Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

1 Tower Avenue in Historic Fort Snelling, Minnesota

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion—Imposition of Ashes

18 February 2026 — 2:00 p.m.

Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service

hosted by

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Congregation, *Ministers of the Gospel*

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Kenneth "Ken" L. Beale, Jr., *Senior Chaplain*
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Where the Veteran Is Remembered

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are glad that you are here for worship today!
*The * indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*
*The ** indicates times for the ushers to seat latecomers.*
*The **bold print** indicates readings/choral responses of the congregation.*
If you have a cell phone, please turn off the ringer. Thank you.

The Ash Wednesday service marks the beginning of Lent. Lent lasts for forty days, not counting the Sundays. The imposition of ashes is an ancient reminder of our mortality. As worshipers come forward, ashes are placed on the forehead in the sign of a cross. As this is done, this is said: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." This phrase reminds us of our mortality and the immediacy of life.

Consider using these sacred moments to meditate upon the scripture reading and prepare yourself to receive a blessing from God. Kindly be considerate of your neighbor's need for silence. Thank you.

Please refrain from applause throughout this solemn service of remembrance.

Special Music "Cross and Prayer Medley" various composers
"Amazing Grace" Newton/Walker

Invocation

Call to Worship L = Leader **P = People**

L: We gather as people of the new covenant, which has been sealed with Christ's blood.
P: The Lord has made us God's own through Christ, even though we have sinned against Him.
L: We celebrate that redemption as we commune with our Lord at His table.
P: We dedicate this service of worship to the memory and praise of our Lord's sacrificial love for us.

* ***Opening Hymn*** "I Come With Joy"
Tune: "In Christ There Is No East or West" # 169
"St. Peter" words and music by Wren and Reinagle
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1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise Him here.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We are unworthy, O Lord, to share in this sacred feast. We come to Your table as people who have betrayed Your love. Forgive us for the diligence with which we sin. Cleanse us from within, that we may commune at Your table in the full assurance of Your forgiveness and in honest dedication to live as people of Your new covenant. We pray through Christ, who sealed this new covenant with His blood and taught us how to pray, by saying:

The Lord's Prayer (in union)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music "Were You There?" Traditional

Scripture Reading Acts 11:19-26 (New King James Version)

[19] Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. [20] But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. [21] And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

[22] Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. [23] When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. [24] For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

[25] Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. [26] And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Hymn of Preparation "Depth of Mercy" UMH # 355

"Canterbury" words and music by Wesley and Gibbons
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1. Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear? Me, the chief of sinners, spare?
2. I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face; would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls.
3. I my Master have denied; I afresh have crucified, oft profaned His hallowed name, put Him to an open shame.

4. There for me the Savior stands, shows His wounds and spreads His hands. God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps, but loves me still!
5. Now incline me to repent, let me now my fall lament! Now my foul revolt deplore! Weep, believe, and sin no more.

Sermon **"They Were Called Christians"** Chaplain Beale

* ***Hymn of Response*** "Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"
Tune: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" # 173
"Germany" words and music by Wesley and Gardiner
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If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please sit on the pulpit side. If you wish to come forward to receive the elements, please sit on the balcony side. If you need to make a change in your seating, please do so during the singing of this hymn.

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest. Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.
2. Do not begin to make excuse; ah! do not you His grace refuse; your worldly cares and pleasures leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.
3. Come and partake the gospel feast; be saved from sin, in Jesus rest; O taste the goodness of your God, and eat His flesh and drink His blood!
4. See Him set forth before your eyes; behold the bleeding sacrifice; His offered love make haste to embrace, and freely now be saved by grace.
5. Ye who believe His record true shall sup with Him and He with you; come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in. Amen.

