

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession:

The Psalmist tells us that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Let us go to God in faith confessing our sins, using the prayer of confession below.

Prayer of Confession:

We gaze up at the sky looking for you, O God. We wonder where you have gone, while you are all around us in the loving touch of family and friends. Forgive us, Lord, for not recognizing you in our daily lives. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of trust in your presence and care. When our hearts are hardened by fears, melt them with your eternal hope and peace; when our lips can only speak hatred and pride, teach us songs of mercy and humility; when our minds are filled with confusion and doubt, remind us by your Spirit that we are yours. Have mercy on us, Loving God. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The Scripture tells us that if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

See separate pages for Scripture and Sermon.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

God our creator, you made all things in your wisdom and in your love you have saved us. We pray for the whole creation. Overthrow evil powers, right what is wrong, and feed and satisfy those who long for justice, so that all your children may freely enjoy the earth you have made and joyfully sing your praises.

God of all comfort, stand with those who sorrow that they may be sure that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall separate them from your love. We ask that you send your healing presence to those of us who are suffering from illness or disease. Make reconciliation possible with those from whom we are separated, whether by distance, disagreement or misunderstanding and we ask that you would help us to capture the vision of what you want this church to be and do in Morganton and Burke County. Finally, Loving God, we bring before you now those who have a special place in our hearts and minds this day

Heavenly Father, we thank you for hearing our prayers and we commit them to your care as we join together to pray as Jesus Christ taught his disciple to pray saying,

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. Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Charge and Benediction:

Friends, God has promised never to leave us or forsake us.

So, as you continue in the life God has given you,
may the grace, mercy and peace
of God the Father,
God the Son and
God the Holy Spirit
be with you and abide with you,
lead you and guide you,
this day and forevermore. Amen.

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Order of Worship
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PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 68:3-4, 19 & 35)

Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them
be jubilant with joy.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him
who rides upon the clouds — his name is the LORD — be
exultant before him.**

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up. Blessed be the God
of our salvation.

**Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God who chose us; he
gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be our
God!**

