

# ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

Imposition of Ashes and Reconciliation **12:00 p.m.**

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

\* Silent Processional

\* The Salutation **Prayer Book 264**

\* The Collect of the Day

First Reading: *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*

Psalm 51:1-17

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10*

\* The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

The Homily **The Reverend Jonathan Galles**

\* The Bidding Prayer **Prayer Book 264**

\* Blessing of Ashes **Prayer Book 265**

\* The Imposition of Ashes **Prayer Book 265**

Psalm 51 recited **Prayer Book 266**

The Litany of Penitence **Prayer Book 267**

The Absolution **Prayer Book 269**

\* The Peace **Prayer Book 360**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Altar

\* The Offertory Meditation

*"Out of the Depths"*

*Roger McDougle & Russell Joy, soloists*

Keesecker

\* The Great Thanksgiving  
(Eucharistic Prayer C) **Prayer Book 369**

\* Sanctus and Benedictus **Hymnal S-124**

Memorial Acclamation

The Lord's Prayer **Prayer Book 364**

The Breaking of the Bread **Prayer Book 364**

The Fraction Anthem **Hymnal S-161**

The Communion of the People

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

The Communion Hymn **Hymnal 674**  
*"Forgive our sins as we forgive"*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving **Prayer Book 365**

The Blessing

\* The Closing Hymn **Hymnal 142**  
*"Lord, who throughout these forty days"*

\* The Dismissal **Prayer Book 366**

\*Those who are able, please stand

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## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the onset of the liturgical season of Lent, the annual 40-day period of corporate worship, private prayer, fasting, study, and alms giving in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

It is also known as the 'Day of Ashes'... so called because on this day many of the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

In the Old Testament ashes were used for two purposes:

- (1) a sign of humility and mortality
- (2) a sign of sorrow and repentance for sin

The Christian use of ashes in the liturgy of Ash Wednesday follows this Old Testament custom.

Putting a 'cross' mark on the forehead is also in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism. This is when the newly born Christian is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil and made a slave of righteousness and Christ (Romans 6:3-18).

### Everyone Welcome!

If you are a newcomer, please take a moment to sign the guest book located in the Narthex. You are most welcome to fully participate in our worship and fellowship. We would love to get to know you! In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

### Dates to Note

**Tuesdays Noon-3PM Rector Office Hours**

**Wednesdays at 1 PM Bible Study (not on 2/18)**

**Thursdays at 6 PM Adult Education**

*C.S. Lewis "The Screwtape Letters"*

**2/18 Noon & 7 PM Ash Wednesday Services**

**2/21 10 AM Daughters of the King**

**2/22 Baptism 10:30 AM service**

**2/24 1 PM Book Club**

**2/25 5:30 PM Lenten Meal & 6:40 PM Worship at Chapel Hill**

**Presbyterian; 3108 Hwy 40; Blue Springs**

**3/1 9 AM First Sunday Breakfast**

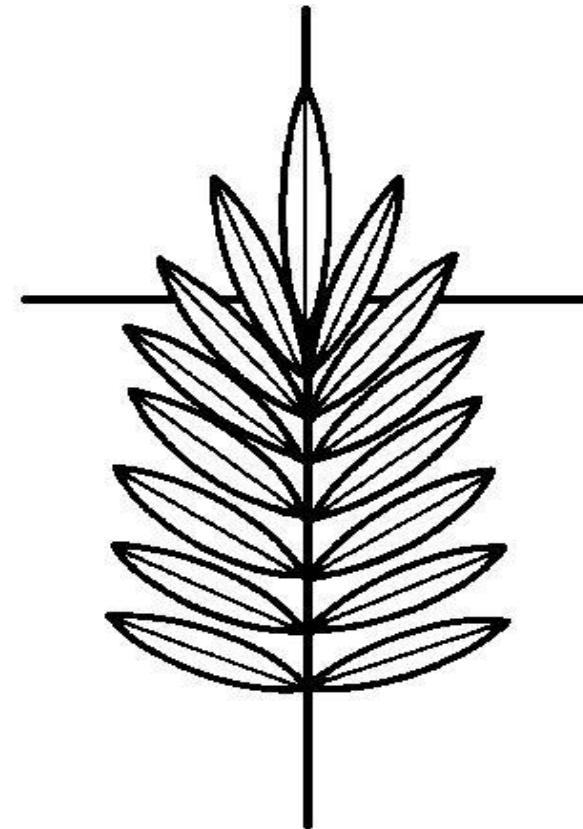
**3/4 5:30 PM Lenten Meal & 6:40 PM Worship at Resurrection**

**(sign up in the narthex to bring dessert)**

**3/8 Daylight Savings Time**

**3/10 11:30 AM LunchBunch-Perkins(across from Walmart**

**Independence)**



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