



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

Ash Wednesday
March 6, 2019

Building a Community of Disciples
Growing towards
God-centered worship
Christ-centered service
Spirit-led lives

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your Heart..." - Joel 2:12

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

echo cantors, then repeat

*Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.*

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God,
As we begin this Lenten journey,
Send us your Spirit that we may choose the path of obedience and life.
Help us to see clearly the way ahead, and grow more and more aware
of our need for a Savior. With confidence, may we turn away from
our sinful habits regularly and genuinely,
resist temptations great and small, and rely on your commands
that are sweeter than honey and more valuable than gold.

(Silent Prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please share signs of Christ's peace with one another

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

p. 600 O.T.
p. 787 N.T.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Sign Us with Ashes

congregation join on refrain

*Sign us with ashes, merciful God,
Children of dust as to dust we return.
Sign us with ashes, merciful God.
Mark us and make us your own.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

From dust we came, to dust we will return. **We belong to God.**

We come in penitence, we come in confidence. **We belong to God.**

At the beginning of Lent, at every moment of our lives. **We belong to God.**

PRAYER OVER LOAF AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER

echo cantor

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF GOD'S GIFTS

†PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

†BLESSING

WORSHIP NOTES

Persons wishing to receive ashes should come forward via the center aisle. Ashes may be received on the forehead or the hand, but are not required. Please return to your seats via the side aisles.

All of today's communion elements are gluten free.

AN INVITATION TO LENT

Thank you for worshipping with us today at
First Presbyterian Church.
The following opportunities for spiritual growth
during the Lenten season are open to all:

- 40 Days of Prayer: A daily e-votional delivered to your inbox, leading us into deeper trust and reliance on Christ in this season.
- Read and study *Sailboat Church* by Joan Gray, which also includes the guide to 40 Days of Prayer in print format.
- Discuss *Sailboat Church* and the 40 Days of Prayer with a group. Study group begins on Sunday, March 10th at 9:45 am in Room 206, facilitated by Fred Gamble.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Make plans now to attend
Palm Sunday, April 14th, 8:30 & 11 am
Maundy Thursday, April 18th, 6 pm
Good Friday, April 19th, 7 pm
Easter Sunday, April 21st, 8:30 & 11 am
Easter Sunset, Comfort Backyard, 7:15 pm

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rob Lohmeyer
Elaine Dreeben
Tim Wilborn, Organist
Chancel Choir

Thank you to our communion preparers and servers.