

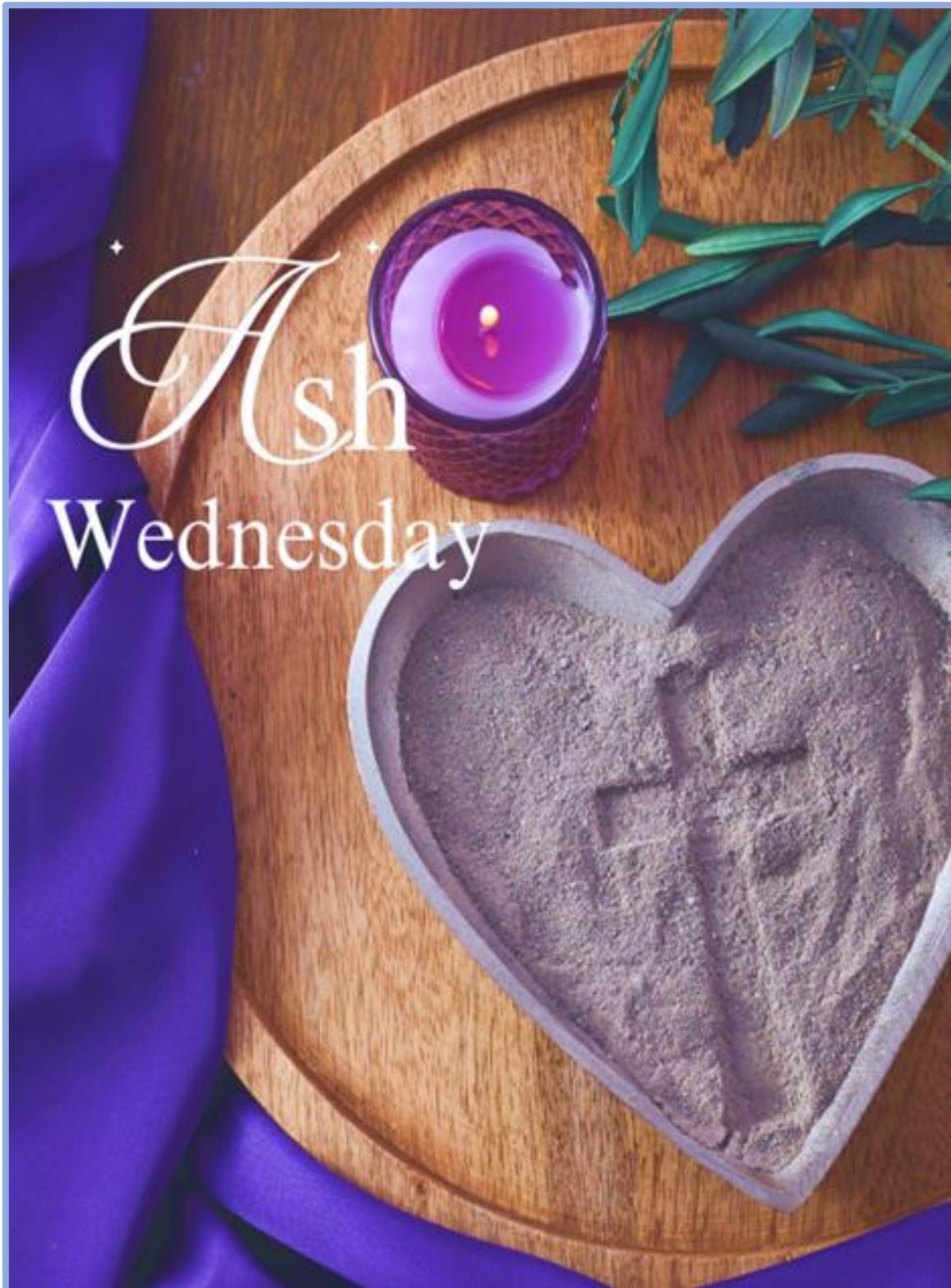
# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

## Order of Service for the Worship of God

February 18, 2026

6:30 pm

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## **GATHERING**

**The Prelude**  
**Call to Worship**

*“Music for Ash Wednesday”*

Joshua L. Mazur

Leader: Let us worship God. 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 though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**People: God's love endures forever.**

**Unison Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

2) Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3) O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## THE WORD

### Unison Prayer for Illumination

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and be taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17	LPC Chancel Choir
New Testament Reading	Mark 1:16-18	
<b>Meditation</b>	<i>Called and Loved</i>	Rev. Joy Laughridge

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Song	<i>Create in me a Clean Heart</i> LPC Chancel Choir	arr. Keith Green
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### Litany of Penitance

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven,

**People: have mercy on us, O God.**

Leader: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit,

**People: have mercy on us, O God.**

Leader: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**People: we confess to you, O God.**

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

**People: we confess to you, O God.**

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**People: we confess to you, O God.**

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**People: we confess to you, O God.**

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**People: we confess to you, O God.**

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**People: accept our repentance, O God.**

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**People: accept our repentance, O God.**

Leader: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**People: accept our repentance, O God.**

Leader: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**People: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

**Imposition of the Ashes**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Closing Prayer (in unison)**

**Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of our Savior, bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen**

**Closing Hymn**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

1) I need thee every hour,  
most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine  
can peace afford.

Refrain:  
I) need thee, O I need thee,  
every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior—  
I come to thee!

2) I need thee every hour;  
stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their power  
when thou art nigh. (Refrain)

3) I need thee every hour;  
teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises

in me fulfill. (Refrain)

4) I need thee every hour,  
Most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed,  
thou blessed Son. (Refrain)

#### **SENDING**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

arr. Joshua L. Mazur

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There will be evening prayer services from February 18<sup>th</sup> to Holy Week, Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm. We will have Lenten meals at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.



**CHAIR YOGA**

Mondays 4-5 pm  
Lent special  
\$5/class or \$15 for the  
month of March



Register online or call the  
church office to register.  
Registration preferred but  
not required.

### *Lenten Devotionals*

**Lenten devotionals will be emailed to everyone via Constant Contact.**

**If you would like a hard copy please email Janet in the office.**

[janet@lpcjax.org](mailto:janet@lpcjax.org)



LAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN INVITES YOU TO

# THE EASTER SEASON

Wednesday Dinner 5:45 pm\*

Evening Prayer Service 6:30 pm

February 25 March 04\*

March 11 March 18\*

March 25 March 28 Easter Egg Hunt 10 am

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Sunday March 29 10 am

Maundy Thursday April 02 6:30 pm

Good Friday April 03 12 pm

Easter Sunday April 05 10 am