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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 2026, 7 P.M.

*Ash Wednesday*

*This worship experience will be livestreamed and recorded.*

Prelude

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus  
arr. Mary Ann Fritz

Pam Connor, piano

Welcome

Pastor Daniel Cochran

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

Spirit of the Living God  
(sing two times)

Hymnal 393

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-15  
Revelation 1:4-8

Zach Tobias  
Ezra Tatnall

Reflecting on the Word

Who Are You?

Pastor Mary Zajac

\*Reflection Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymnal 292

A Time for Giving

I Surrender All  
arr. Joel Raney

*Gifts can also be made at [garychurch.org/give](http://garychurch.org/give) or by texting "give" to 630-320-0668.*

*\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

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Imposition of Ashes

Special Music

Lamb of God  
Twila Paris

Prayer after Receiving and the Lord's Prayer

\*Sending Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymnal 269

Benediction

Postlude

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days  
arr. Jason W. Krug

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WORSHIP NOTES

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# Lenten studies

## **The God We Can Know: Exploring the “I Am” Sayings of Jesus**

Sundays through March 29, 10:10 a.m., Anderson Room  
led by a team of pastors and biblical scholars

This study will build on Rob Fuquay's *The God We Can Know*, aligning with our Lenten preaching series exploring the “I Am” sayings of Jesus. These significant yet beautifully ordinary images — bread, light, shepherd, vine and more — offer meaningful ways to experience Jesus and answer one of the most essential questions in the Christian faith, “Who do you say I am?” Book will be available for \$10, but reading is not required to attend the class.

## **Cultivating a Resilient Faith in a Turbulent World**

A Lenten Study Over Zoom  
Wednesdays, March 4-April 1, 7 p.m., led by Pastor Mary Zajac

In *The Long Winter*, Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote about her father tying a guide-rope from the house to the barn during blizzards so he wouldn't get lost while walking the short, well-worn path. It was a matter of planning ahead. He knew that storms can be dangerously disorienting. Yet he also knew that the animals needed to be tended every day.

We live in changing times that can be disorienting, and yet the work of Christ still needs to be done every day. Let's gather during Lent to learn some spiritual practices that can serve as our guide-rope through turbulent times. We'll discuss a new practice each week.

There's no book needed for this journey. Participants will be asked to stay current with the news, and engage in a practice during the week. Register at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) for the Zoom link.

## **New this year for Lent**

### **Gary Knitters provide prayer squares**

When Gary knitters knit blankets for baptism, afghans for high school graduates and prayer shawls, they pray for the recipients. This year for Lent, they decided to expand their reach, and they knit prayer squares for the entire congregation.

Take a square from the basket in the Commons. Hold it in your hands when you pray, and know that it was knit with love. Feel the warmth and texture of the fiber. Trace the cross formed by some stitches. Enjoy this gift.

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# Holy Week and Easter

## Palm Sunday

March 29, 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., Sanctuary

A week before Easter, Palm Sunday marks the “triumphant entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem. We remember that he was welcomed as a king but then, by week’s end, betrayed and crucified. We reflect on both our faith and faithlessness with vibrant worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., including waving palms.

## Maundy Thursday

April 2, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Gary Commons

On this holy night we remember the Last Supper and the new commandment or “mandatum” that Jesus gives to the disciples after he washed their feet: to love one another, just as he loves them. This worship service will take place in the Gary Commons. We will enjoy a soup supper, Holy Communion and an opportunity to wash each other’s hands or feet as a sign of our humble service to others. **Register for the soup supper at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).**

## Good Friday

April 3, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

All are invited to observe this solemn day commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus with a Tenebrae (“shadows”) worship experience. Together we will meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus through Scripture and song as we slowly extinguish the lights of the church, leaving in relative darkness and silence until we meet again on Easter morning.

## Easter Sunday

April 5, Outdoor sunrise worship at 6:30 a.m.

Sanctuary worship at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m.

## “Christ Is Risen; Christ Is Risen Indeed!”

All are welcome to an outdoor sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. on the lawn between the Main Street doors and the Wesley Center. This brief service of word and song will include Holy Communion.

Worship in the Sanctuary will have nearly identical services at 9 a.m. and 11:11 a.m., featuring wonderful music and a joyful Easter message.

At 10:15 a.m., everyone is invited to the annual Easter egg hunt in Memorial Park.



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