Our Vision

Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Prelude '*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Keveren
(Leigh Montague, cello)

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

***Call to Worship**
We come to worship God as the Lenten season begins, aware of our frailty and our failings.
We come seeking God's mercy, acknowledging our mortality.
Having received the waters of baptism,
we come to be marked now with ashes.
May we humble ourselves before God not with a yoke of burden
but a mantle of freedom in Jesus' name.

***Hymn** 215 *What Wondrous Love* WONDROUS LOVE

Anthem *It is Well With My Soul* Heather Sorenson
(Chancel Choir; Leigh Montague, cello)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Passage Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

New Testament Passage Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Homily "*Dust in the Wind*" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

***Hymn** 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED

The Litany of Ashes

Imposition of Ashes
What Wondrous Love is This Raymond Haan
The Prayer David Foster
(Leigh Montague, cello)

Pastoral Prayers

***Hymn** 824 *There is a Place of Quiet Rest* (vs. 1 & 3) MCAFEE

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Christ, Mighty Savior* Hurd/McDougall
(Chancel Choir)

***Postlude** *Nearer My God, To Thee* Lowell Mason
(Leigh Montague, cello)

WELCOME TO OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! We gather this evening to worship our Lord Jesus Christ, and to begin the journey of Lent together.

We want to thank Leigh Montique for leading us in worship this evening.

You may receive the imposition of ashes at the end of this service. Simply come forward when the minister summons you and receive the sign of the cross upon your forehead. Whether you receive this sign tonight or not, please go out to follow Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord, more closely in the season of Lent, and all seasons to follow. Remember: for Presbyterians, Lent is not the season to give up something, but to take on something, in ministry for and with our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk