

**I. The Gift of Repentance** (II Corinthians 7:8, 9)

A. God makes it work out of mercy.

B. We preach it out of love.

**II. The Indicators of Repentance** (II Corinthians 7:10, 11)

A. Not self-pity (10)

B. New Obedience (11)

a. Earnestness (Psalm 51:12ff)

b. Exoneration (Psalm 7:3-8; 26:1-3)

c. Indignation (Psalm 51; 139:19-24)

d. Alarm (Psalm 38:1-3; 50:1-6)

e. Longing (Psalm 13:1, 2)

f. Concern (Psalm 34:1, 4, 8)

g. Justice (Psalm 94:1-7)

**III. The Result of Repentance** (II Corinthians 7:12, 13)

A. Encourage us (12)

B. Encourage others (13)

# ASH WEDNESDAY

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## ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

*February 14, 2018*

*12:00 p.m.*



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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Samuel Metzger

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 51:1-2; 14-15 ..... T. Barton Kimbro

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**According to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

✦HYMN OF ADORATION: No. 185 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” . .HAMBURG

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Westminster Shorter Catechism #87

What is repentance unto life?

**Repentance unto life is a saving grace,  
whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin,  
and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ,  
doth with grief and hatred for his sin,  
turn from it unto God,  
with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON ..... II Corinthians 7:8-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY *True Repentance* George W. Robertson

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.  
As Your people, we humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy.  
We have not loved You with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with You, our God.  
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.  
Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.  
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation  
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns below.*

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” ..... PASSION CHORALE

**O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns Thine only crown:  
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn,  
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!**

**What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior; 'tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, assist me with Thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
I make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.**

“Before the Throne of God Above” .....Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is “Love” who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

✦Indicates congregation standing

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