

Hymn, No. 461 ..... Congregation  
*Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (Stanzas 3 and 4)

New Testament Reading ..... Rev. Reedy  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

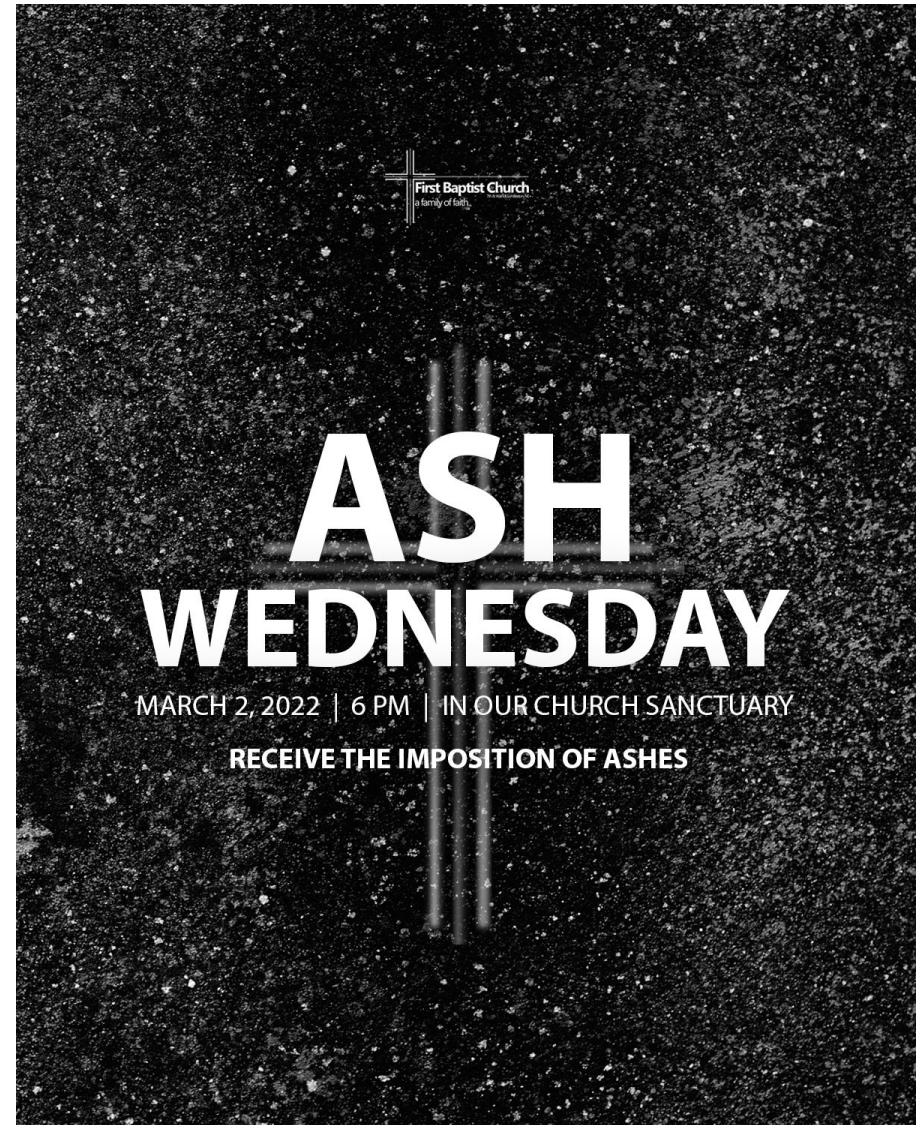
Reflection and Invitation  
to Receive the Ashes ..... Rev. Owens

Imposition of the Ashes

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes ..... Congregation  
**Almighty God,  
You have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
Grant that these ashes may be to us a  
sign of our morality and penitence,  
so we may remember that only by Your gracious gift  
we are given everlasting life through  
Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

Benediction ..... Rev. Owens

*Depart in Silence*



**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**First Baptist Church, Lumberton**  
**March 2, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

*“By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.”*  
*Genesis 3:19 (NLT)*

The Meaning of Ash Wednesday .....Rev. Josh Owens

Invitation to Worship (Guided Meditation) ..... Rev. Owens

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Time with the Children ..... Rev. Doug Reedy

Old Testament Reading ..... Rev. Owens  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (CEB)

Prayer of Confession ..... Congregation  
*From Psalm 51 and Psalm 103*

Oh Lord all-knowing, hear us as we,  
Your people turn to you once more.

**Have mercy on us, O God,  
because of Your unfailing love.  
Because of Your great compassion,  
blot out the stain of our sins.**

Our God is merciful and gracious,  
slow to get angry, and full of unfailing love.

**Wash me clean from my guilt.  
Purify me from my sin.**

**For we recognize our shameful deeds—  
they haunt us day and night.**

God will not constantly accuse us,  
nor remain angry forever.

**Against You, and You alone, have we sinned;  
We have done what is evil in Your sight.  
You will be proved right in what You say,  
and Your judgment against me is just.**

God has not punished us for all our sins,  
nor does He deal with us as we deserve.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is His love for those who fear Him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

**You desire honesty from the heart;  
teach us to be wise in our innermost selves.**

For our days on earth are like grass;  
like wildflowers, we bloom and die.  
The wind blows, and we are gone—  
as though we had never been here.

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and make us willing to obey You.**

For the love of the Lord remains forever  
with those who fear Him.

His salvation extends to the children’s children  
of those who are faithful to His covenant;  
those who obey His commandments.

**The sacrifice You desire is a broken spirit.  
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart.**

Our God is merciful and gracious.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Amen.**