

SUGAR GROVE

FEBRUARY 17, 2010

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

ASH WEDNESDAY

SHARING IN WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (READ BOLD PRINT)

Welcome to a season of Self-examination;

this is a time for reconciliation with God and neighbor.

**Welcome together, elders and children, to meet
God,**

longing for the abundant mercy of our Creator.

Seek to know God's presence here and everywhere;

let the wisdom of God guide you in truth.

Through hardship, affliction, and calamity,

We reach for the power of God to steady us.

Prepare yourselves for a period of testing.

Be open to the grace that enables your growth.

With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning,

we seek the steadfast love of God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

HYMN 77

MESSAGE

"REALITY CHECK"

ISAIAH 58:1-12

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PSALM 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. 5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. 6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. 14 Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You are our God, and we are the creatures of your hand. You made us from the dust of the earth, breathed into us the breath of life, and set us in your world to love and to serve you.

When we rejected your love and ignored your wisdom, you did not reject us. You still loved us and called us to turn again to you in obedience and in love.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs, and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna to the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the Highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Out of your great love for the world, you sent Jesus among us to set us free from the tyranny of evil. He lived as one of us, sharing our joys and sorrows. By his dying and rising, he frees us from the bondage of sin and releases us from the dominion of death.

We give you thanks that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance of your acts of mercy in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you

to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share in this feast, united in ministry throughout the world.

Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ until this mortal life is ended, and all that is earthly returns to dust. Then with the redeemed of the ages, bring us to the joy of resurrection.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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 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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus, Lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Give us peace.

Holy Communion

Come to the Table

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, I Come (verse 1) Hymn 345

Blessing

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Depart in quietness

Ash



Wednesday

Sugar Grove

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

February 17, 2010