

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026
Ash Wednesday

Pre-Service Music

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist, Sharon Bordak

O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes
TFWS #2138

Call To Confession Liturgist, Sharon Bordak

Prayer Of Confession

Holy God, wash us thoroughly of our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin; for our transgressions are ever before us and we have done what is evil in your sight. You desire truth in our inward being, yet we turn our backs on the wisdom you would impart in our hearts. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Forgive our sins and lead us in your paths anew that we might teach transgressors your ways and lead sinners to return to you. Amen.

Song The Lord's Prayer UMH#271

***Responsive Reading** Liturgist, Sharon Bordak
Psalm 51:1-10 (Response 2) UMH #785

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH #885

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Receiving God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

Sanctuary Choir

***Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH #95

Scripture Lesson Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Liturgist, Sharon Bordak

Scripture Lesson 2 Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-21

Sermonic Hymn My Faith Looks Up To Thee UMH#452

Sermon Title Please Tell Me Why Should I Fast? Pastor Stacey

***Hymn of Response** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH #402

Thanksgiving Over The Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

Imposition of Ashes

(Those who wish to receive ashes may come forward. After the imposition of ashes return to your seat in silent meditation.)

***Closing Hymn** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
UMH #269

* Benediction & Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26)
Amen!

*Postlude

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To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.

Church Office Hours—Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Tuesday, February 24

2:00 - 3:30 PM

and concluding on

Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Location: Front Conference Room

FAITHFUL RESISTANCE: AN ACT OF PUBLIC WITNESS

The General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race are participating in an ecumenical and interfaith worship service and march calling for the humane treatment of immigrants on **Wednesday, February 25**. For detailed information and to register go to: <https://www.epaumc.org>.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

Offering a variety of workshops

Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 8:00 AM - 12:30.

**Palmer Theological Seminary at Eastern University, The
McInnis Building, 1300 Eagle Rd Wayne, PA 19087.**

Free parking. **Online Registration - \$15.00**

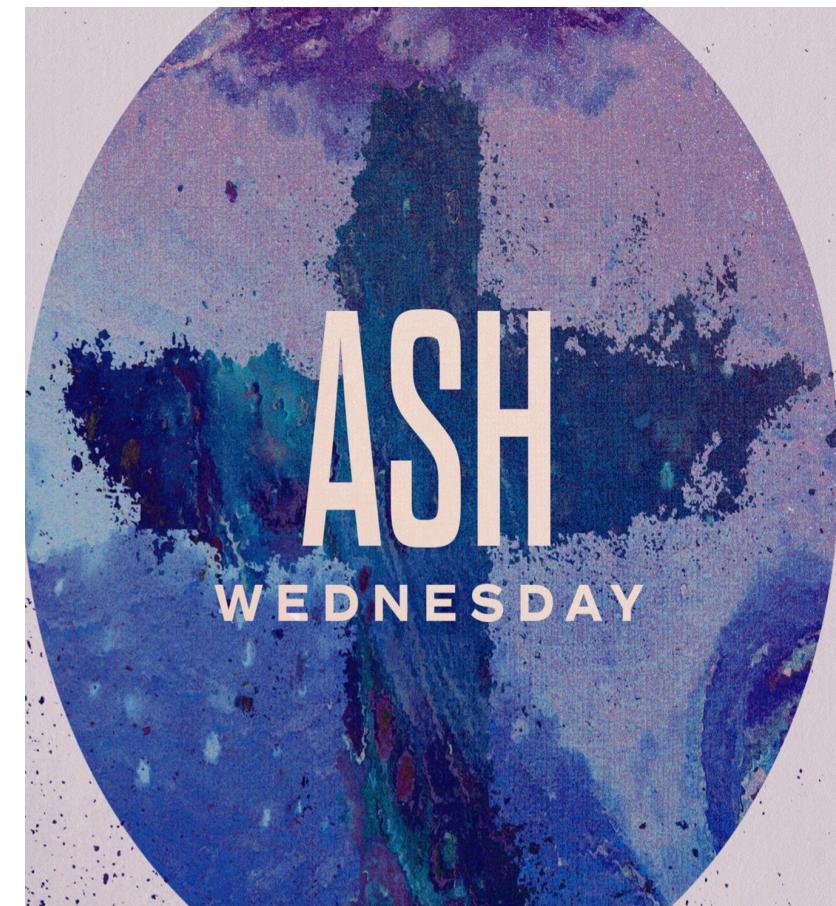
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