

# TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:00pm and 5:30pm

*\*Please stand as you are able*



### GATHERING MUSIC & CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

### PRELUDE

"Compassion Hymn"

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*\*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from liturgy created by A Sanctified Art LLC*

If you have days when you feel a little bit lost and a little bit found,  
**then you are in the right place.**

If you have days when you are desperate for rest and eager to grow,  
**then you are in the right place.**

If you have days when your prayers could be both shouts and silence,  
**then you are in the right place.**

God meets us here, in the messy middle of our lives.

**So may we bring our full selves into this service and into this season.**

With God's help, may it be so.

**Let us worship an all-loving God.**

### \*HYMN

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

No. 167

### PRAYER

**Merciful God, your word is the way, the truth, and the life. Create in us clean hearts, and put your Holy Spirit within us, that we might hear your word and receive your grace; through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.

This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**MEDITATION**

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Speak to Me in Ashes”  
*Michelle Tuck, Soloist*

Crane & Nolan

**THE 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.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

"O Lamb of God"  
*Sung Three Times*

No. 555

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.**

**\*IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

**PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE AFTER THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**OR REMAIN IN THE SANCTUARY FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*

Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music, Soloist*

Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*

Matthew Mahoney (12:00pm), Alex Miller (5:30pm), *Liturgist*