Greeting and Sharing of Church Life

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Dedication Prayer
Offertory Music "Rise Again" Dubinsky

The Observance of Lenten Discipline

Words of Invitation
Holy Communion is offered to all believers in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord and is <u>open for all</u> to receive.
Prayer Over the Ashes
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Within the tray of hosts is a container of gluten-free bread for those with wheat allergies. Please serve yourself the cup in remembrance of Christ's blood. The inner portion of the trays contain white grape juice and the outer portion contains wine.

* ***Closing Hymn*** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"
Tune: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" # 407

"Wellesley" words and music by Benson and Tourjée
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1. For the bread, which You have broken, for the wine which You have poured, for the words, which You have spoken, now we give You thanks, O Lord.
2. By this pledge that You do love us, by Your gift of peace restored, by Your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With our sainted ones in glory, seated at our Father's board, may the church that's waiting for You keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In Your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward, in the world where You have sent us, let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

* ***Benediction***

Imposition of Ashes

Those desiring the sign of the cross on the forehead can receive the application of ashes in front of the pulpit.

Please Depart the Sanctuary in Silence. Thank You.

WORSHIP LEADER: Chaplain Ken Beale **COMMUNION STEWARD:** Anne Heller

SPECIAL MUSIC: A sincere welcome to **David Riley**. On February 17, 2023, David received a kidney transplant after a career with CPA firms as a financial litigation expert and as a part-time musician. Prior to his surgery, five cadaver kidneys showed promise until the last minute and each surgery was abandoned. Meanwhile, a successful farmer, Jere, was reading devotions one day that told him: "Everything you have is from the Lord—your time, your talents, and your body—everything you have." Although he was not a match for his loved one, he was a match for David, and through the "paired exchange program," David received his kidney—a miracle! Gifted with additional life and now concentrating on music, David is often heard playing trombone and singing at faith and jazz venues. His experience includes Kenneth Copeland Believers' Conventions, Joshua Experience, Twin Cities Praise Symphony, Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians, Dallas Jazz Orchestra, and various orchestras and musical theaters. **Dr. Charles Kemper** is accompanying on the piano. Dr. Kemper has won national competitions and performed throughout Europe and Ukraine. He has served as Calvary Church's organist and accompanist since 2005. He has degrees in piano performance from Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music, the University of Houston, and Yale University. He was the pianist/accompanist for VocalEssence for 22 years, and was an instructor of piano at the University of Northwestern St. Paul for 12 years, also teaching for several years at St. Olaf College. Charles also composes and arranges for his Ebony, Ivory and Spruce Trio (clarinet, piano, violin), performed chamber music with Minnesota Orchestra and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra musicians and has recorded albums with various groups and soloists. Many thanks for sharing your time and talents with us today!

Announcements

This Coming Sunday (22 Feb) is the **First Sunday in Lent—Installation of Officers**. Chaplain Ken Beale will proclaim a message entitled ***"The Noble Task of Leadership"*** based on 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Our special music will be **Barbara Ongna and Friends**.

Ministry Beyond the Walls: Our weekly worship services can be viewed LIVE from your internet service. Homebound and absent members and friends can simply go to https://vimeo.com/fortsnellingmcf and tune in any Sunday starting at 10:45 a.m. Central Time. Services are also archived there for later viewing.

2026 Veterans/Patriotic Events: Throughout the year, the Chapel community pays tribute on the Sundays near a number of national commemorations, including these events: **Memorial Day** (24 May); **Independence Day** (5 Jul); **9/11 Remembrance** (6 Sep); **US Constitution** (13 Sep); **POW/MIA** (20 Sep); **Gold Star** (27 Sep); **Veterans Day** (8 Nov); **Pearl Harbor Remembrance** (6 Dec). Mark your calendar with these dates.

Upcoming Meetings … in the Chapel Foundation Conference Room:
Tue 10 Mar (6:00 p.m.)—**Worship Committee**
Thu 12 Mar (6:00 p.m.)—**Fellowship Committee**
Tue 17 Mar (6:00 p.m.)—**Safety Committee**
Thu 19 Mar (6:00 p.m.)—**Membership/Publicity Committee**
Tue 7 Apr (6:00 p.m.)—**Finance Committee**
Sat 25 Apr (9:00 a.m.)—**Board of Directors**
All meetings are open to attend for FSMCF members only.

