



WYCKOFF

REFORMED CHURCH

Worshiping God,
Making Disciples of Jesus,
Living Missionally

February 14, 2024
Ash Wednesday

Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
to The Wyckoff Reformed Church!

HOSPITALITY NOTES

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides.
To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary. A quiet room is available through the left-hand door as well.

Prayer Cards are available in the backs of the pews and on the table as you enter. If you would like our community to be praying for something, please fill one out and place it in the offering plates in the middle of the service.

Bold sections will be read aloud together.

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit.

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GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

"Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, **Amen.**"

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

Jesus Christ

is the Light of the World.

The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

COLLECT FOR PURITY

"Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen."

*GATHERING HYMN

"ALMIGHTY GOD"

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

PSALM 1

"The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.
Instead of doing those things,
these persons love the Lord's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!
They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.
Whatever they do succeeds.
That's not true for the wicked!
They are like dust that the wind blows away.

And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.
The Lord is intimately acquainted
with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.”

Lord, as we begin our Lenten journey, turn our hearts away from worthless things; keep our feet from the paths of sinners, keep our minds from the company of the wicked. But for your merciful hand, we would fall into destruction. So hold us and forgive our sin. Lead us by streams of living water and fill us with your Word-food and drink for the journey set before us—so that we would know you and love you, that we would bear good and lasting fruit in this aching world. In your name we pray. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

In the Bible, ashes are a sign of our human mortality, as well as a sign of mourning and repentance. We receive the ashen sign of the cross tonight as a sign that we belong to Jesus, rely completely on his gift of grace, and are determined to turn back and live lives that are pleasing to him. To receive ashes, come forward down the center aisle. If you would like to receive ashes on the back of your hand instead of your forehead, please hold out your hand when you come forward.

PROMISE OF GRACE

PSALM 32:1-2, 5, 7-8

“Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.”

"Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, 'I will confess

my transgressions to the Lord.'

And you forgave

the guilt of my sin."

"You are my hiding place;

you will protect me from trouble

and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"THANKS BE TO GOD"

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you! And also with you.

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A LENTEN DISCIPLINE

LISTENING TO GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 58:5-12 NRSV

SERMON

"The Restorer of the Broken"
Pastor Wes Ifan

RESPONDING TO GOD

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Tonight's offering will benefit Bread of Life Mission, a ministry of the Classis of Passaic Valley, which works to feed the hungry in weekend food deserts in Newark and Irvington.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FED BY GOD

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...

...With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God...

...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...

...Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion is served this morning by intinction and with prepackaged elements. Two stations in the center aisle will be intinction, the station to the side will have pre-packaged and gluten-free elements. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher. If you are joining us from home, please feel free to join in communion as well! This is the table of Christ, and he welcomes ALL who are trusting in him for their salvation. Come, drink deeply and eat heartily, the body and blood of Jesus Christ!

SENT BY GOD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*SENDING SONG

"OPEN OUR EYES" #297, VS. 1-3

*SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join us after worship in the Memorial Room for coffee and fellowship.

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