

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

Please partake as you are served. The cup in the center of each plate contains gluten-free bread.

### Prayer after Communion

\***Hymn No. 81**                      Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days                      ST. FLAVIAN

### \*Benediction

\***Postlude**                                      Out of the Depths                                      Friederich Wilhelm Zachau

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## Lent Services & Activities

### Soup Group, March 3, 17, 31, and April 7, 6:00 p.m.

Simple supper and spiritual practices at the home of Dr. Carol Strickland. Please RSVP to Carol at [cstrickland@firstpresathens.org](mailto:cstrickland@firstpresathens.org) or 706-765-7671 today.

### Wed@First, March 8-29, 6:30 p.m.

Praying the Psalms, a Lenten study led by Dr. Bruce Lancaster

**Experiential Lenten Calendars**, available in the Narthex, the church office, and at [FirstPresAthens.org](http://FirstPresAthens.org).

## Holy Week Services & Activities

**Palm Sunday, April 9, 10:40 a.m.**, Meet the donkey and join the Palm Procession

**Prayer Stations, April 9-16, The PIT**

**Thursday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.**, A Special invitation to the Lord's Table for our children, Maundy Thursday Service and Dinner

**Maundy Thursday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.**, Maundy Thursday Service & Dinner, Fellowship Hall

**Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.**, Presbyterian Community Service, Presbyterian Student Center, 1250 S Lumpkin St.

**Saturday, April 14, 11:00 a.m.**, Easter Egg Hunt, The Hill

**Easter, April 16, 8:45 a.m.** Worship Service,  
**9:30 a.m.** Easter Brunch, Fellowship Hall  
**11:00 a.m.** Worship Service



**March 1, 2017  
6:30 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday**

**Prelude** Forty Days and Forty Nights Alec Wyton

**Call to Worship**

The congregation is invited to speak or sing the liturgy in **bold** type.

Return to the Lord with all your heart,

**for God is gracious and merciful.**

In the name of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**This is the day of our salvation.**

Dr. Bruce Lancaster

\***Hymn No. 542** All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night TALLIS' CANON

\***Prayer of the Day** Dr. Carol Strickland

**Holy God, treasure of faithful hearts, through Jesus Christ you taught us how to pray, to give, to serve, to live. Reshape, restore and renew us by the hidden power of your Spirit, so that we may receive the way of life that is the true reward of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\***Response** Psalm 51 DUNDEE

Sung by the choir and congregation

**Have mercy Lord, according to the measure of your love; blot out my sin, and from my heart all wickedness remove.**

**The failings of my deeds and thoughts are ever in my sight; release me from the path of death, and set my course aright.**

**Into my secret heart send truth, let wisdom in me grow; O wash the evil from my hands, and make me pure as snow.**

**A clean and upright heart, O Lord, exchange for mine of stone; your Holy Spirit meld with mine, and leave me not alone.**

**A contrite heart is your desire, my offering, the same; my lips unlatch, my mouth engage your praises to proclaim.**

**Scripture Lesson** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, page 674; Psalm 42, page 504

**Homily** The Order of Disquieted Souls Dr. Bruce Lancaster

**Offertory** Create in me a clean heart, O God Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Invitation to the Lenten Journey**

**Litany of Penitence**

**Holy and merciful God,  
we confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault  
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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done, for our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

**Accept our repentance, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

**Imposition of Ashes**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the ashes of the earth.

May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence,

and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Those who wish may come forward to receive the imposition of ashes. One of the ministers will mark your forehead with ashes as a reminder that all of us will someday die, and as a sign that we trust in God's grace in Jesus Christ. You may also come forward for a blessing without ashes.

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. Amen.**