



THE NEWSLETTER OF PINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

As we prepare to enter the Season of Lent, one of the things that will undoubtedly be asked of us at some point is, “What are you giving up for Lent?” During Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. People will give up everything from chocolate to the internet during the season of Lent. Indeed, this is a good way to observe Lent.

Another question we might ask ourselves is “What will I take up for Lent?” As we spend this season reflecting on our Lord's life, ministry, passion and suffering, we witness the things that Jesus took with him as he journey toward the cross. Jesus carried with him compassion, generosity, grace, forgiveness, and mercy. And along the way he shared these with those he encountered. A tax collector named Zacchaeus was given friendship. A blind man was given sight. An adulteress was given forgiveness. A grieving mother was given a son who had died yet Jesus restored to life.

During the season of Lent we are called to take up the life of Jesus and make it a reality in our own lives. Regardless of how we honor Lent in our lives, we must model our living after Jesus who came to serve rather than to be served. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, and his ascetic sensibilities. In writing about Lent, Chrysostom stated:

“No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great.”

Whatever we may give up for Lent, it means little if we do not take up Jesus' love and share it with our neighbor. By loving others we bear witness to the one who has loved us unconditionally and has taken us to himself. During this season of Lent may we take up Christ's love and make it known to all those we meet along the way on our own journey.

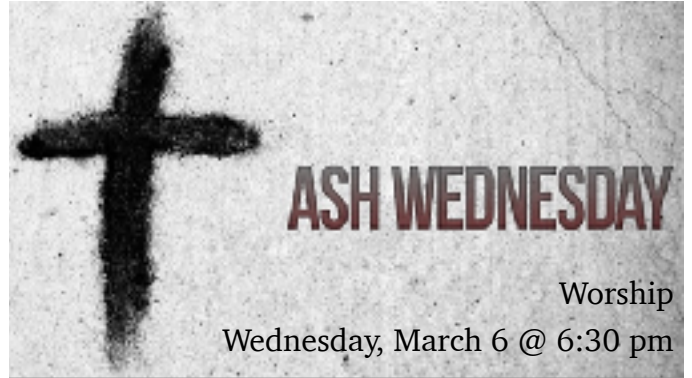
A graphic with a purple background and a white box containing the text "A Journey Through Lent" in a cursive font. A black cross is positioned behind the word "Through".

A Journey Through Lent



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:00 pm
Cost: \$5 per person



ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship
Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:30 pm

The Sign and The Sacrifice: The Meaning of the Cross and the Resurrection



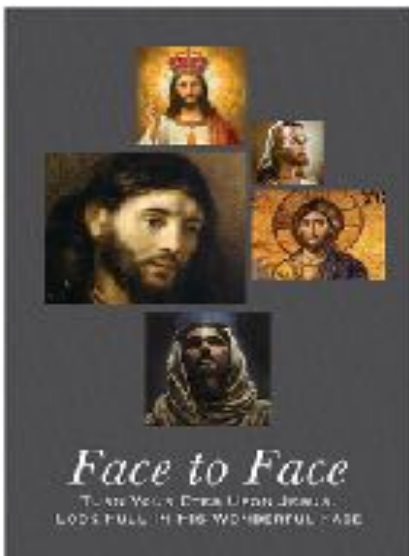
Wednesday Night Bible Study
during Lent



Lenten Devotional Books

Don't forget to
pick up a Lenten
devotional book
for your
household

“The Lord measures out perfection neither
by the multitude nor the magnitude of
our deeds, but by the manner in
which we perform them.”
– St. John of the Cross



Face to Face:

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Worship Theme for Lent

Join us on Sundays in Lent as we
consider what it means to be face to
face with Jesus. How do we see him?
How do we ourselves? How do we see
others?



March Birthdays

1: Paul Reed
4: Russell Holt
14: Beverly Derr
16: Betty Thomas
17: Nancy Reed
20: Judy Hairfield
24: Dean Welton
25: Jeanette Townsend
28: Ellen Shaw
29: Virginia Knighton
Barbara Reynolds

Envelope Offering (through February 17)

Budget: \$18,319
Given: \$15,098
Variance: -\$3,221

Don't Forget Your Snow Offerings

Special thanks to the Downer family and everyone who shared in providing a reception after the memorial service for Evelyn Berry. You can always count on Pine Streeters to come through.



Youth Dates in March

Youth Lock-In: March 15
Youth Lunch Fundraiser
March 17



Smokey Wilson
in Concert at Pine Street Baptist

Sunday, April 28 @ 3:00 pm
Dinner to follow

Mark your calendar now for this
afternoon of music and fellowship



His Handmaids
Liturgical Dance Group
is returning to
Pine Street this
spring.

Further info to come