

ASH

WEDNESDAY

*FOR YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.*

GENESIS 3:19



St. Andrew's
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Prelude

Attende Domine: "O Lord, have mercy upon us" (Plainsong)

Welcome and Invitation

**Just As I Am, Hymn #370*

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. Lord, this is a hard time. The focus of Lent is on the pain and suffering of Jesus and our own need for repentance. It is a time of gathering darkness. But we would rather skip this part and go straight to Easter. We would rather ignore the suffering—in You and in the world—and avoid the hard work of true self-examination. Forgive us for wanting this to be bright and painless and easy, when we know that Jesus did not take the easy way, but chose the path of the Cross. Teach us the true meaning of penitence, so that we use this Lenten season to humbly seek a clean heart and a renewed spirit. We pray in the name Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession and the Assurance of Pardon

**Passing of the Peace*

Anthem

Abide With Me (Harrison Millard/arr. Crawford Gates)

The Word Shared | *Pastor John Tittle*

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn | *Matthew 5: 4 NRSVue*

The Imposition of Ashes

Pastor: We begin our journey to Easter with ashes in the sign of the cross. These ashes remind us of the frailty and uncertainty of human life. Our Lord calls us to heartfelt repentance, and urges us to place our hope in God alone.

Unison: Almighty God, You have created us from the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by Your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beautiful Things

Won't Let You Go

***The Benediction**

Trained Stephen Ministers and members of the Prayer and Care Team are available for confidential prayer and care. Please email care@sapctucson.org or visit sapctucson.org/care to reach out.

***Please stand as you are able**

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING...

Assisting: *Tim Christian, Heather Brannock, Cathi Kentera*

Worship Team: *Mark Gary, Ben Constantinides, Carolyn K. Smith, SAPC Chancel Choir, Liz Soflin*

AV Team: *Ben Constantinides, Daniella Bolin, Sophie Fiore, Steve Akins*

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