

ASH WEDNESDAY

King's Crown, Joey Burrough, 2025

"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength."

--Isaiah 30:15

AN ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

OF WORSHIP & COMMUNION

West End Presbyterian Church 2.18.26 6:30PM



“It is not, therefore,
the hungry seeking for bread,
but the Bread seeking the hungry;
not the sad seeking for joy,
but rather Joy seeking the sad;
not emptiness seeking fullness,
but rather Fullness seeking
emptiness.”

--Roy & Revel Hession
We Would See Jesus

Tonight's communion service marks the beginning of the season of Lent.
It marks a season of preparation, preceding the celebration of Easter, in which we focus on repentance.

To repent means to make a God-centered change in our attitudes, words, and living.
As sixteenth-century reformer Martin Luther taught, the whole Christian life is a life of repentance. Beginning when we first trust Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, the Holy Spirit enables us more and more to turn away from sin and self-centeredness, and toward our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This service will be an opportunity to worship God in light of the grace He gives in enabling His people to repent and trust Christ alone.

In this next hour, give the Savior glory: meditate on your mortality, long to be conformed to Christ's likeness, and remember with confidence and gratitude that Jesus has conquered sin and death. By these, we testify to the power and beauty of our union with Christ and to the daily dying and rising in which He leads His people.

CALL TO WORSHIP

BASED ON THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM 88-90

:: Congregation, please rise if you are able. ::

People:

**Genuine repentance involves two things:
the dying-away of the old self
and the coming-to-life of the new.
The dying-away of the old self
is to be genuinely sorry for sin,
to hate it more and more,
and to run away from it.
The coming-to-life of the new self
is wholehearted joy in God through Christ
and a delight to do every kind of good
as God wants us to.**

Leader:

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
Genesis 3:19

Consider yourself dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ.
Romans 6:11

Let us turn and worship the Lord.

O, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:18



1 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
2 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from
3 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery
bound less, free! Rol - ling as a migh - ty o - cean in its shore_ to shore! How He loves us, e - ver loves us, chan - ges love the best! 'Tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing, 'tis a full - ness o - ver me! Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, ne - ver, ne - ver - more! How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, ha - ven sweet of rest! O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, is the cur - rent of Thy love lead - ing on - ward, died to call them all his own; how for them he's 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me lead - ing home - ward, to that glo - rious rest a - bove! in - ter - ce - ding, watch - ing o'er them from the throne! up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee!

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:: Congregation, please be seated and remain seated through the Scripture reading. ::

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 58:1-12

"Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that did righteousness
and did not forsake the judgment of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God.
'Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'
If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and
speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.
And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.
And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in."

:: Congregation, please rise ::

HAST THOU HEARD HIM, SEEN HIM, KNOWN HIM?

"Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver...you will say to them, "Be gone!"
from Isaiah 30:22

VERSE



1. Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?
2. What can strip the seem - ing beau - ty
3. 'Tis that Look that mel - ted Pe - ter,
Is not from the 'tis that thine a -
i - dols Face that -



cap - tured heart? Chief a - mong ten thou - sandown - Him; joy - ful
of the earth? Not a sense of right or du - ty, but the
Ste - phen saw, 'Tis that Heart that wept with Mar - y, can a -

REFRAIN



choose the bet - ter part. Cap - ti - va - ted by His beau - ty,
sight of peer - less Worth. draw.



wor - thy tri - bute haste to bring; let His peer - less worth con - strain -



— thee. Crown Him now un - ri - valed King.

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:: Congregation, please be seated until you come forward to participate in the Lord's Supper. ::

SERMON

PSALM 145:8-21.

John McGurn, Elder Emeritus

⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to the children of man your^[a]mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

[The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]

¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The Lord preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

I CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:
The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread,
and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,
"This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying,
*"This cup is the new covenant in My blood;
do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*
For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

CONFESSiON OF SiN

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy;

**Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to You and to one another,
that we have sinned 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.**

