



Ash Wednesday

Greenbelt Community Church

One Hillside Road

Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

February 18, 2026

Greenbelt Community Church is a community centered around the belief that we are all created in the image of God. We welcome everyone seeking God's presence, in any of the ways that you may identify; by economic class, by race, by national origin, by gender identity/expression, by age, by physical or mental ability; whoever you are and wherever you come from, we welcome you into full participation here. We rejoice that you chose to worship with us, today, as we extend an invitation to live out the extravagant welcome of Christ. Together, we are listening for God's still speaking voice. WELCOME, People of God!

A special welcome to our first-time and returning visitors! Please let us know you were here with us, today: New Here? – Greenbelt Community Church

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Prelude

NCH # 803 "O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world"

Greeting:

Pastor Aubra Love

Hymn of Adoration

NCH # 25 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Confession:

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, study, and works of love help us return to that love. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to love God and Neighbor by confessing your sin and by asking God for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline. [Followed by silent reflection]

Prayer of Confession:

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Pastor: We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

People: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Pastor: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Imposition of Ashes

Pastor Aubra Love

[Those who wish to receive ashes may come forward, to kneel or stand for the Imposition.]

Pastor: We now conclude our prayers of confession- Accomplish in us, O God, your sacred work.

People: **That we may show forth your glory.**

Pastor: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. AMEN**

Closing Prayer:

Pastor: Almighty God does not desire the death of transgressors, but rather that they may turn from their transgressions and live. Therefore, we implore God to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit that those things which we do this day may be pleasing to God, that the rest of our lives may be lived faithfully, and that at the last we may come to God's eternal joy, through Jesus the Christ.

ALL: **Thanks be to God! AMEN.**