

† HYMN

*“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things  
of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there:  
over us sin no more hath dominion, For more than conquerors we are!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things  
of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.*

His word shall not fail you He promised; Believe Him and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!

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of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.*

† DRAPING OF THE CROSS

† CLOSING PRAYER

L: Almighty and everlasting God,

**P: We enter this season of Lent in penitence and humility, aware of our own mortality and sinfulness. Encourage us with your presence, we pray, that we may empty ourselves of whatever separates us from you and one another. Teach us to rely on no strength but yours, as we journey with your Son toward your kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

† BENEDICTION

L: Created from dust,

**P: held together by God's extravagant love,**

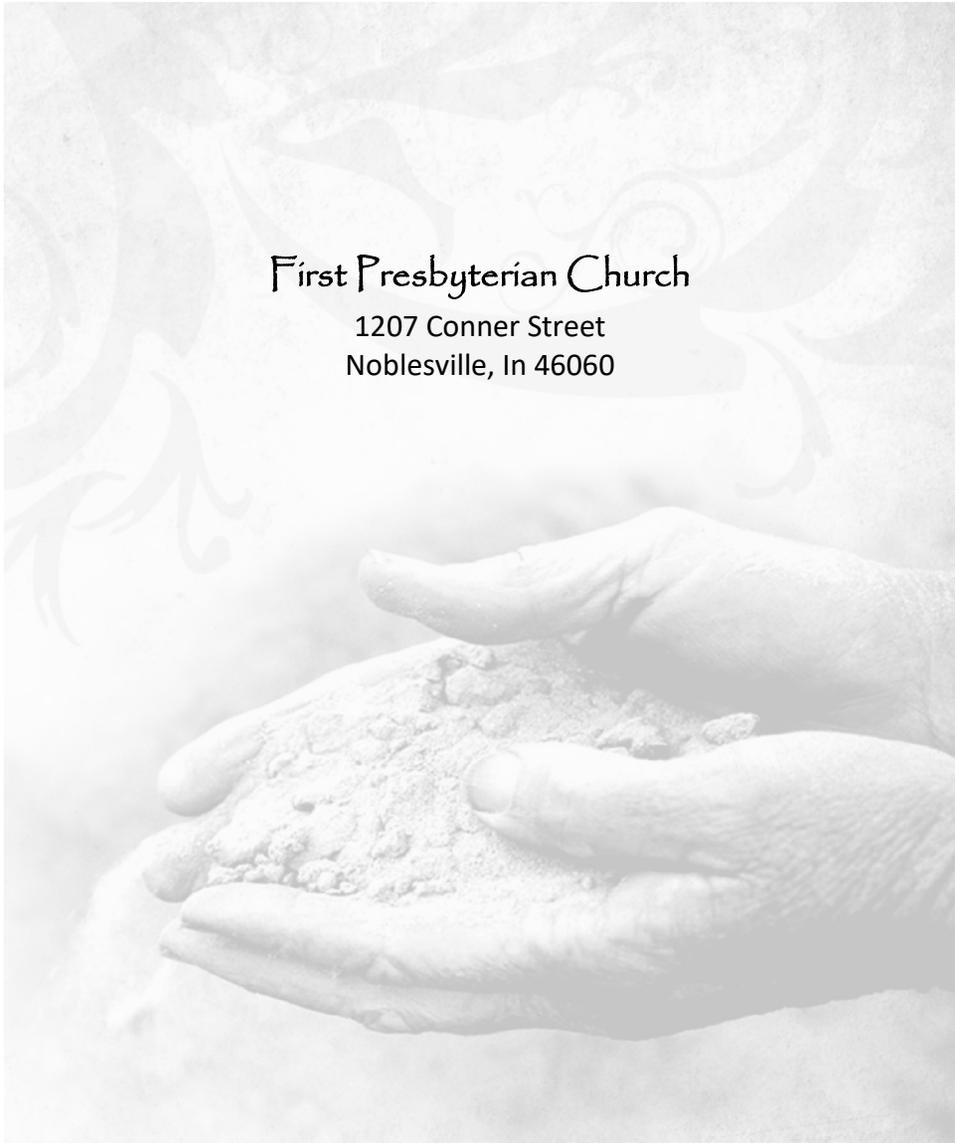
L: we turn away from sin,

**P: and leave today embracing God's love.**

**(Please leave the sanctuary in silent meditation)**

† Please stand.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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## † CALL TO WORSHIP FOR THE START OF LENT

L: Turn away from the calls of worldly success

**P: Repent, and turn back to God.**

L: Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

**P: Repent, and turn back to God.**

L: Turn away from greed and the race for power

**P: Repent, and turn back to God.**

L: As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God

**P: May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness.**

## † HYMN

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

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## † UNISON CONFESSION

**God, this is a hard time. The focus of Lent is on the pain and suffering of Jesus and our own need for penitence. 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.**

## † ASSURANCE

L: The truth is this: God's love and mercy are never-ending. God knows us in our inward being; God cleanses us from our sins and shortcomings, and restores to us the joy of salvation.

**P: Forgive us, we pray! Amen!**

## † HYMN

*"Be Still My Soul"*

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## MESSAGE

*"You Are Dust"*

Pastor David Layman

Genesis 2:7; 3:17-19

I Corinthians 15:42-49

## IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES AND SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Our ancestors in the faith used ashes as a sign of our repentance, a symbol of the uncertainty and fragility of human life. Like them, we have tasted the ashes of hopelessness; we have walked through the ashes of our loss and pain; we have stood knee-deep in the ashes of our brokenness. God of our lives, out of the dust of creation you have formed us and given us life. May these ashes not only be a sign of our repentance and death, but reminders that by your gift of grace in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, we are granted life forever with you. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

L: The Lord is with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God. You created us to live in communion with you, yet we turned away. You spoke through your prophet Joel: Return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P: We come on this Ash Wednesday, knowing our failings but trusting in your steadfast mercies.**

L: Thanks be to you, Holy God, for steadfast mercy. You are holy and blessed is your child Jesus Christ. Your Spirit flowed through his life as he became the bridge for our reconciliation. In this season we remember his life and work.

**P: We remember your gift of Baptism. We reflect on the mystery of the cross, We dare to ponder resurrection.**

L: On His final evening with His disciples, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them saying, "This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper Jesus did the same with the cup, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." In remembrance of these your mighty acts on our behalf, we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup. May this meal be for us signs of your gracious mercy: forgiveness of our sins and promise of salvation.

**P: To you be all praise and glory, Holy God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please Come forward down the right center aisle to receive the imposition of ashes and the Lord's Supper)*