

CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”



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Ash Wednesday

Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or guilt-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store. ~ N.T. Wright

Preparation in Silence

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *‘The Old Rugged Cross’* ~ Bennard

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Father God, you are full of compassion.

People: As we enter this season of Lent, allow your Spirit to lead us more and more into our awareness of our need for Jesus Christ our Savior.

Leader: May we turn away from our sinful habits regularly and genuinely,

People: Resist temptations great and small,

All: And remember with confidence that You have conquered sin, hell and death.

***Hymn No. 184** *‘In the Cross of Christ I Glory’*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Psalm 51:10-12, 15-17)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn No. 428** *‘I Need Thee Every Hour’* (chorus)

***Creed**

The Nicene Creed (325 A.D.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Scripture*Matthew 6:16-18*

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Communion Meditation*‘When You Fast’**Rev. Marc Shefelton***Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Communion Hymn No. 29‘Glorify Thy Name’***Communion**

(Communion will be served by intinction. Please proceed down the center aisles to take a piece of Matza bread, dip it into the juice and receive the elements together. There will also be a basket with pre-packaged elements for those that want that option. For those who wish, please proceed to the side aisles for the imposition of ashes. We invite you to exit the sanctuary in silence.)

Offering this evening will go toward CUP Church Mission efforts.