrition for our sins.  
We have marred baptismal pledges,  
in rebellion gone astray; now, returning, seek forgiveness;  
grant us pardon, God, this day!

We have failed to love our neighbors,  
their offenses to forgive,  
have not listened to their troubles,  
nor have cared just how they live,  
we are jealous, proud, impatient,  
loving over much our things;  
may the yielding of our failures  
be our Lenten offerings.

We are hasty to judge others,  
blind to proof of human need;  
and our lack of understanding  
demonstrates our inner greed;  
we have wasted earth's resources;  
want and suffering we've ignored;  
come and cleanse us, then restore us,  
make new hearts within us, Lord.

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING