



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH WORSHIP SERVICES

FAMILY SERVICE

(for preschoolers, children, and adults)

Sanctuary • 6:30 p.m.

This service will feature music, a Children's Worship Time, and periods of reflection and response.

Childcare will be provided for preschoolers ages 3 and younger.

YOUTH "CONNECT" WORSHIP

(for youth Grades 7-12)

Multi-Purpose Room • 6:30 p.m.

This service will feature youth-led worship, teaching about Lent and an interactive reflection time.

Preschool and Children's Choirs will meet from 6:00 until 6:25 p.m.
There will not be mission groups or adult small group studies on this night.

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