

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. Ashes were used in ancient times to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults.

We begin our preparation for Easter on Ash Wednesday, **Feb. 17**, with a special worship service.

This service marks the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period (not counting Sundays) prior to Easter. It is a time of self-examination. It is a time when Christians have traditionally sought to recognize, name and ask for help in changing any behaviors that are considered sinful.

Join the pastors and choir for the reading of Jesus' teaching as is contained in the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). The Lord's Supper and the application of ashes will also be offered.



February 17 | 7 p.m.