

We are blessed to have had you joined us this afternoon for Ash Wednesday. Please feel welcomed each and every Sunday at 10:00 AM. Here are a few more important dates and times to come celebrate with Altavista Presbyterian Church throughout the Lenten Season:

- March 30<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent followed by our Koinonia Luncheon at 11:00 AM
- April 12<sup>th</sup>: 5:00 PM Welcome Meal and Game Night
- April 13<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM “Palm/Passion Sunday”
- April 17<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 PM “Maundy Thursday”
- April 18<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 PM “Tenebrae” or “Good Friday”
- April 20<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM “Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day”

# ASH WEDNESDAY

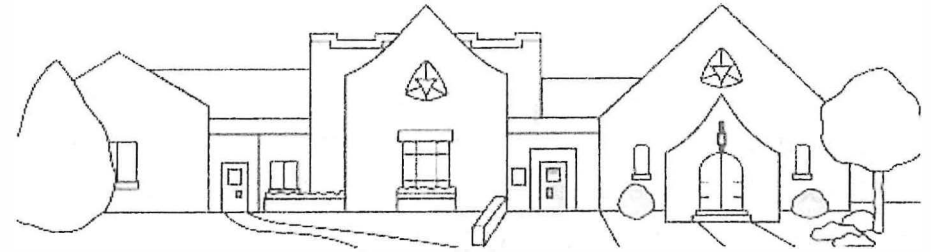


Remember that  
you are dust, and to  
dust you shall return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

# Ash Wednesday Service

Altavista Presbyterian Church  
March 5, 2025  
12:00 Noon



Please maintain a reverent silence upon entering the sanctuary

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Kyrie eleison

Congregation: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Christe eleison

Congregation: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

## PRAYER

\* **Presbyterian Hymnal** (blue hymnal) #81

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 51:15-17 pg. 492

**New Testament Reading** Luke 4:1-13 pg. 892

## SERMON

“Appropriate Gifts for a Savior”

## INVITATION TO THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

## LITANY OF CONFESSION – from Psalm 51

Minister: Be gracious to us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out our transgressions.

Congregation: **Do not cast us away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from us. For God's sacrifices are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

Minister: Our spirits were broken by the guilt of sin and our hearts are contrite and penitent when we consider the suffering and wondrous love of our savior Jesus Christ.

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES** - the congregation will come forward while singing **Presbyterian Hymnal** (blue hymnal) #370

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea* (Let it play through once)

Minister: May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence as well as a reminder of the gift of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Congregation: **By the cross and passion of our Savior God will bring all of His saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

\***Presbyterian Hymnal** (blue hymnal) #85

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

## BLESSINGS & CHARGE

## POSTLUDE