

Welcome to worship at Glendale Presbyterian Church

**Ash Wednesday Prayer Service**

February 26, 2020

*Worship begins with the first note of the prelude.  
Please silence all electronic devices and conclude any conversations.*

Meditation on the Breath of Life

Psalm 46: 10a

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know that I

Be still and know that

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Be still

Be

*Silence is kept.*

Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Psalm 51 (responsive)

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

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

For I know my offenses  
and my sin is ever before me.

**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.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

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

**Create in my a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.

**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

O Lord open my lips,  
and my mouth shall declare my praise.

**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offerings.**

**All: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Litany of Penitence

The people respond: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Imposition of Ashes

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints  
to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

Blessing and Charge

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being -  
spirit, soul, and body - free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**