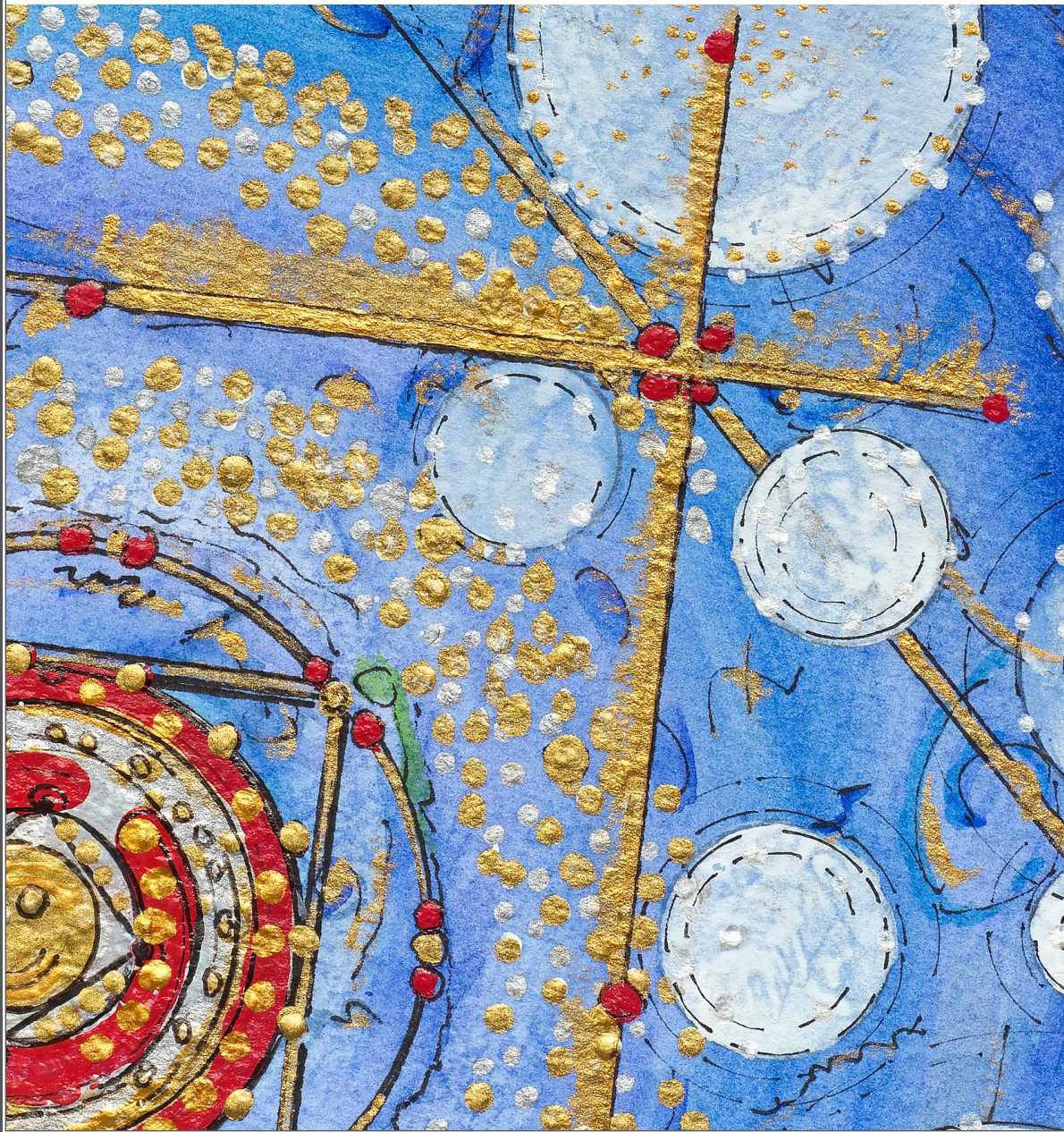


Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 | 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Two settings of “Wondrous Love”

Justin McCarthy

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God sent Christ in to the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him!

All: God’s love endures forever!

One: 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!

One: Let us worship God.

† **HYMN 166** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leigh DeVries

Trusting in divine mercy,
and with humble hearts,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsive)*

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

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

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

**All: 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.**

One: You desire truth in the inward being;

All: Therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

One: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

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

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

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

~ Psalm 51, adapted

Silent Prayer of Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: According to the Lord's abundant mercy,
there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance,
and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (p. 846 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Guide Us, Lord
Youth Chorale

Mark Patterson

Guide us through these days, O, Lord; help us to see your way, trusting as you lead us with love, teach us again to pray. Guide us through these days, O, Lord; help us to seek your way, seeking wisdom from your word, strengthen our tender faith. When we stray and fall to sin help us find your path again; draw us closer in your fellowship of love. Help us know you more clearly, help us love you more dearly, help us follow you more nearly day by day. Guide us, Lord, we pray.

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:41-52 (pg. 59 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Where is God?

Agnes W. Norfleet

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT

Brian K. Ballard

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All who wish are invited to come forward
to receive the sign of the cross made with ashes on the forehead or hand.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Prayer
Handbell Ensemble

John C. Dare

Brian K. Ballard

†	HYMN 159	O Sing a Song of Bethlehem	KINGSFOLD
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Disciples of Jesus, observe a Holy Lent:
loose the bonds of injustice,
break the yoke of oppression,
feed the hungry, shelter the poor.
And may the grace of God, be present to you,
and extend more and more to all those you meet. Amen.

POSTLUDE	Kyrie (from Exultate: A Liturgical Suite)	Craig Phillips
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