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Focus for Next Service

February 22nd, 2026

I Need Forgiveness

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Matthew 4:1-11

Public WIFI Log-in

PFUMC-Guest Password: ConnectMe!

Let us know you are worshiping with us,
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on YouTube.

Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin
or use the comment section on YouTube
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God
and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

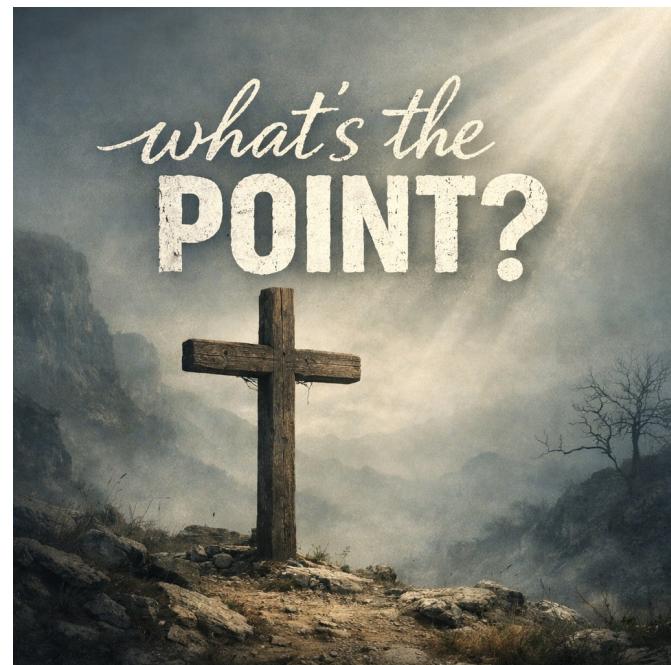
10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and live-streamed on our website and YouTube.

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**Palmyra First, Campbeltown,
Bethany, & Gravel Hill
United Methodist Churches**



February 18th, 2026

What's the Point?

Ash Wednesday

7:00 PM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

*Congregation standing, as able

What's the Point

Prelude

*Call to Worship Laughlin p. 69(Lectionary Worship Aids)

Leader: Brothers and sisters,

we come before God this Ash Wednesday
as sinful people.

**People: But we also come as repentant people,
trusting in God's mercy!**

Leader: For ours is a righteous and a merciful God!

People: Ours is a just and gracious God!

*Opening Hymn #2138 "Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes"
(see insert)

Opening Prayer Laughlin p. 69 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

**Just and righteous God,
you have given us the opportunity
to repent of our sins and to receive your mercy.
Help us to use this special day to our best advantage,
that feeling in our hearts
the deepest regret for our shortcomings,
we may open ourselves completely
to your forgiving grace in Jesus.**

In his name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon Dave Williams "What's the Point?"

Imposition of Ashes

Prayer of Confession

Reed p. 97 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

We confess to you, O God,

and before one another that we have sinned.

**You have given us your teaching and your Spirit
and yet we have failed to go where you lead us.**

We have been headstrong and selfish.

**We have followed our own ways too frequently
and have forgotten that you are the only way
to life eternal.**

Forgive us and refresh us with your Spirit

so we may use this season of Lent

as a time for amendment of life and devotion to you.

Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Offering

*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God, from Whom.... "

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation #623 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Consecration #15--16

The Lord's Prayer "using the word *sins* instead of *trespasses*"

Giving and Receiving of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn #287 "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"

*Benediction

*Choral Response #298 v. 4 "Were the Whole Realm of Nature.."

Postlude