

2 corinthians 4:1-12

¹Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we faint not: ²but we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: ⁴in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them.

⁵For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves;

⁸we are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; ⁹pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; ¹⁰always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our body.

¹¹For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹²So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

Psalm 51:1-13

¹For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions; And my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, And done that which is evil in thy sight; That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest, And be clear when thou judgest. ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; And in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts; And in the hidden part thou wilt make me to know wisdom.

⁷Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Make me to hear joy and gladness, That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide thy face from my sins, And blot out all mine iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from thy presence; And take not thy holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; And sinners shall be converted unto thee.



Welcome to
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Worship Time 10:30 A.M.

Ash
Wednesday

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Our
Vision
Statement

Christian Fellowship Church has been chosen by God to be a healthy-healing Church that God will use to plant, root and grow people up in faith, love and in His healing grace.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which is a period of 40 days excluding Sundays before Easter. Traditionally, it has been a time of sober reflection on our mortality and our need for repentance before God. On Ash Wednesday, we are marked with the sign of the cross, made with ashes, upon our foreheads. Through its symbolism, we remember the reality of our sinful nature that we are dust and it is to dust that we shall return.

Prayer of Approach

O God of Mercy, how great and wonderful you are. Be with us now as we look deeply within ourselves, as we seek your presence and your guidance, as we begin our Lenten journey this day. Amen.

Hymn #345 – Blessed Assurance

Scripture: [2 Corinthians 4:1-12](#)

Confession and Pardon: (in unison)

Our Father in heaven, Holy is your name.

You have created human beings from dust, and it is to dust we shall return. We confess that though we have fallen short of the glory you intend for us.

God of all glory and power, you created me in your own image. And you have wonderfully re-created me through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of your Son. Jesus has died to forgive my sins.

In faith I thank you for the forgiveness of these sins which I now confess to you in silence.
(Silent Prayer) Amen.

Stir my heart and mind which comes from you. And send your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be healed. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

Homily

Scripture Lesson: [Psalm 51:1-13](#)

Song – Create in Me a Clean Heart

Ashes are placed on the forehead to symbolize repentance and commitment to new life.

Prayer:

God our Creator, you have formed us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Song: Communion Song

Communion Liturgy:

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.

... we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, in remembrance of Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this cup and give You praise and thanksgiving.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

