

7:00pm March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday

PRELUDE

Ryne Hawkins

PASTORAL WELCOME

Rev. Carson Montgomery

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12)

Roll up your sleeves.

Let down your guard.

Come in from the storm.

Make yourself at home.

Pull up to the table. Release the tension in your jaw. Take a deep breath.

Return to God with all your heart.

May it be so.

BE STILL AND KNOW GOD'S PRESENCE

(Allow the music to quiet your heart and mind as you release all this day has held and return it to God in quiet mediation and trust.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess: we don't return to you fully. We share with you the pieces of our lives that are convenient. We put on different hats in different rooms. We forget that we are called, invited, and loved with all that we are—including our mess, our beauty, our faith, and our doubt. Forgive us, and give us hearts that long to return (Silently pray to God and confess what has been distracting you from spending time with God).

PROMISE OF GRACE

PRAYER, SCRIPTURE READINGS, & SILENT REFLECTION

Joel 2: 1-2

What is the darkness and gloom in your life?

Joel 2: 12-14

Imagine God's grace, mercy, and love shining into the corners of your heart.

Joel 2: 17

Prepare to receive the ashen cross, a sign of remembering that God knows the fullness of our humanity and his love is at work to redeem and renew us.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Lent at VWPC

Intentionally nurture your faith the next 40 days in preparation for Holy Week & Easter!

[Uncompromised Faith](#)
a Lenten sermon series
11:00am Sundays

3/9 Foundation of Faithfulness
Luke 4: 1-13

3/16 Questioning Effectiveness
Luke 9: 37-43a

3/23 A Changed Heart & Mind
Luke 13: 1-9

3/30 The Embodiment of Love
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

4/6 The Gift of Being Present
John 12: 1-8

HOLY WEEK

4/13 Turning Point Moments
Luke 19: 28-40

4/17 Maundy Thursday
and Communion @ 7pm

EASTER

4/20 Easter Breakfast @9:30am
& flowering the cross

Easter Worship @ 11:00am

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