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This Week at Wesley Church:

Wednesday, February 18

Service of Palm Burning
Labyrinth
Ash Wednesday Blended Service

12:30pm (Front Entrance)
12:30-7:30pm (Atrium)
7:30pm (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 19

Friday, February 20

AA - Speakers Meeting
Al-Anon

8:00pm (Sanctuary)
8:00pm (Library)

Saturday, February 21

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

7:30-9:00am (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 22

Labyrinth Tear-Down
Youth Group - Game Night
NA - Westside Sunday Night

11:15am (Atrium)
6:00-8:00pm (Fellowship Hall)
6:00-8:15pm (Library)

Monday, February 23

Prayer Team
Core Staff Meeting
Women's Bible Study
AA - Beginners Meeting

10:00am (Library)
2:00pm (Pastor's Office)
6:00-7:30pm (Youth Lounge)
6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 24

Men's Faith Building
ABE Intergroup Meeting

6:30pm-8pm (Library)
7:00-9:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Blended Worship

February 18th, 2026

Prelude Come, Ye Sinners**** (arr. J. Koerts)

Welcome and Greeting

† Call to Worship

One: In the face of death, Ash Wednesday bears witness:

Many: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

One: In the face of sin, Ash Wednesday calls us:

Many: “Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

One: On Ash Wednesday, in the face of sin and death,

Many: we confront once more our great need:

One: our need for the God who meets sin with forgiveness,

Many: and death with new life!

† Opening Hymn and Scripture

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* (Verse 1)

Matthew 4:1-7

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* (Verse 2)

Matthew 4:8-10

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* (Verse 3)

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

This month, our *Power of One* offering will benefit:

The Board of Trustees - Special Projects

Music During the Offering

Nearer, My God, to Thee** (arr. S. Geschke)

Offering Prayer

Holy God, as we embark upon this holy season of Lent, we offer you our gifts. Yet throughout this season, as we grow more and more aware of our deep need for you, we offer you our hearts and our very lives. Use all the gifts that we offer to draw us closer to you, deeper in your love, and more faithful in service to your world. In the name of Christ Jesus, the One who meets our deepest needs, we pray. Amen.

† Hymn

#269 UMH Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
(verses 1, 3, 4 & 5)

Scripture

Matthew 8:5-13

Karen Schaefer

Message

“Wayne, Garth, and a Roman Centurion”

Musical Response

Touch Me with Ashes (S. Nordmeyer)**

The Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Humble Access

Invitation to Observance of Lenten Discipline

The Words of Invitation

The Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion

Music During Ashes and Communion

Lord Have Mercy* (Michael W. Smith)

Beauty for Ashes* (Chris McClarney)

† **Closing Song** Lord, I Need You*

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

Lord, I'm Coming Home**** (arr. J. Koerts)

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