

SMITHS GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Christ centered worship and service in a family of faith open to all”

Kevin Dick – Pastor

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Ash Wednesday Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

God is our refuge and strength,

a present help in times of trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though the waters roar, and the mountains tremble.

For God’s love endures forever.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 59: 12-20 (pg. 689, 690)

*HYMN OF PRAISE: Sanctuary

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God: you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who truly repent. Create in us a new heart, that, confessing our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 6: 1-6 (pg. 5)

MESSAGE: “What is Ash Wednesday?”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: Spirit of the Living God

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, and for your love that is ever ready to

welcome sinners. We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love. Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

SILENT PRAYER/LENTON PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG: Ashes

*IMPOSITION OF ASHES

We begin this Lenten journey with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the weakness and uncertainty of human life, and marks the commitment of ourselves and this community to repent.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and repentance, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

*PRAISE SONG: O’ Lord

Reflection Video: Ash Wednesday Movie

INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE SIGN OF ASHES

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT: Lord, I Need You

*WORDS OF COMMITMENT/BENEDICTION

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.

* All those who are able are invited to stand

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here! We hope you experience the presence of Christ in this place! If you do not have a Church home in this area, we invite you to make this church your home. If you are interested in finding out more about our church or how you might become a member, please speak with our pastor, Kevin Dick, or clerk of session, Phyllis McGuirk.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today		5:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun.	Mar. 1 st	11:00 AM	1 st Sunday in Lent/ Communion/ Back Pack Sunday
Sun.	Mar. 8 th		Daylight Savings Time begins
Sun.	Mar. 8 th	12:00 PM	Session Meeting
Thurs.	Mar. 12 th	11:00 AM	All Senior Day
Sun.	Mar. 29 th	11:00 AM	2 cents a meal offering

The Session:

2020 – Mike McGuirk, Johnnie Carter

2021 – Phyllis McGuirk, Mary Thies

2022 – Vanessa Carter, John Suoy