



# ASH † WEDNESDAY

## 2022

*Singing the Lord's Song in Lent*

March 2, 2022 | 5:30 p.m. | St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

VOLUNTARY

Steven Blackmon, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to me all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens,

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

To heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

To mark us with ashes, to remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

**Even now, come Lord Jesus.**

HYMN 183

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

AUSTIN

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (*unison*)

**O Lord our God, as we mark ourselves with ashes and remember our own mortality, fill our souls to overflowing with the fullness of your grace. As we acknowledge our humanity, make us bold to share your life, show your life, and reflect your grace. In this service together, take all our doubts, uncertainties, and mistakes, and fill us with such faith that we may be confident of your love and sure of your presence, marking us as your own this night, and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 58:1-12*

PSALM 51 (*unison*)

**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.**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

**Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

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

**For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,**

**then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

MEDITATION

Chris Currie

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*As you come forward, ministers will take the ashes of palms from prior Palm Sundays and place them on your forehead or hand. As you receive the ashes, ministers will say the following:*

Adults: **Remember we are dust, and to dust we shall return.**

Children: **You belong to Jesus Christ and are marked as his own forever.**

HYMN 675

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

TALLIS' CANON

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

# LENT & EASTER 2022

## ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### LENT DEVOTIONALS

Lent devotional books with weekly writing and art by SCAPC members are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Chapel. They are also posted on our Lent Devotionals page: [scapc.org/lent-devotionals](http://scapc.org/lent-devotionals).

### LENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS

**HOSANNA: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK:** Classes will meet March 6-April 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Land Building Lakeside Room and via Zoom. Explore the main texts in all four Gospels and in Paul's writings that deal specifically with the last week of Jesus' life and with the resurrection. Every one of the four Gospel writers has a reason for writing. Each wants his audience to come to see who Jesus Christ is and what God is doing in and through him. For this study, Paul is also crucial. He is the first of the New Testament writers to mention the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. All of his work predates any of the four Gospels. Paul is the only writer that we know for certain was a witness of the resurrected Christ so he has a special place in the discussion of Holy Week and the resurrection.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN PSALMS CLASS

**LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH THE PSALMS:** This pastor-led class will meet Wednesday evenings beginning March 9 at 5:15 p.m. in the Phifer Library. Join us as we use the many moods of the psalms to explore our own complex emotions and experiences around grief, loss, and anger, as well as thanksgiving and joy. Stay for Wednesday Night Out dinner at 6:00 p.m.! For more information and dinner reservations, visit [scapc.org/wno](http://scapc.org/wno).

### PALM SUNDAY: ROSSINI STABAT MATER BY CHANCEL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

On Sunday, April 10, our 10:30 worship service will center on Gioachino Rossini's great choral work, *Stabat Mater*, performed by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra and conducted by Music Director Steven Blackmon. All children are invited to join in a palm procession at the beginning of the service.

### PW EASTER EGG HUNT

Following our 10:30 worship service on April 10, Presbyterian Women will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Louellen and Darryl Berger, 6000 St. Charles Avenue.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On April 14, our Maundy Thursday service, commemorating the Last Supper, will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will also be livestreamed through our YouTube channel.

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

On April 15, our Good Friday Service, commemorating Jesus' crucifixion, will take place at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will also be livestreamed through our YouTube channel.

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

On April 17, we will have identical worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Included will be the adornment of the cross with flowers, preaching by Chris Currie, and music by a traditional brass quintet. The 10:30 service will also be livestreamed through our YouTube channel.