

## A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us.

We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.

Thank you, Lord, that Easter is coming! Death has no sting, no victory, because of Jesus! Glory and honor and praise to His name! Thank you for rescuing us. Help us keep both the weight and the joy of this season in our hearts and we move through the next several weeks. Help us bear the good fruit of your Spirit.  
Amen.

Naperville  
Covenant  
Church



We desire to be an increasingly diverse, compassionate community committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ in our neighborhoods and world.

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Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - Ash Wednesday Service

## Call To Worship

### Worship Music

"O Come To The Altar"

### Opening Prayer

### Scripture Reading

Joel 2:12-13

### Special Music

"Rend Your Heart"

Lucas Gillan

### Ash Wednesday Message

Pastor Leslie X.

### Explanation of Stations

Pastor Leslie X.

### Station Visitation

### Worship Music

"Lord I Need You"

### Distribution of Ashes

Pastor X, Pastor Kelly and Pastor Josiah

### Worship Music

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

### Benediction

Pastor Leslie X.

# Spiritual Practice Stations

## 1. Prayer Station (Prayer Room)

Pastor Kelly Johnston

## 2. Scripture Reading (Youth Room)

Pastor Josiah Cheng

## 3. Journaling (Fellowship Hall)

Pastor Leslie X. Sanders

**\*\*Each group (1-3) will visit stations for 11 minutes, beginning at 6:20 pm\*\***

***A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant!*** Thank you for joining us for our Ash Wednesday Service. While face masks are encouraged, they are not required. We ask everyone to stay safe as we are taking every precaution to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all who worship in person with us. If today is your first day visiting us, please fill out the Connection Card and place it in the offering plate or take it to the front office desk. Please also stop by the Welcome Center for more information and a FREE gift!

**PRESCHOOL ROOM:** Our Preschool Room is open during the entire Ash Wednesday service. Children 2 - 5 are invited at any time to come explore the Bible together through story and play.

**NURSERY:** Our Nursery is located across the Preschool Room near the back of our church.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** Please write prayer concerns on the back of Connect cards or send an email to [necchurch@napercov.org](mailto:necchurch@napercov.org).

### *Upcoming Easter Services/Events*

**Good Friday Service, April 7 @ 7 pm** - Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross. A joint service with Church of the Good Shepherd, Batavia Covenant and others. For more info, please contact the church office.

**NECC Egg Hunt - April 8 @ 10am** - Our event is open to the community and will include kids activities and coffee drinks for adults. please contact Pastor Kelly ([kelly@napercov.org](mailto:kelly@napercov.org)) for more info.

**Easter Sunday @ NECC** - Join us in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ Sunday, April 9 at 10:30 am either in-person or live stream at [NaperCov.org](https://NaperCov.org).

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