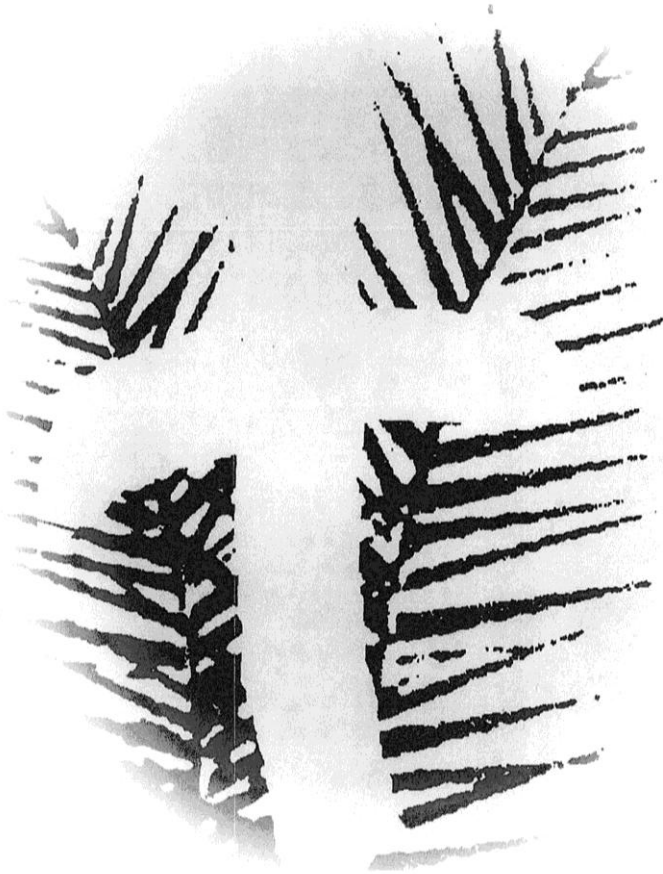


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ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Prayer

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Blow the trumpets; summon all of God's servants!

Call a solemn assembly for people of all ages.

We respond to God's mercy and steadfast love.

We are drawn by God's saving grace.

Sound an alarm among all who have forgotten God.

Turn back with fasting and repentance.

We want to worship God with our whole being.

We intend to be genuine with our praise and service.

God's blessings penetrate our gloom and despair.

God gathers us into the holy presence.

Surely we will be washed and cleansed.

God will teach us, and we will learn.

***Hymn #540**

"Take Time to Be Holy"

Call to Confession

Hymn #445

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

verses 1 and 2

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love, we tremble before you. We know our transgressions. We have rebelled since our earliest days, shutting you out of our lives. We have doubted your presence, ignored your blessings, and resented your inclusiveness. It is hard to be truthful with others and within ourselves. Our worship has slipped into dull routine. Our sacrifices have been superficial. Blot out our iniquities, we pray, and wash us clean. Renew our spirits in the joy of our salvation. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Hymn #445

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

verses 3 and 4

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #445

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

verse 5

Scripture:

Responsive reading of Psalm 51: 1 – 17

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

**For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

***Hymn #555** “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Matthew 6:1 – 6, 16 – 21 (NRSV p. 787; LP p. 1513 – 1514)

Hymn #563 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Sermon “Where Our Hearts Are”

Hymn #623 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Pastoral Prayer

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 us 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.**

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

In our relationship with you, loving God, we have everything we need. We are rich, and have much to share. With joy and gladness, we dedicate our offerings to the work you call us to do. Lead us, by this investment of our money, to greater investment of our time and skills in the ways of heaven. May our love be genuine, our speech truthful, and our leadership patient and kind as we labor to bring others to your holy mountain. Amen.

*Hymn #542

“Near to the Heart of God”

*Benediction

Postlude

*All who are able, please stand.

(Those who would like to have the imposition of ashes and/or personal prayer, are invited to the back Sunday School room)

Mission Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

Vision Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

Palm is Hosting the First Monday Community Meal

The Deacons of Palm Church are sponsoring a free community meal at Pennsburg UCC on Monday, March 2nd. We will provide, prepare and serve dinner. Volunteers are needed: 6 people to cook and prepare the meal between 3:00pm – 6:00pm, and 8 to 10 people to help serve, box up leftovers and clean up from 5:45 – 7:45pm. Monetary donations and food donations will be needed. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex at a later date. If you would like to help, please see Kevin or Barb Master. Youth are welcome to help!

Lenten Schedule and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, February 25th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4th
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th
Pennsburg UCC at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18th
St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25th
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Sumneytown at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 29th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
Walk begins at 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship at McDonald's Following the Worship Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, April 5th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Breakfast Following the Service.

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Worship Service

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Psalm 51:1 – 17)

5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, February 19

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Isaiah 58:1 – 12)

Friday, February 20

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10)

7:00pm Family Movie Night

Saturday, February 21

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10)

Sunday, February 22

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(1 Peter 3:18 – 22)

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