
Why "Ashes to Go"?

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages, it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. That turning to God is the work of Lent: preparation for the celebration of Easter.

We're offering ashes at the train stations today because that reminder of need, humility and healing shouldn't be confined to a church building. We probably need it more when we are in the middle of our daily business! The ashes we receive here are to remind us throughout the day of our need for God, of God's call to us and of God's overwhelming love for each of us.

There is much more to the beginning of Lent than ashes alone, and we encourage you to make time for worship with a community of faith, for the support of others and for the great traditions of our faiths in the work of repentance and renewal.

But God meets us not just in worship, but also in the midst of life, and we offer the opportunity to remember our faith to those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others today.

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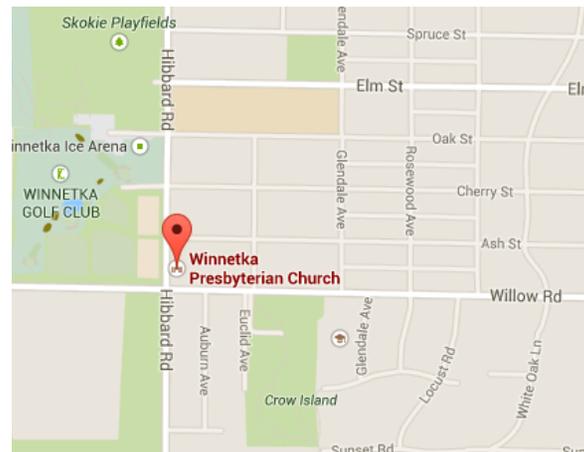
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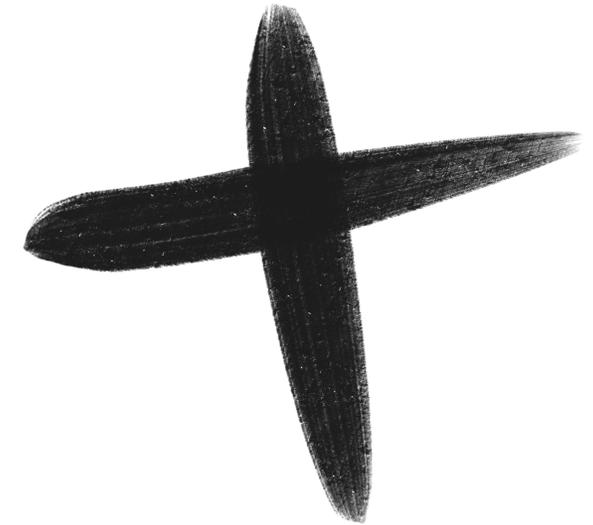
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Remember That You Are Dust...



...and to Dust You Shall Return.

Ashes to Go 2015

An Invitation to a Holy Lent

From the early days of our faith, Christians have observed the remembrance of Christ's passion and resurrection with great reverence.

It became the custom to prepare for that observance by a season of prayer and fasting, and the reconciliation of those who had been separated from the community of faith.

By keeping the season of Lent, we take to heart God's call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and practice in our daily lives the work of reconciliation.

We invite you, therefore, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditation on God's holy word.

To make a right beginning to this season, it is appropriate to receive the mark of ashes as a reminder of our mortality and of God's invitation to receive Christ's redeeming work.

*From the ashes you were made,
to the ashes you will return,
and God will love you and be with you
all the way.*

Lent & Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Ash Wednesday

Tonight @ 7pm

We will gather for worship this evening with a special interactive worship service at 7pm. The service will be very different from previous years. We will have several interactive prayer stations set up around the labyrinth for you to experience God's presence and grace, and the service will conclude with Holy Communion. Be sure to bring the entire family...kids will love this service and it will provide an opportunity for your family to prayerfully begin the 40 days of Lent.



The labyrinth will also be available if you would like to walk it anytime during Lent while the church is open. Our church's hours are 9-5pm.

Palm Sunday

March 29 @ 9:45am

Holy Week begins with palms and instruments for everyone leading a joyful procession into the church.

Maundy Thursday

April 2 @ 6:30pm

On Maundy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper Jesus and his disciples ate together. Worship begins with a soup supper around tables and includes the ritual of footwashing (for those who wish to participate) and the sacrament of Holy Communion. The service ends in quiet contemplation and a time for you to experience the labyrinth again, if you wish to do so.

Good Friday

April 3 @ 7:30pm

We will gather together for Good Friday and experience Tenebrae ("darkness") in the round, with a moving service to recall the final moments of Jesus' life.

Easter Sunday

April 5 @ 9:45am

He is risen! Come celebrate the resurrection at our one service on Easter Sunday.