

LENT RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

RESOURCES FOR ADULTS

Available in the Tower Room

Stations of the Heart. Using the Psalms, this devotional guide leads readers along forty-seven stops of faith to find rest and gain vision to believe the hope of God.

The Sanctuary for Lent. This devotional guide explores the signs and wonders of Jesus as we find them in the Gospel of Luke, and what they mean for us today. Enrich your Lenten spiritual journey each day with these scripture readings, reflections, and prayers as we prepare to celebrate the miracle of the resurrection at Easter.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Available in the Tower Room and Clark Building

Nurture, March/April 2010. The Lent/Easter issue of this bi-monthly newsletter for “families of all shapes and sizes” focuses on how to help children understand forgiveness as well as celebrate Lent and anticipate Easter. Ideas for weekly family devotions are provided.

Helping Children Understand Lent and Easter: A Guide for Parents and Grandparents, 2010 edition. Want ideas for how to answer questions your children or grandchildren may ask about Lent and Easter? Want ideas for how to make this season meaningful for your children or grandchildren? Want to know what your children/grandchildren are learning about the season in Sunday School and Children’s Worship? This First Presbyterian Church publication is for you.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Journey to the Cross: www.journeytothecross.org
Read daily devotions through Lent paired with meditative music. Sign up for daily email reminders or set it as your homepage during Lent. Enjoy these year-round at www.d365.org.

The Daily Lectionary: <http://www.pcusa.org/lectionary/>
With daily readings from Old Testament, Psalms, Gospels, and other New Testament books, the daily lectionary takes you through the New Testament each year and the Old Testament over two years.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Palm Cross Workshop

Thursday, March 25, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Join the Sanctuary Guild in Fogartie Hall to make crosses out of palm fronds for each person who will worship with us on Palm Sunday. Bring your clippers or scissors. A potluck lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish or dessert or just be our guest. Questions? *Contact Marsha Calvert (579-1927).*



Lent Study for Adults: “Holy Week in Hollywood”

On Wednesdays and Sundays in Lent and on Easter Sunday, the Rev. Craig Foster will be leading a study that pairs the Gospel accounts of the days leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus with film depictions of those events. Come experience the story of our Lord’s passion and resurrection in a powerful new way!

Wed., February 24, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
Wed., March 3, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
Sun., March 7, 10:00am, Social Hall
Wed., March 10, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
Sun., March 14, 10:00am, Social Hall
Sun., April 4, 10:00am, Fogartie Hall

“Entering Jerusalem”
“The Last Supper”
“Gethsemane”
“Trials & Denials”
“Crucifixion”
“He Is Risen!”

Children’s Palm Sunday and Easter Programs

There will be special programs for “Live B.I.G.” preschool and “Pathway2Truth” elementary school children during the Sunday School hour on both Palm Sunday (March 28) and Easter Sunday (April 4). Don’t let your children miss out on these exciting events!

Palm Sunday Procession for ALL AGES!

People of all ages are invited to wave palm branches in join in the procession as we welcome our Lord with loud hosannas.

Prayer Labyrinth

Experience the ancient Christian practice of contemplation by walking the labyrinth installed in the Social Hall for April 1-2. Representing God’s direction in the maze of our lives, walking the labyrinth offers time for prayer for our life journeys.



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LENT AND EASTER



HERE EVERY SUNDAY?
BEEN AWAY AWHILE?

COME HOME THIS LENT AND EASTER...
THE DOORS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ARE OPEN WIDE!

WORSHIP SERVICES IN LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 17

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Mark the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent with this brief family-friendly service that will include the imposition of ashes. Nursery will be provided for children 6-weeks to 3 years old.

Evensong

Wednesday, March 10

5:15 p.m. in the Chapel

An evening candlelight prayer and communion service with scripture, song, and silence.

Lenten Sermon Series

7 DEADLY DECEPTIONS:

Pride, Envy, Greed, Gluttony/Lust, Sloth, Anger

FEBRUARY 21, First Sunday in Lent

Pride: "Beneath my Dignity?"

2 Kings 5:1-14; Matthew 20:17-28

FEBRUARY 28, Second Sunday in Lent

Envy: "At Peace with Who You Are?"

1 Sam 18:1-11; John 21:20-22; 1 Cor 13:1-7

MARCH 7, Third Sunday in Lent

Communion

Greed: "Can't Get No Satisfaction?"

1 Kings 21:1-16; Luke 19:1-10

MARCH 14, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gluttony & Lust: "Fool-Filled Lives"

Genesis 25:29-34; John 6:25-35; John 4

MARCH 21, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sloth: "No Can Do"

1 Timothy 1:3-14; Proverbs 6:6-11; Philippians 2:12-13

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Anger: "The Calm Before the Storm"

Ephesians 4:25-32; Luke 15:25-32; Matthew 5:21-26, 12:12-13

10:45 a.m.

Palm Procession for children 4K and up with their parents from the Clark building lawn into the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

A service of reflection and communion.

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Nursery provided for ages 6 weeks to 3 years.

Prayer Labyrinth, April 1-2

(See Special Events)

Good Friday, April 2

"Cross Words"

Scripture, Sermon, and Song

12:10-12:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Nursery provided for ages 6 weeks to 3 years.

EASTER, April 4

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "On Trial For Life"

Acts 22:1-16, 30; 23:6-10

(More information about Easter is provided on the right.)



Be sure to purchase your butterfly through the church office or order online through *My First Pres.* See *First News* for order form and other details.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Easter Sunday, April 4

Please bring flowers to place on the cross on the lawn.



6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Chapel

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Sermon: "On Trial For Life"

Acts 22:1-16, 30; 23:6-10

Both services will feature special Easter Music with the Chancel Choir, brass, and percussion.

9:45-10:30 a.m. Children will attend their regular Sunday School classes. Adults, join a combined Sunday School class in Fogartie Hall for a video-based study of the resurrection, along with traditional Easter hot cross buns and music.

10:30 a.m. Pick up your purchased butterfly on the lawn.

10:40 a.m. Join your church family on the lawn to participate in or view our fifth annual butterfly release and to enjoy the beautiful cross of flowers.



11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (see above)