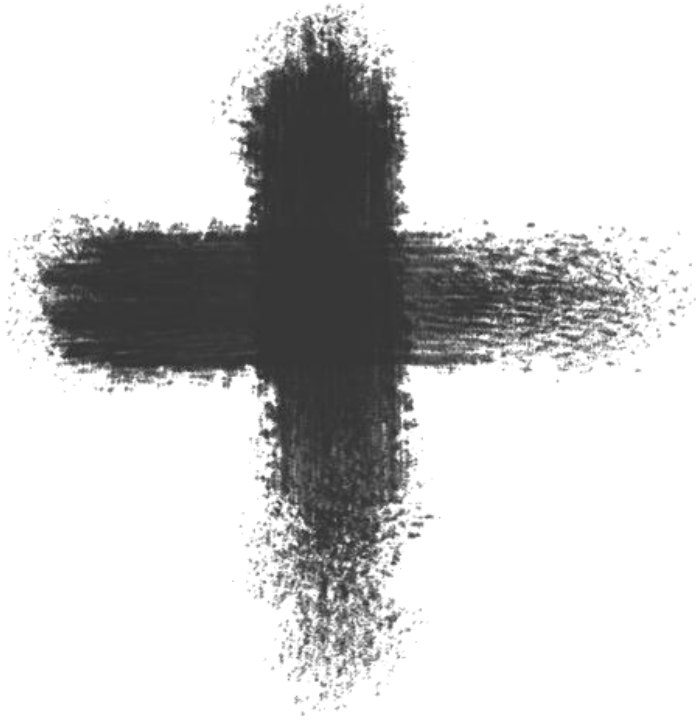

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025 | 12:15 & 6:00 PM



CONNECTING FAITH,
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out the **Community Connection card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also use the following **QR Code**:



Open the camera on your smart device. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears. Complete the contact form, and "Submit."

Childcare for children up to age 5 is provided in our nursery during the 6:30 PM service. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing units are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

Assisting in worship today:

12:15 PM Service

Liturgist: Kathy Haines

Crucifer: John Lowe

Host: Joe Haines

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms

Audio: Marvin Minor

6:00 PM Service

Liturgists: Kathy Haines

Crucifer: John Lowe

Host: Mary Alice Baker, Bill Green

Music Director: Rich Dewein

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For online giving, go to www.dmcpc.org/give.

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Michael McCabe

GREETING

From our God who loves us with an everlasting love,
who brings forth a new creation in Christ,
who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness:

Grace and mercy be with you all.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

**For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and make us a new creation.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

Then we will teach sinners your way
and all creation will return to you.

**O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths will declare your praise!
Let us worship God!**

◆ HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God,

we come to this season in need of repair.

Help our weakness to be our strength,

as it makes us more aware of our need for you.

Let the Spirit be our guide

as we journey with Christ and seek to follow him.
Help us breathe in the Spirit,
move in Christ's ways,
and live into your call. Amen.

KYRIE 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1–17
OT, p. 483–484

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21
NT, p. 5

LENTEN REFLECTION

Sarai S. Rice

HYMN

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (repeat 3 x's)

HEAR MY PRAYER

ASHES

SILENT PRAYER

Worshippers are invited to pause for a time of reflection,
silent prayer, and meditation.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Upcoming Events

Welcome back Guest Pastor

Sunday, March 9, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Join us as we welcome back

The Rev. Gary Hanson, Executive Director of *CROSS Outreach*, as our guest pastor on **Sunday, March 9**, at **10:15 AM**. We look forward to Gary sharing God's word with us once again.



Children's Chorus—Singing in Church Service

Sunday, March 9, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary



Come out and support the **Children's Chorus** on **Sunday, March 9**. We love hearing them sing and putting their best voices forward for Christ! Remember to *Save-the-Dates* for **April 13** and **May 11** when they return to the Sanctuary once again. Parents, please have

your children in the Sanctuary by 9:30 AM for rehearsals.

Palm Sunday, April 13 (10:15 AM)

Blessing of the palms and procession beginning outdoors on the south courtyard and lawn, going into the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday, April 17 (7:00 PM)

Communion Service, in person only

Good Friday, April 18 (7:00 PM)

Service of Tenebrae, in person only

Easter Sunday, April 20 (10:15 AM)

Joyful service celebrating the Resurrection, preceded by a Continental Easter breakfast at 9:15 AM in the East Parlor and an Easter egg hunt on the south lawn at 9:30 AM.

A graphic for Holy Week featuring three crosses of varying heights on a dark purple silhouette of a hill. The background is a gradient of yellow and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text 'HOLY WEEK' is written in large, bold, white capital letters at the bottom.

HOLY WEEK

This Week @Central

Wednesday, March 5

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise program (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Genesis Bible Study (Room 201)
- 12:15 PM **Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
- 4:15 PM Worship Committee (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Morgen Bells rehearsal (Room 208)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids, Middle & High School Youth (F. Hall)
- 5:30 PM PNC (Room 201)
- 6:00 PM **Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
- 6:00 PM Children's Chorus (Room 4)
- 6:30 PM RingTones rehearsal (Room 208)
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Thursday, March 6

- 12:00 PM AMOS CLT (Room 112)
- 5:30 PM World & Community Concerns Committee (Room 201)

Friday, March 7

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise program (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Centering Prayer (Cownie Chapel)
- 12:00 PM Office Closes
- 5:30 PM PNC (Room 201)

Saturday, March 8

- 9:00 AM OA (Room 201)
- 10:00 AM German class (Rooms 2 and 3)

Sunday, March 9—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

- 9:00 AM Adult Book Study: Listening for God (Room 201)
- 9:30 AM Children's Chorus rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship Service with Children's Chorus (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Sunday School—K through 5th Grade (Room 102)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

Church Staff

The Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice
Interim Senior Pastor

The Rev. Don Elly
Parish Associate

Mike Hamilton
Treasurer

Garrison Hazen
*Children's, Youth &
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Rich Dewein
Music Director

Lois Harms
Organist

Mary Pohlmann
Children's Music Director

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Mission Statement

We strive to be a Christian congregation
dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,
caring for one another,
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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