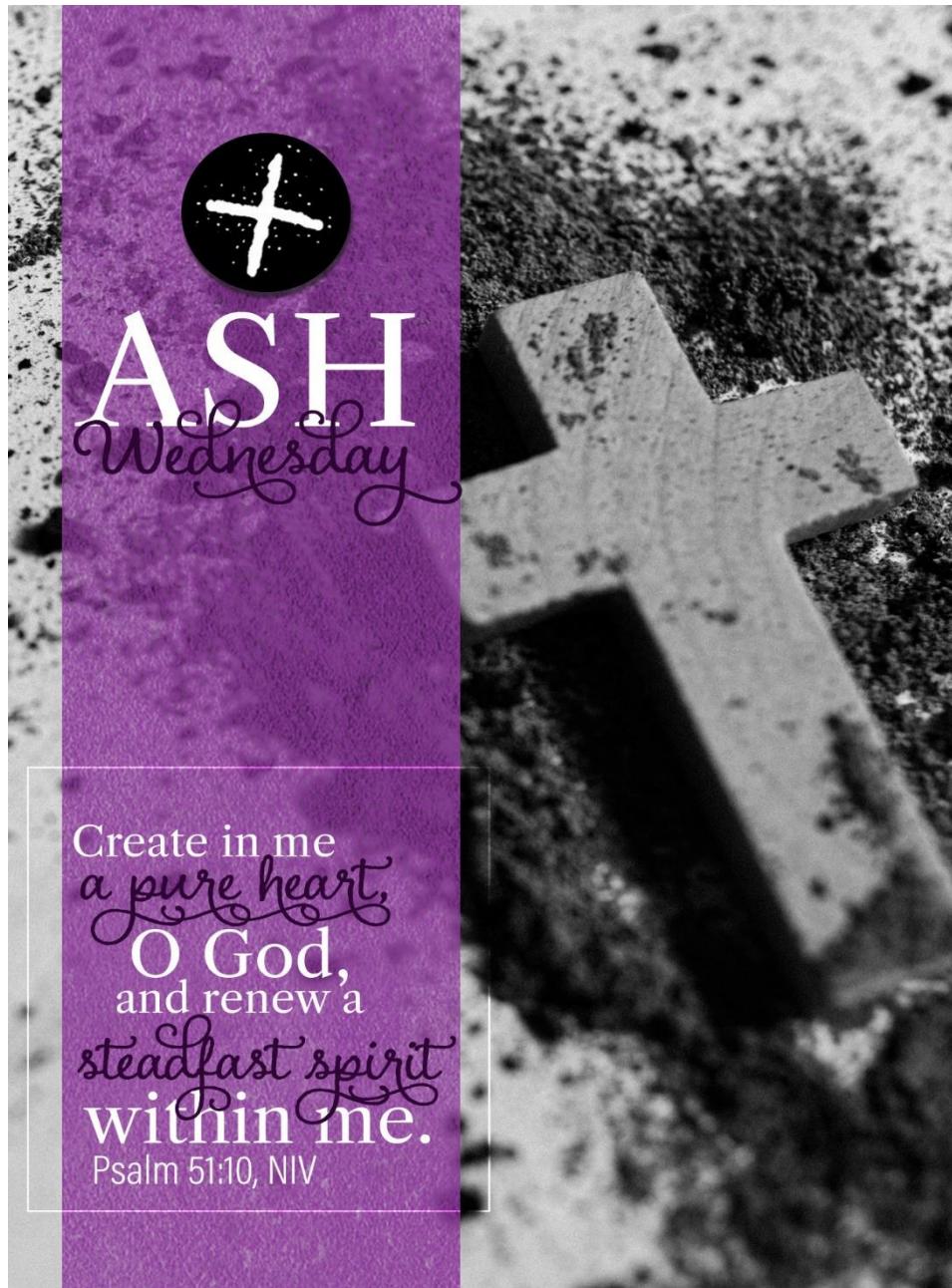


Marple Presbyterian Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026



“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

7:00 PM

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God sent Christ into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart.
Try me, and know my thoughts.
And see if there is any harmful way in me.
And lead me in the path everlasting.

People: God's love endures forever.

Choir Anthem | *Rivers and Deserts (Revive Me Again)* by Heather Sorenson

***Opening Prayer**

Gracious God,
out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and neighbors.
Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness,
and strengthen us to face our mortality,
that we may reach with confidence for your mercy;
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn | *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* | #426**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 58:1-12

Old Testament pg. 647

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

New Testament pgs. 5-6

Meditation | Pastor Jim Reisner

***Hymn | *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* | #282**

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Penitential Psalm | Psalm 51

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

**People: Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

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

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

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

**People: 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.

**People: 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.

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

The Imposition of Ashes

***Prayer**

Leader: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

People: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

***Congregational Response** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) | #592*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Choir Anthem | O Nata Lux by Douglas Byler

*O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants.*

*O you who once designed to be hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost,
grant us to be made members of your blessed body.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Communion Prayer**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***The Bread and The Cup** *(Communion will be received by intinction: by dipping the bread into the cup and receiving the elements simultaneously.)*

***Prayer after Communion**

***Closing Hymn | Lord Jesus, Think on Me | #301**

Blessing

Postlude



Ash
Wednesday
invites us to
turn away from
sin and toward the
love and mercy
of God.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29 - 10:30 am

Palm Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm, Chapel

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Communion

Friday, April 3 - 1:00 pm

Good Friday Interfaith Service

Sunday, April 5 - 10:30 am

Easter Sunday Worship Service

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or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.

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| <i>Paul Avazier '26</i> | <i>Faye Allison '28</i> |
| <i>Amy Eckels '28</i> | <i>Marion Brower '27</i> |
| <i>Patti Gwirtz '28</i> | <i>Bette Downs '27</i> |
| <i>Ben Mitchell '27</i> | <i>George Guyer '28</i> |
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