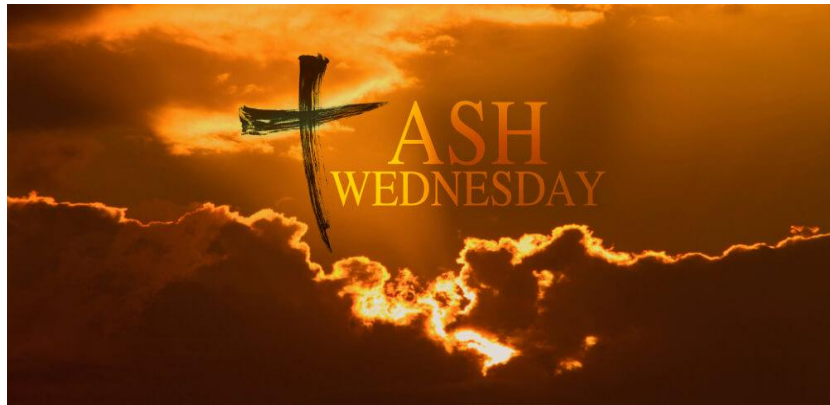


GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REVEREND ERIC SPOON

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday Worship Service



Small enough to feel like family...Big enough to make an impact!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

Please take a moment of silence, listen to the music, and prepare your hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God says, Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

Congregation: God says, Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Leader: Is this not the fast that God chooses? To loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Congregation: We are to share our bread with the hungry, bring the homeless poor into our house, clothe the naked, and not hide ourselves from our own kin.

Leader: Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help,

Congregation: and God will say, Here I am. Amen.

* HYMN 450 "BE THOU MY VISION"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* DOXOLOGY

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

JOEL 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 21

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"NAME YOUR SINS"

REV. ERIC SPOON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 215 "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

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INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

PSALM 51 LITANY

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Congregation: Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

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

Congregation: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Leader: And so, you are justified when you speak and are upright in your judgement.

Congregation: Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

Leader: For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Congregation: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure, wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Leader: Make me hear of joy and gladness that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Congregation: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Congregation: Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Congregation: I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

Leader: Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall speak of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

Congregation: Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

Congregation: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

All are invited to come forward to receive the sign of the Cross on your forehead or back of your hand. If you wish it to be on the forehead, please move your hair off your forehead and if you wish it to be on the back of your hand, please indicate this by raising your hand when it is your turn to receive the ashes.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Trusting in God's righteousness, let us pray for the world and for our needs, saying, Holy God, hear our prayer.

Congregation: Holy God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the church, that in this season of fasting and repentance the people of God, with sincere hearts, may amend their lives and obey the gospel,

Congregation: Holy God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all pastors and teachers, that they may lead the church by humble example and give public witness without concern for earthly reward,

Congregation: Holy God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For peace among the nations and integrity within the governments,

Congregation: Holy God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our city and for all who live here, that neighborhoods may be places of hospitality and care,

Congregation: Holy God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor and oppressed, that they may find deliverance from their distress, and for all who seek to alleviate human suffering,

Congregation: Holy God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who suffer illness of mind or body and for those who care for them, that they may be healed of disease and know the joy of abundant life,

Congregation: Holy God, hear our prayer.

Leader: For these concerns and those known only to you, Holy God, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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