



March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday



Ash
WEDNESDAY

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Meditation on “Wondrous Love”

John Barr
(b. 1938)

Welcome

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Opening Prayer:

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 6:16-21

¹⁶ “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

A Time for Self-Examination – Reading of Psalm 51:1-10

Psalm 51:1-10

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.

- ³ For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and
blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Solo: "Precious Jesus"

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Jay Althouse
(b. 1951)

Litany of Penitence:

Leader: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Response: Have mercy on us, O God.

Imposition of Ash and Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessing and Charge

Postlude: Prelude in G Minor

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)



LENT

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Dr. James Cochran, Director of Music, playing the
Richard and Patricia Fors Organ given to the Glory of God
and in honor of James Cochran, Organist.
Michele Byrd, Soprano for virtual worship
Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita



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