



The Memorial Baptist Church

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023 - 6:30pm - The Sanctuary

GATHER IN SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Teach us to number our days that we may gain a wise heart. Amen. - from Psalm 90:1-2, 12

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 3:17, Psalm 46:1-3

Dr. Brad Smith

Let us worship God.

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

God's love endures forever.

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 mountains tremble with tumult.

God's love endures for ever.

INVOCATION

Dr. Tyler Roach

† HYMN 377

There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12-17

Dr. Roach

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Dr. Smith

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Amazing Grace
arr. Daniel Kelly

Dr. Roach & Mrs. Fran Wilson

† GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Dr. Smith

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Dr. Roach

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Dr. Smith

Let us pray together:

**Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we ourselves have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

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We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our unfaithfulness: the pride, the hypocrisy, and the impatience in our lives,

we confess to you, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

we confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us,

we confess to you, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of need and suffering,

for our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

accept our repentance, O God.

For false judgments, for unloving thoughts toward our neighbors, for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,

accept our repentance, O God.

Forgive us, O God, and restore us.

Hear us in your great mercy, O God. Amen.

† HYMN 168

I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ

Stanzas 1-2 Only

KINGSFOLD

† INVITATION TO THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Dr. Smith

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Mrs. Fran Wilson & Mr. Sandro Silva

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Smith

† HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 168

I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ

Stanza 3 Only

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† LENTEN BENEDICTION

Dr. Smith

~ Depart in Silence, Thanking God for Grace and Forgiveness ~

† All who are able, please stand.

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Worship Leaders Tonight

Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Pastor

Dr. Tyler Roach, Associate Pastor—Families, Formation, and Community Engagement

Mrs. Fran Wilson, Pianist

Mr. Sandro Silva, Organist

Mr. Jay Surles and Mr. Robbie Taylor—Media Ministry Team