

Grace Presbyterian News

March 2022

Ash Wednesday – March 2 – Services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on March 2. These forty days invite us to introspection, confession, repentance, and amendment of life. It begins with that solemn word, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Between plague, war, and other tragedies there is no shortage of reminders that life is uncertain and brief. What do we make of this fact? Getting right with God and with neighbor would be a good response. The Scriptures and prayers and the imposition of ashes and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper help mark a fitting and meaningful start to our Lenten journey. We plan to live stream both services if you cannot attend in person. Pastor Mike Krech

Your Thoughts on Masks in Worship

After a difficult time in January and early February with the omicron variant of COVID-19, the rates of infection seem to be declining, and the CDC is loosening restrictions in many places. At this writing Shelby County is rated by the CDC as Low, meaning a low number of hospitalizations and new cases, thus a place where masks are not required in indoor public spaces. As the session meets on March 21 to discuss a possible end of requiring masks in worship, we are interested in your thoughts. Please send them in an email to Pastor Mike Krech at jmkrech@yahoo.com.

Sunday Worship Continues, In Person and Livestream

We continue Sunday worship in person with protocols. You are welcome to attend, masked and distanced. We do sing. We do not pass the offering plates nor friendship pads. Please arrive no sooner than 10:45 and no later than 10:55. Enter the sanctuary by the doors on the east or west side that lead directly into the sanctuary, rather than using the hallways. Please move to a seat quickly. Please save most visiting for after the service so that it is easier to maintain distancing. Please wear your mask over your mouth and nose at all times inside the church. We continue to live stream the service as an alternative to in person worship.

Pastor Mike Krech

Sunday School for Adults on Zoom

The adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. John Price is leading the class, studying Genesis. Send Pastor Mike Krech an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link.

Confirmation Class on Zoom

Confirmation Class on Zoom began February 6 and continues each Sunday in March from 9:15-9:55 a.m., led by Pastor Mike Krech.

Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Morning prayer on Zoom continues each Wednesday in March. Email Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com to receive the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday noon with the link to join the Zoom chat and a list of the Scripture readings and hymn for the meeting. We pray for each person on the prayer list by name at morning prayer. I warmly invite those who find it meaningful to be remembered on the prayer list to also be among those who pray for those on the prayer list in this service. We try to open the room by 9:20 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00.

Thursday Night Study Group at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Thursday night study group on Zoom continues in March with the 1947 novel *The Plague* by Albert Camus; Mike is leading the discussion. Send an email to jmkrech@yahoo.com to get the Zoom link.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in March (Lesson 7)

Day Circle meets on Zoom, Tuesday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Night Circle meets on Zoom Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m.

If you received emails with the Zoom links in previous months, you will receive an email for the Zoom links to these meetings. If you have not participated, but wish to do so, email patsykrech@gmail.com

Game Night on Zoom – Friday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.

We meet on Zoom for fellowship, word games, and trivia. If you would like to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link, email Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com. Just one game night this month.

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 13

We begin to observe Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 13. Be sure to note that as you plan to be part of Sunday School, Confirmation Class, or Worship on that date.

Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church in Downtown Memphis

The preaching series during Lent at Calvary Episcopal Church, at Second and Adams in downtown Memphis is a tradition of 99 years standing, with preachers generally from mainline Protestant churches, but also other streams of faith and walks of life. Though mostly cancelled the past two years due to COVID, the series resumes here in 2022 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from March 3 through April 8. One of the newest ministers in our presbytery, Joshua Narcisse, is the preacher on Friday, March 18, and I am planning to hear him and others in the series. The services begin at 12:05 and are to conclude by 12:40. There is more information at the website

<https://calvarymemphis.org/learn/lenten-preaching-series/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Names <i>in italics</i> on a certain day indicate that day is that person's birthday			9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship <i>Patsy Krech</i>	7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom <i>Michelle Clifford</i>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:15 Confirmation Class on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream Lent 1		10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Day Circle on Zoom	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Casey Kehrli</i> <i>Linda Young</i>	7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:15 Confirmation Class on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream Lent 2	7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Night Circle on Zoom		9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Al Hayes</i>	7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom	7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:15 Confirmation Class on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream Lent 3 <i>Suzanne Wood</i>	5:30 p.m. Session Mtg on Zoom <i>Bob Gammon</i>		9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom		
27	28	29	30	31		
9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Confirmation Class on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream Lent 4	<i>Anna Tate</i>		9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom <i>Ken Hathaway</i>		

Readings to prepare for Worship:

March 2 (Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Psalm 51;
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

March 6: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91;
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 13: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 20: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 27: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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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