



Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

Program of Events

Lent is a special time to pause and reflect on where we find ourselves on our walk with Christ. It is a time to engage our hearts, minds and souls to open us to hear God's voice of love calling to us to follow, to go in new directions, to hear His Word in new ways, to be reminded of His sacrificed and renewed in His service. Here at CAPC we are offering a wide variety of opportunities for you to make the most out of this time. Together we journey, never alone as our Savior guides our very steps.

Prayer

Devotionals – Personal devotions are an integral part of the Lenten journey. We have three recommended selections available for your use this year: **The Road Back to God** (focused on guiding you to a deeper and richer relationship with God), **Places of the Passion** (follows the Gospel of Matthew with an eye toward the places of the Passion) and **Come to the Light** (daily prayers the help us turn from the darkness and toward the Light in our lives). Other titles will be available in limited quantities as well.

Prayer Wall – a prayer wall will be installed in the narthex for this holy season. You are invited to place your prayers for this season (and any other prayers) on this wall. Materials are provided for your use or you are welcome to write your prayers at home and place them on the prayer wall. Prayers will be incorporated in weekly worship.

Lighted Labyrinth – the Lighted Labyrinth will be back and set up for Holy Week. This no-touch walk guides you through the themes of Lent, the gift of Christ's Passion and the power that transforms our lives. Socially distant. Check on times and, if preferred, sign up for your own personal time to come and walk.

Recommended Reads

Lent of Liberation – Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery, Cheri L. Mills takes you on a 40-day journey to help heal the wounds of systemic racism. Books can be ordered online www.wjkbooks.com or via amazon.com.

***The Cross and the Lynching Tree** by James H. Cone, Wednesday evenings, February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10. Winner of the 2018 Grawemeyer Aware in Religion, this book is considered a landmark in the conversation about race and religion in America.

***The Color of Compromise** by Jemar Tisby, 'The truth about the American Church's complicity in racism.' Questions from this book will be raised during our Thursday 'News from the Pews' Zoom call.

Worship

Ash Wednesday – February 17, 7:30 pm – Sanctuary – We will observe the beginning of Lent. COVID protocols in place. (because of Covid, there will be no imposition of ashes this year)

Sunday Worship during Lent – 10:30 am – Sanctuary – each Sunday we come before God with prayer, passion and presence seeking to bring before God the best we have to offer.

Virtual Meditations – online – each week Pastor Lynn will reflect on a promise made in the Old Testament that finds fulfillment in the Gospel. Cameron Kuzepski will offer a musical reflection on the theme. This mediation will be available on YouTube and through Facebook. Links can be found on our website as well.

Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 28 – 10:30 am – join the procession of the palms as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and our hearts.

Maundy Thursday – April 1 - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm - service including stripping of the chancel. A powerful service that begins the deepest reflections of the sacrifice our Savior offered for our salvation. Communion is served.

Good Friday - Tenebrae Service – April 2 - 7:30 pm Sanctuary - A powerful, moving service that brings us face to face with the texts of the story of the Passion. Readings, music, silence, candlelight and darkness all witness to the power of this night.

***Zoom offerings are open to everyone but you need to register to obtain secure portal. Please email Pastor Lynn at lsantulli67@gmail.com to be included.**