

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 1, 2006

7:30 p.m.

Prelude and Acolyte

As we gather, let us come together in silence and meditation. Scripture for this quiet time of meditation:

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46)

Call to Worship

Leader: *The Lord be with You!*

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: *God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

People: **God’s love endures forever!**

Leader: *God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with tumult.*

All: **No, we will not fear, for God’s love for us endures forever! Amen!**

* Hymn No. 450

“Be Still and Know”

Call to Confession, Unison Prayer of Confession and Moment of Silent Prayer

Almighty God, on this holy night, we come together to worship You. But our sins separate us from You. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, was in the desert for forty days, facing His temptations. Forty days? Lord God, we often can’t even make it forty minutes – some days not even forty seconds – when we face temptations! We give in to sin and find ourselves even further from Your will. Forgive us our weaknesses. Help us to turn from our past and to embrace the future You offer us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Gloria Patri

Hymn No. 546

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 46

New Testament Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

Meditation on our Lenten Journey

Affirmation of Faith (A responsive sharing of the Apostle’s Creed)

Leader: *The creeds of our church stand as testaments to the faith which has been passed down to us from our ancestors. Tonight we renew our commitment to our God and accept, once again, our own personal call to discipleship. God calls us to be a*

part

of a community as well. Therefore, let us join together as a community to affirm what we believe.

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: *It is God who created all things and who breathed life into each one of us.*

People: **And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Leader: *It is Christ who willingly hung on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. It is through His death and resurrection that we are adopted into the family of God.*

People: **I believe in the Holy Ghost.**

Leader: *It is the Spirit that guides us and directs us to follow God’s will. It is the Holy Spirit that teaches us all new things.*

People: **I believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

Leader: *It is these gifts from God – the church, the community and our salvation – that serve as constant witnesses to the love that God has for each one of us. Therefore, as children of God, and brothers and sisters in Christ, we affirm our faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let the people of God say...*

All: **Amen and Amen!**

* Hymn No. 257

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Imposition of Ashes

(Congregation is invited to come forward and receive the imposition of ashes. This is a time of silent prayer and meditation.)

* Acolyte and Benediction

* Depart in Silence

To serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.

Providence Presbyterian Church



Jesus Christ touching lives through us
and growing His church

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe God's mission for Providence Presbyterian Church is:

To make new disciples by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,
To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,

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