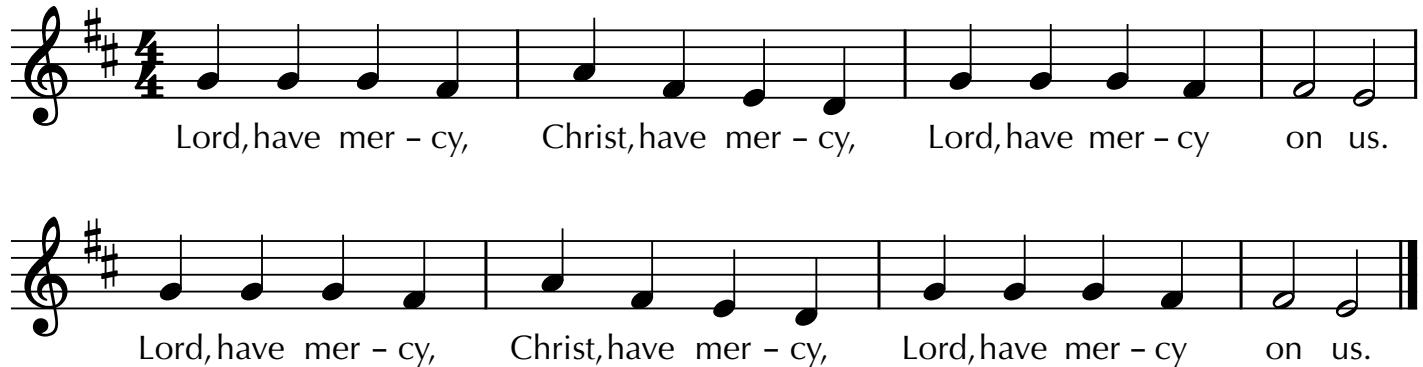
We repent before You, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord.

Hear us, good Lord, for Your mercy is great.

KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

"God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Luke 18:13; Ancient Greek hymn, 4th century



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalm 103:8-14

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

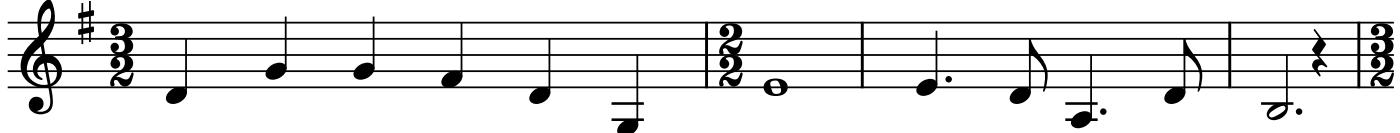
West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel, to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. The Elders presiding over the Supper are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

At each communion station, grape juice is served in purple cups, wine is served in clear cups, and gluten-free bread is served in the bread tray. For a list of ingredients in the gluten-free bread, see www.wepc.org/communion.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

"Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." Psalm 139:10

VERSE



2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;

3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



pre-cious in His ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast.

ju-si-cie has been sa-tis-fied; He will hold me fast.



He'll not let my soul be lost, His prom-is-es shall
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me

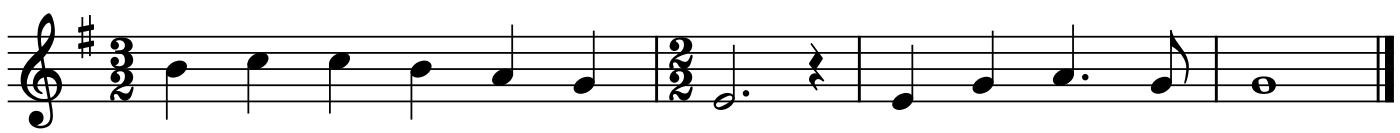


fast.

fast.

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REFRAIN



OFFERING

Tonight's offering provides financial assistance for the needy in our church and community and for ministries approved by the WEPC Diaconate.

From the Dust We Came

From Psalm 90
Paul Zach (2021)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ANNOUNCING THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM

:: Congregation, please rise if you are able. ::

Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 4:17

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

Matthew 11:12

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-46

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died." II Corinthians 5:14

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
2 When I was sin - king down, sin - king down, sin - king down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, I will sing,
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
I was sin - king down, sin - king down; when I was sin - king
God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
down be - neath God's right eous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul!
sing, I will sing, while mil lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

BENEDICTION

I THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

May God Himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The One who calls you is faithful.

Tonight's sermon was given
by John McGurn, WEPC Elder Emeritus.

Worship was led and the Lord's Supper was administered
by Pastor Kevin Greene.

Sarah Jurewicz, Mollie Bowman, & Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered,
led music & congregational singing.
Sound was managed by Jay Smith;
tonight's livestream was managed by Scott Hoye.

Scripture was read by Lamont & Terrill Wade.
All Scripture readings from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version.
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LENT & EASTER 2026

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LAMENTATIONS PRAYER SERVICE

MARCH 1 | 7 PM | WEPC CHAPEL

PERSONAL RETREAT

MARCH 21 | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM | ROSLYN RETREAT CENTER

LENT PRAYER WALK

MARCH 29 | 12:15 PM | WEPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2 | 6 PM | WEPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3 | 7 PM | WEPC SANCTUARY

EASTER SUNDAY

**APRIL 5 | 9 AM & 10:30 AM
WEPC SANCTUARY**