

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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Taizé Imposition of the Ashes

MARCH 5, 2025 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

The Church of the Open Hands

Gather in Silence

Please enter and remain in silence until the service begins.

Call to Prayer #471 O Lord Hear My Prayer

When you are able, join in the singing:

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

Brief silence

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Hymn #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Call to Confession (from *Psalm 51*)

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

Prayer of Confession (from *Psalm 51*)

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 judgement.

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 hide your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a steadfast spirit.

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

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, 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.

Hymn #417

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

Synesius of Cyrene

Please remain seated

Assurance of Forgiveness

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

Believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven AMEN

Passing the Peace

Take this opportunity to greet one another with words and signs of the peace of Christ. Please join in singing:

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

Praying & Listening to God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

Reflection

Congregational Response

Hymn #442

Just as I am

Charlotte Elliott

Imposition of the Ashes

Congregational Hymn #90

Wait for the Lord

You are invited to come forward and receive the mark of these ashes one of two ways: on the back of your hand, or on your forehead.

Hymn of Sending #358

Steal Away

Benediction

Please leave the sanctuary in silence



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