



*ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE*

*February 22, 2012*

*7:30 P.M.*

THE PRELUDE John C. Davey

THE WELCOME Rev. Clark Sawyer, The Hill Church

THE INTROIT “O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING” The Combined Choir  
(verses 1 & 7)  
Deanna Golden, St. Andrews Church, Directing

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Rev. Clark Sawyer

*Leader: Scripture promises, “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

**People: No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.**

*Leader: For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.*

**People: For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

*Leader: Let us call on the name of the Lord. Let us worship God!*

*(Based on Romans 10: 9, 11-13)*

THE OPENING PRAYER (in unison) Rev. Clark Sawyer

Gracious God, out of Your love and goodness, You breathed life into dust, creating us to serve You and our neighbor. We come before You tonight, keenly aware that we are not the people You intend us to be. Give us the strength to face our sin. Cleanse our hearts and center our spirits so that we may go forth as Your grateful, faithful people, freed and forgiven through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* THE OPENING HYMN #237 “LIFT HIGH THE CROSS” (verses 1, 3&5)

\* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Rev. Lee Dreyer, White Oak Springs Church  
Merciful God, You know the burden of our sorrows and the weight of our sin. We have not loved You with a pure heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have put other priorities and other gods before You. We have sought to fulfill our own wishes rather than following Your will. Forgive us, Lord. In Your loving kindness, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right and willing spirit within us, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

\* A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Lee Dreyer

\* THE CONGREGATION SINGS IN RESPONSE “GLORIA PATRI” #9  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ISAIAH 49: 1-10 Rev. Lee Dreyer

THE ANTHEM “JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE” The Combined Choir  
Deanna Golden, St. Andrews Church, Directing

THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE II CORINTHIANS 5: 14-6:2  
Rev. Steve Franklin, Meridian Church

\* THE HYMN #537 “WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE” (verses 1, 2 & 5, 6)

THE SERMON “NO EXCUSES!” Rev. Steve Franklin

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS Rev. Clark Sawyer  
(This offering supports the Samaritan Counseling Center and the Covenant Food Cupboard)

THE OFFERTORY “MUSICAL MEDITATION” Allen Kitchen

\* THE CONGREGATION SINGS IN RESPONSE “PRAISE GOD” #7  
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.

\* THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Lee Dreyer

\* THE COMMUNION HYMN #273 “ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS”

*\*The people will rise in body or spirit.*