Benevolence: This congregation tithes (10% of) plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry that is in keeping with our purpose, please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support. Simply call the Foundation Office at 952-888-1525 and provide your name and mailing address.

Kindly Assist Us by Wearing Your Name Tag each week. Learning one another's name is extremely important to our growth as a church family. If you don't have one or have misplaced yours, so indicate on the pew card *or* call the Chapel Office at 952-888-1525 to request one. Be sure to pick up your name tag the next week in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for cooperating with this request.

Full service CDs and **DVDs** of each worship service are available for a donation of **$5** each. Use the order envelope available in the Fellowship Hall. You can pick up your CD/DVD the following week at the Chapel, or if you would prefer to have your CD/DVD mailed to you, please be sure to include your address on the order form and your purchase will be mailed to you.

Notice: A new *Chapel Directory* will be published shortly so as to include the most up-to-date listing of Board members and officers. If you've been contemplating becoming a member of the Chapel Foundation, now is the time to submit your Application for Membership. Also, if there are any corrections to the existing directory, please contact the Chapel Foundation office at 952-888-1525.

Remember Our Cherished Homebound: A roster of names and addresses can be found in the Fellowship Hall. Also, we have free cards/envelopes for all occasions: birthdays, thinking of you, get well, sympathy, and blank cards as well.

In the Event of 3" or more of snow on a Sunday morning, the *DNR* has requested that we not enter the Chapel parking lot until **after 9:30 a.m.** This will enable the state to clear our much needed parking spaces. Thank you for honoring this request. Please call our *Foundation* office at 952-888-1525 for any announcement of **corporate worship cancellation** or check your e-mail for a *Chapel Chatter* announcement.

If you would like a copy of the **2025 Annual Report**, please secure this impressive report of last year's accomplishments in the foyer or Fellowship Hall.

If You Have a Prayer Request ... text Chaplain Ken (612-747-1059). Your prayer concerns will be held confidential and shared only among the prayer chain members.

FREE Devotional Materials are available to you in the foyer. The *Our Daily Bread* (Mar-May) devotional is now available. Also LARGE PRINT copies of *Our Daily Bread* (Jan-Mar) is available.

CE Classes (Sundays 9:45-10:30 a.m.) **Topic: America's Biblical Heritage** is held in the Fellowship Hall facilitated by Bob Cizek. Handouts are provided each week.

Tuesdays (12-noon-1:00 p.m.) A Bible Study is held in the Conference Room at the Chapel Foundation office. Bring your Bible.

If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving the midweek ***"Chapel Chatter"***—providing you with what you need to know about the coming Sunday at the Chapel—please send an e-mail to the Chapel Foundation (info@fortsnellingmcf.org) and request to be added to this *Constant Contact* distro.

WW2 Round Table ... **Tue, 10 Mar** (7 p.m.) at MN History Center, 345 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul. Topic: **Operation Huskey**—discuss the joint Allied invasion of Sicily. FREE admission. Parking $6/$4 MNHS members.

A Special Welcome to our Visitors . . .

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return again and bring others with you. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for. We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call the chaplain for an appointment. We are willing to provide additional services as needed. Simply call the Chapel Office (952-888-1525) or Chaplain Ken (612-747-1059). If you would like to talk about the sacrament of baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the chaplain. For bookings of the Chapel, contact the Fort Snelling State Park directly at 612-279-3555. Worship services are not subsidized or endorsed by the MN DNR.

Sermon Notes ...

"They Were Called Christians"
Text: Acts 11:19-26

There are some things that, regardless of where you find them, Christians have in common:

I. Christians all know the same person

II. Christians all believe the same basic things

III. Christians all belong to the same family

IV. Christians all share the same mission

V. Christians all sit at the same table

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