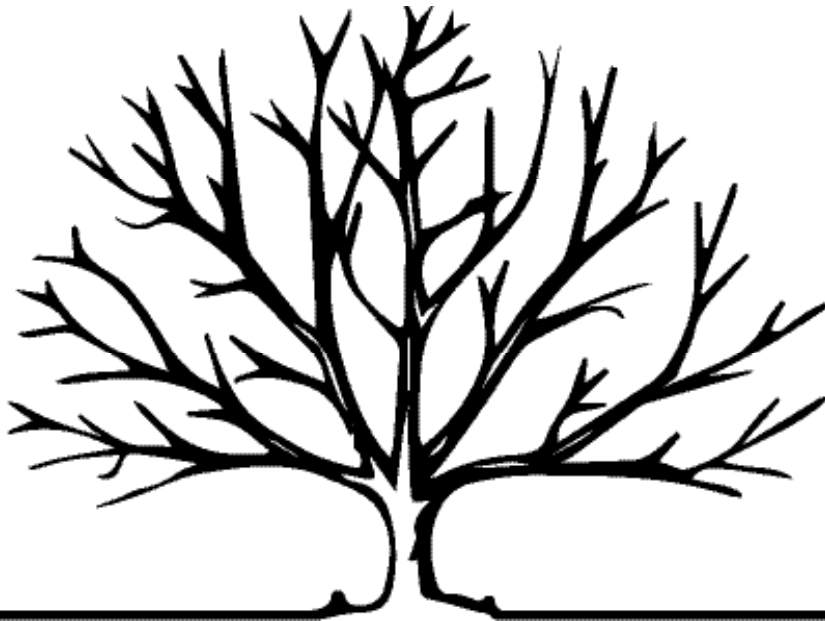


# ST. LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



## ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5, 2014 • 7:30 P.M.

**Our Mission:** Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

**Our Vision:** To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love—every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.



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8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service

*Nursery provided for all services and Sunday School*

### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Jason Whitener, Pastor

Rev. Shannon Dill, Associate Pastor

Rev. Phil Brown, Associate Pastor

Dr. E. Moss Robertson, Pastor Emeritus

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LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

*Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent.*

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## SPECIAL THANKS

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For sharing their gifts in this service and for their commitment to the confirmation process, we thank the following members of **Confirmation Experience 2014:**

Davis Moreland

Dylan Clyne

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Taylor Hull

Cameron Wescott

Emily Vail

Jewel Ann Cameron

Lauren Garrett

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Jack Singley

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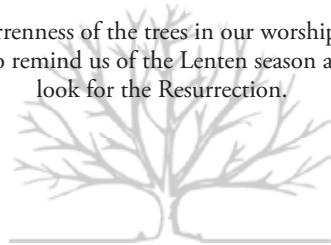
## SERVING TODAY

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**Sound Crew** ..... Bob Burroughs

**Piano** ..... Jill Hudson

The barrenness of the trees in our worship space are to remind us of the Lenten season as we look for the Resurrection.



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## WELCOME, GUESTS!

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We are delighted you are worshiping with us! If you are interested in learning more about St. Luke's or are interested in joining, please contact Jason Whitener: [jasonwhitener@slpres.org](mailto:jasonwhitener@slpres.org) or 770-393-1424, ext. 223.



**That All May Worship:** St. Luke's strives to be a welcoming church for all. Assistive hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and pew cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.

**Parents:** During the worship service, if necessary, the parlor is a comfortable place to be with your child and still see the service. Children's Worship Notebooks are available for all ages on the shelves in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby), along with activity sheets pertaining to today's scripture. An usher can assist you.

## Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This?, arr. Victor Labenske

## Greeting and Invitation to the Lenten Discipline

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Marked by the cross, cherished and forgiven,

**People: We are traveling home.**

Leader: Called to be holy, called to be happy,

**People: We are traveling home.**

Leader: Across deserts, over mountains,

**People: We are traveling home.**

Leader: God in our hearts, God in our lives,

**All: We are traveling home.**

### \* Hymn #210

Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

### \* Invitation to Confession

Forgive Us, Lord / Jorgé Lockwood

(Last time only)



For-give us, Lord. A - men.

Leader: O God, where did I go wrong? How can I find my way back? I am weighted down by this feeling that I have failed You, other people, and myself. My life is a mess.

**People: Forgive us Lord.**

Leader: You know my weakness, You know much better than me: I can't hide it from You. How can I bear to face it too?

**People: Forgive us Lord.**

Leader: Guilty as charged - however much I argue my case. It's Your laws I have broken; it's Your way I have lost; It's Your word I have chosen not to hear over and over again.

**People: Forgive us Lord.**

Leader: Oh God where did I go wrong? How can I find my way back?

**People: Forgive us Lord. Forgive us Lord. Amen.**

## Anthem

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee / K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, Lord, my sins bewailing! Bow down Thy gracious ear to me, make Thou my prayer availing. Mark not my misdeeds in Thy book, gracious Lord, most holy; on my sins in mercy look; who can stand before Thee? With Thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love and grace abounding. The greatest thought or deed or work were else but empty sounding. All who in Thy sight appear come in sinful measure; all before Thee bow in fear seeking Thy good pleasure. Amen.

*(Martin Luther paraphrase of Psalm 130)*

## Scripture Lesson

Psalm 51:10-17

## Meditation #1

Phil Brown

## Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

## Imposition of Ashes

“In life and in death you belong to God. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Those who desire may come forward to the communion rail in order to receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of penitence not only for our individual sin, but also in recognition of our complicity in the sin of the world.

### Sign Us with Ashes

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Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God, chil-dren of dust, as to dust we re - turn.  
Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God. Mark us and make us your own.

## Prayer

### Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

### Meditation #2

Cameron Wescott

### Prayer for Lent and the 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### \* Sending Hymn #544

Day is Done

### \* Blessing & Charge

Leader: Go forth into the world in the strength of God's mercy to live and to serve in newness of life. May Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven, bless and keep you.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: May the Lamb of God, Who laid down His life for all, graciously smile upon you.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: May the Lord God order all your days and deeds in peace.

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### \* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the Peace with one another as we begin our Lenten journey.

**Service Notes:** Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sins before God within the community of faith. In this service we focus our lives on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. While the use of ashes as a sign of mortality and penance may be new to some, it has a significant history in Jewish and Christian worship. The imposition of ashes is a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. *Prayers and liturgy adapted from Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Iona Community's Lent resource Eggs and Ashes.*