

Grace Presbyterian News

March 2021

In Person Worship Resumes Sunday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m.

We are resuming in person worship on Sunday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m. Those worshipping must still wear masks throughout the service and observe the physical distancing of six feet. We also ask that everyone arrive between 10:45 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Come via the doors that lead directly into the sanctuary on either the east or west side, quickly take a bulletin from the table near the door, leave an offering if you have one, sanitize your hands, and find a seat. Do not approach other people who are already seated. Wave a friendly hello to other people you may see before the service and during the Passing of the Peace. At about 10:57, Pastor Mike Krech will make some announcements for those in the sanctuary. We will ring the bell calling us to worship at 11:00 a.m. When the service is over, Mike will lead the way to the outdoors, weather permitting. Please also leave the sanctuary then and visit with others outdoors, still wearing masks. We still cannot offer the services of the nursery, nor any other in person activities at the church during the week, at least for now.

The worship service will be live streamed at the church website, www.grace-pres.org. Soon after the live service is concluded, the video of the service will be posted to the website for on demand viewing. We encourage members to carefully make their own decisions about coming to worship. It is still safer to stay home, but we do think that with precautions worshipping together is a reasonable decision. If you do come to worship, you must follow the guidelines. Please do not create tension and anxiety by refusing to do so.

As in person worship resumes we will be at the Third Sunday in Lent. Our Lenten worship pattern is more penitential, and you might say, austere. There is no organ prelude or postlude, and our hymns focus primarily upon the cross and following Christ. This Lenten “mood” comports well with our gradual, tentative moving out from the “hibernation” of January and February. It will be good to be together IF we all follow the rules.

Lenten blessings,

Pastor Mike Krech

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings ON ZOOM in March (Lesson 7)

The Night Circle meets Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. ON ZOOM.

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m. ON ZOOM.

Other Ongoing Activities On Zoom in March

Adult Sunday School meets on Zoom Sundays, at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School meets on Zoom Sundays, at 9:30 a.m.

Morning prayer meets on Zoom Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

The study of the book *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor meets on Zoom Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Game/Trivia night meets on Zoom Fridays, March 12 and 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Lilies and Tulips

Easter is April 4, 2021. We have a supplier who can provide lilies and tulips for this joyful day. If you wish to give a lily or tulip in memory of honor of someone, please fill out the form in the worship bulletin if you are attending in person worship, or send an email to Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com. Please give your name and the name of the person honored clearly and in exactly the form you want it to appear on the acknowledgement list. The cost is \$10.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Small italicized names are birthdays</i></p>	1	2 <i>Patsy Krech</i>	3 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Michelle Clifford</i>	4 7:00 p.m. Holy Envy Study on Zoom	5	6 10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting on Zoom
7 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed/ Lent 3	8 7:00 p.m. PW Night Circle on Zoom	9 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle on Zoom <i>Casey Kehrl</i> <i>Linda Young</i>	10 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	11 7:00 p.m. Holy Envy Study on Zoom	12 7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom	13
14 Daylight Saving Time begins 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed/ Lent 4	15 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.	16 <i>Al Hayes</i>	17 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	18 7:00 p.m. Holy Envy Study on Zoom	19	20 <i>Suzanne Wood</i>
21 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed/ Lent 5 <i>Bob Gammon</i>	22	23	24 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	25 7:00 p.m. Holy Envy Study on Zoom	26 7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom	27
28 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch on Zoom 11:00 Worship in person & live-streamed/Palm Sun <i>Tony Benassi</i> <i>Anna Tate</i>	29	30	31 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Ken Hathaway</i>			

Lectors

March 07: Becky Stirling
March 14: Suzanne Getman
March 21: Bob Gammon
March 28: Janet Vawter

Scripture Readings for Worship:

March 07: Exodus 20:1-21; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22-11
March 14: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 103;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
March 21: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
March 28: (Palm Sunday)
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 24;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

A Prayer for Lent

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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