

Prayer for Illumination:

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and be taught your will. Amen

Tonight's Reading of the Gospel:

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

¹"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from God in heaven. ²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and God who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to God who is in secret; and God who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by God who is in secret; and God who sees in secret will reward you.

Meditation

Reflection

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

*** Hymn #84**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Imposition of Ashes

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn #544**

Day is Done

Benediction

Meditation

**All that are able please stand.*

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964

Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007



*We are a Christian community welcoming all
as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

Reflection

"We were born to stumble and to yearn in a stardust
covered universe, where you will find troubles, but you will not
be the first."

"You've got to slow your engines when God is in
pursuit."

Jakob Dylan

The Palisades Presbyterian Church Welcomes You
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Call to Worship Let us worship God

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

All: God's love endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and our 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 the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: God's love endures forever.

***Hymn 81:** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Unison Prayer

Gracious God,
out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and neighbors.
Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness,
and strengthen us to face our mortality,
that we may reach with confidence for your mercy;
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Silent Reflection and Flame

Please take a few moments to consider the things that are within
you for which you wish to ask forgiveness, help, strength,
patience, and more. Write down what you wish on the paper.
When you are done, come to the front of the sanctuary and place
your paper into the flame. Allow it to burn in the Lenten Bowl
with the other ashes. Pick up one of the smooth stones nearby to
carry with you throughout this Lenten Season, reminding you all
that you have written and what yet remains in you heart.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hymn #322

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, Use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

We Offer One Another a Sign of Peace