

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spartanburg, South Carolina

March 6, 2019



A S H
W E D N E S D A Y

WELCOME!

First Presbyterian Church
is a community of believers committed to
“Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together
through Word and Deed.”

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6, 2019

6:30pm

Please write requests for prayer on the card found in your bulletin.

When you come forward to receive the ashes, bring your prayer requests with you and place them in the basket.

The staff will pray for these requests during this Season of Lent.

SUMMONS TO GATHER WITH THE TRUMPET OF JOEL

Joel 2:1, 15-16

INTROIT

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Return to the Lord your God,

All: for God is gracious.

One: Confess to the Lord your God,

All: for God is merciful.

One: Repent to the Lord your God,

All: for God is slow to anger.

One: Praise the Lord your God,

All: for God abounds in steadfast love.

One: Worship the Lord your God.

All: Together, let us worship God!

† HYMN 417

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We bring our burdens and our sins to You, O Christ,
who bears the heavy load for us.

We place upon You our excuses, our shortcomings, our anger and our desire,
knowing that You can remove these sins from us
and restore us to life.

We confess that we have gone astray.

We confess that we have not loved You fully
and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We confess that we have not fully loved even our very selves.

Forgive us of our sins.

Help us to turn back to You.

Restore what has been broken,
transform what has been twisted, find what has been lost,
so we may be the living, loving image of You in creation.

SILENT CONFESSION

† Please rise in body or spirit.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free.
Thanks be to God forever more! Amen!**

CHORAL RESPONSE

We Are Not Alone

Pepper Choplin

A WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Why Do We Wear Ashes Tonight?

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

ANTHEM

Confutatis

W.A. Mozart

ANTHEM

Lacrymosa

W.A. Mozart

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:1-13

MESSAGE

A Heart-full Lent

Rev. Christi O. Brown

† HYMN

Create in Me
(Please Sing Upon Direction)



BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As the music plays, you are invited to come forward to receive ashes on your forehead in the sign of a cross. If you prefer, you may hold out your hand and one of our pastors will impose the ashes on the back of your hand.

Please bring your prayer cards with you.

*This is a reminder that all of us are sinners who will one day die,
but that we trust in God's forgiveness and grace in Jesus Christ.*

*After receiving the ashes, we ask that you leave the Sanctuary in silence
to begin observing the forty days of Lent as a time of repentance and reflection.*

PARTICIPATING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Rev. Christi O. Brown
Rev. Joanne R. Hull
Dr. Thomas E. Evans
Rev. L. Craig Foster

Many thanks to our special musical guests, the Maryville College Concert Choir.

Conductor: Stacey Murphy Wilner

Choral Assistant: Hannah White

Director of Lads: Alan Eleazer

Accompanist: Chase Hatmaker

Percussion: Amber Nejme-Hatmaker

Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, Maryville College is a nationally ranked institution of higher learning that successfully joins the liberal arts and professional preparation in partnership with others. The philosophy of the students in the Concert Choir closely follows that of Maryville College founder Isaac Anderson, which is "to do good on the largest possible scale". For more information: www.maryvillecollege.edu.

TRANSLATIONS

Locus iste

This place is a priceless mystery made by God; it is without reproof.

Confutatis

When the accused are confounded, and doomed to flames of woe, call me among the blessed.
I kneel with submissive heart, my contrition is like ashes, help me in my final hours.

Lacrimosa

That day of tears and mourning, when humanity shall rise from the ashes to be judged, spare us by your mercy,
gentle Lord Jesus. Grant us eternal rest. Amen.

Choir Hosts:

Please meet your singer in the Social Hall following the service.

First Presbyterian Church
393 E Main St, Spartanburg, SC 29302
864/583-4531 www.fpcspartanburg.org