



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

FEBRUARY 24, 2021  
*Ash Wednesday*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## †VOLUNTARY

*Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*  
(I call to You, Lord Jesus Christ), BWV 639  
Johann Sebastian Bach

## †INTROIT

*Before the Throne of God Above*  
Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

## \*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Ryan V. Moore

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

**All: Hope in God; for we shall praise Him, our help and our God.**

## \*HYMN

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*  
Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything no gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom**

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Sandra L. Randleman

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

- based on the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&amp;A 88-90

Pastor: Genuine repentance involves two things:

**All: First, the dying-away of the old self and the coming-to-life of the new. The dying-away of the old self is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it. Second, the coming-to-life of the new self is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.**

Pastor: Together, as Christ's body, we now confess our sin and express our longing to live in joyful obedience to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Scots Confession

**Holy God, you created us in your likeness, but through original sin, the image of God was utterly defaced in man, and we became by nature hostile to God, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin. And thus, everlasting death has had, and shall have, power and dominion over all who have not been, are not, or shall not be born from above. This rebirth is wrought by the power of the Holy Spirit creating in the hearts of God's chosen ones an assured faith in the promise of God revealed to us in His Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in Him. In your mercy, hear our prayers...**

*Moment for silent confession.*

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CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

*God So Loved the World*  
John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- based on Colossians 1:13–14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Blessed Assurance*  
ASSURANCE

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain:*

*This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.** *Refrain*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.** *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14–19

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family[b] in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

*This is My Story*

The Rev. R. Adam DeVries

ANTHEM

*Ah Lord, Thy Dear Sweet Angel Send*  
J.S. Bach

Ah, Lord thy dear sweet angels send in my last hour my soul attend to Abram's arms bear it. This body in its narrow room so softly rests from pain and gloom and waits the day prepared it.

Ah, then from death awaken me. Unbind my eyes that I may see in boundless joy thy holy face, my savior, and my throne of grace. Lord Jesus Christ, O hear thou me, I will thee praise eternally.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Pastor: We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, calls us to heartfelt repentance, and urges us to place our hope in God alone.

**All: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes remind us of our mortality and penitence and teach us again that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.  
And without you I fall apart, you're the one that guides my heart.

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need you, ev'ry hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.**

Where sin runs deep your grace is more, where grace is found is where You are.  
And where you are, Lord, I am free, holiness is Christ in me.  
Where you are Lord, I am free, holiness is Christ in me.

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need you, ev'ry hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.**

So teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you, Jesus you're my hope and stay.  
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**Lord I need you, oh, I need you ev'ry hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.**

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

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#### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Lent Communities of Belonging Registration Open** — For more information or to register, visit [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org). **Registration ends February 28.**

**March 3–March 24 — Lenten Vespers | Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary and Livestream**

**Lenten Devotionals “40 Days with the Coming King” | Available Now** — Download a copy of the six-week devotional on [fpcnashville.org](http://fpcnashville.org) or pick up a copy outside the sanctuary or at the church office front desk.

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