



Ash
WEDNESDAY
Service

February 17, 2021

Chadbourn Presbyterian Church
Angela Washburn

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Rev. Mark Fisher

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Joseph D. Washburn

Silent Prayer and Reflection

Call to Worship

Rev. Mark Fisher

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

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

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

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

*Hymn

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

see insert

Opening Prayer

Angela Washburn

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Angela Washburn

2 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Call to Confession

Rev. Mark Fisher

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark Fisher

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

We confess that when we practice our piety we want others to know it.

We urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

We confess the propensity to focus on how much we give of ourselves.

For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin.

We confess our prayers lack sincerity unless there is something we want.

So that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

The Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Mark Fisher

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Rev. Joseph D. Washburn

²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 As we work together with him,^[a] we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Meditation

Rev. Joseph D. Washburn

The Invitation

Angela Washburn

(A time of silence is held for reflection and self-examination)

Response

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

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The Prayer of Commitment

Angela Washburn

*Hymn

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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Blessing & Benediction

Rev. Washburn & Rev. Fisher

Postlude

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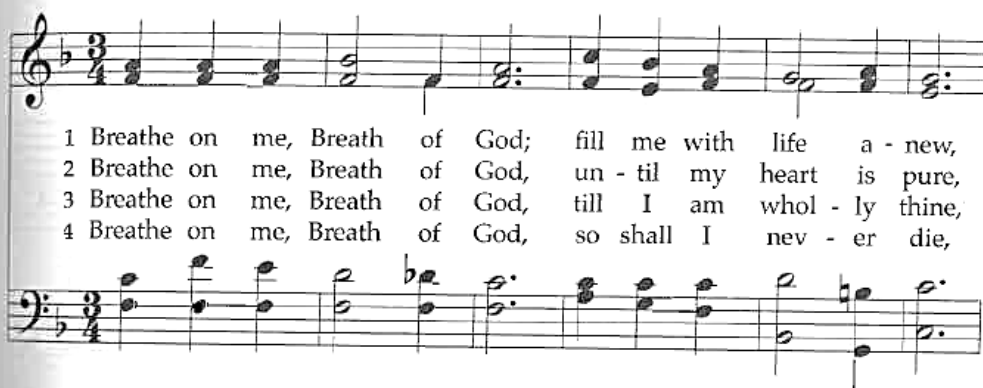
We invite you to join us for our other two Lenten Services:

Maudy Thursday Service - First Presbyterian Church
Thursday, April 1, 2021 6:00 pm

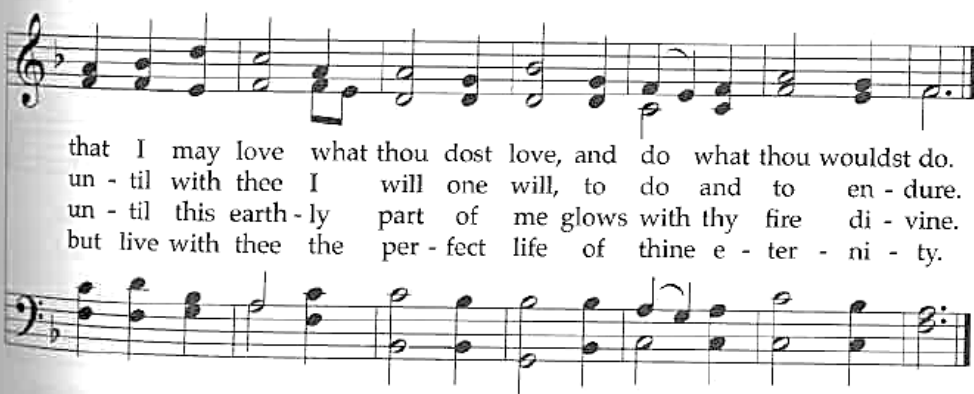
Good Friday Service - First Presbyterian Church
Friday, April 2, 2021 6:00 pm

Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville, Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum Channel 1304, and Roku

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1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.