

Corporate Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon – January 31, 2016

(Our Lord Jesus said: “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord. —based on Matthew 22:37-40)

ALL:

O Lord, we want to enter your presence, worshipping you face-to-face, awed by your majesty and glory, but encouraged and ravished by your love. Yet there is a coldness in our hearts and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for you. Holy God, forgive us of our sins. Forgive us for our failure to share with our children, and our children’s children, the truths about you and your boundless love. Come near and strengthen us until Christ shall reign supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed, in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

(the Kyrie Eleison)

LEADER:

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. *(from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7)*