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March 9, 2025
(First Sunday of Lent)
In-person Worship in the
Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.

Video Recording
Live Feed: 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRAYER CIRCLE



Because we strongly believe in the power of prayer, we will be gathering in the Sanctuary this morning from 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to elevate our prayers to the Lord. We hope to see you there!

HELP US DECLUTTER THE YOUTH LOUNGE!

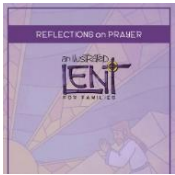
The Youth Lounge has accumulated a lot of stuff—and we're not sure where it all came from! Before we schedule a cleanup day, we need your help identifying what should stay and what can go. If you know of anything down there that belongs to you or the church, please take a look soon. Your input will help us avoid removing anything that should stay! Questions? Contact Jessica at 714-544-7070 Ext.108.



LENTEN RESOURCES

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 5. This year we made two devotionals available, a weekly devotional suitable for the whole family and a daily devotional for adults:

For Families: Reflections on Prayer:



An Illustrated Lent for Families This printed devotional from Illustrated Ministries invites families to focus intentionally on the spiritual discipline of prayer during the Lenten season. By exploring different Gospel passages of Jesus engaged in prayer, families will be encouraged to learn new ways to expand and enrich their prayer experiences, individually, as a family, and in community. Starting with Ash Wednesday and going through Easter, each weekly session has a scripture, reflection, discussion questions, activity, coloring page, and prayer.

For Adults:

Presbyterian Outlook's Grieving Change and Loss

Grief touches every corner of our lives — not just in moments of death but in quiet farewells, conflict, and lost health. Rooted in the wisdom of Elisabeth Kübler-Ross and David Kessler's six stages of grief, this 2025 Lenten devotional offers a pathway through the heartache of life's goodbyes, guiding you toward the promise of resurrection. Each daily reflection, beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating on Easter Sunday, will combine personal reflection, Scripture and prayer. Print copies of devotionals are available on the church patio after the worship service, in the church office, or you can contact Lori at 714-544-7070 Ext. 104. or at lori@tustinpresbyterian.org.



LUNCH BUNCH

Please note: This month, the lunch will be on Wednesday, March 19th. Come and join us for a delicious lunch, fellowship and a special guest speaker, Chris Hoch, director of Faith Relations and Development of Habitat for Humanity of OC. You'll learn what this organization is doing for communities and how we can continue to support them at TPC.



THE LENTEN DESERT



During the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year), Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition.

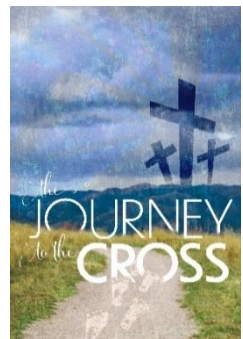
In an 1873 hymn, Claudia Hernaman wrote, "O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past."

The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than depleting us. "This is what Lent is meant to be," writes theologian Ron Rolheiser. "Time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us and to let God do battle with them through us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other.

ON THE PATH TO VICTORY

After moving to a college town, Pastor Kendra Thompson learned about the athletic phenomenon known as March Madness. And after a nondenominational upbringing, as a young adult she learned about Lenten traditions.



Lent and the NCAA college basketball tournament, which usually coincide, both point to the divine, Thompson argues. "In Lent, with each day we are drawn closer to the crushing reality that we've crucified our God. And yet we are also faced with an impossible victory: that death did not win, that our God is raised in Jesus Christ," she writes. "Likewise, watching college basketball invites us into a season of hoping in unlikely possibilities, marveling at upsets, and giving thanks to God for the connection we find as his people."



Like fans swept up in high-stakes games, Jesus' disciples abandon everything to follow him. Lent might be "holy madness," Thompson muses. It's "an opportunity to 'feel' our religion, not just in our heads but with our skin, our voices, even in the anxieties of our prayers."

— from *Church Art Online*

MARCH 9, 2025 – MARCH 16, 2025

<p>Sunday 3/9</p>  <p>First Sunday in <i>Lent</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Homeless-Aid Collection, P Choir Warm-Up, S Sunday School Nursery – Elementary WORSHIP Spanish Sunday School, FL Prayer Circle, S TPC Spanish Service, FH TTPC Worship, S TPC Fellowship, FH TTPC Adult Education, C103 Women’s Spanish Bible Study, O</p>
<p>Monday 3/10</p>		<p>Office Closed</p>
<p>Tuesday 3/11</p>		
<p>Wednesday 3/12</p>	<p>4:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Worship Committee Meeting, V Spanish Bible Study, FL/FH</p>
<p>Thursday 3/13</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Women’s Bible Study, FL Choir Rehearsal, CR Youth Group, YL</p>
<p>Friday 3/14</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Men’s Group, The Lost Bean Food Bank Set-Up AA Meeting, C205</p>
<p>Saturday 3/15</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Food Bank Distribution, FH Food Bank Children’s Crafts, FL TTPC Choir Practice, C103 ESL Classes, O</p>
<p>Sunday 3/16</p>  <p>Second Sunday in <i>Lent</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Choir Warm-Up, S Sunday School Nursery – Elementary WORSHIP Spanish Sunday School, FL TPC Spanish Service, FH TTPC Worship, S TPC Fellowship, FH TTPC Adult Education, C103 Women’s Spanish Bible Study, O</p>