



CENTRAL LIFE

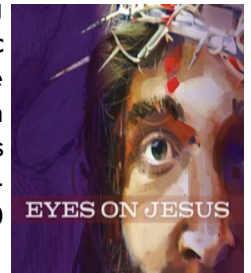
Central Presbyterian Church
February 3, 2021

A Journey Through Lent

It is hard to believe that we are getting ready to go into the Lenten season. Lent is a season of self-examination where we are confronted with our need of God's great love and mercy seen in Jesus Christ. It is a season that acknowledges the presence of sin in our lives, and in our world, and how God sought to redeem us and all of creation through the self-giving of his only son, Jesus Christ. It is a season that climaxes with the events of Holy Week including a parade into Jerusalem, a meal with his disciples, an arrest and an illegal trial which leads us to the Cross. It is seemingly the worst thing that can possibly happen. Yet in this season, we are reminded of the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

During the season of Lent, sermons will focus on *Living in the Covenant* to see evidences of this covenant as we live in the community of faith. The covenant that God makes with his people is seen throughout scripture. In the story of Noah, we see the covenant sealed with the rainbow in the sky, which is God hanging up any instruments of violence and destruction (as in bow and arrow.) In the story of Abram and Sarai, God promises to multiply their family to be more than the stars and they are given new names as a sign of this covenant. As Moses leads the people out of Egypt, God is revealed as the one who has brought them out of Egypt into the Promised land. Though they wander in the wilderness, God keeps his covenant and it is seen as they travel together. As we then come to the Palm/Passion Sunday, we will hear the narrative as told by Mark, who is light on descriptions of the events, but moves us along to the Cross.

We will begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and this year it is going to be a bit different. We won't gather in Central Hall for a Pancake dinner and jazz music (for Mardi Gras) and then move into the solemn service of Imposition of Ashes. Instead, there will be an opportunity for all to come by the church to receive ashes and receive a Lenten devotional book titled, ***Eyes on Jesus***, to use for these 40 days of reflection. So make plans now to come by the church on Ash Wednesday from either 12:00-1:30 p.m. or from 4:30-6:00 p.m. to receive ashes and the Lenten devotional, to help guide you through these 40 days in keeping our focus upon Jesus to know who he is as Lord and Savior.

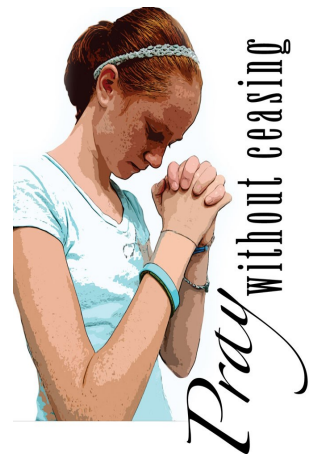


I invite you to take some time to pause in this season of Lent to plan time in your day to reflect on who God is in your life, and how you are a part of the covenant people. I especially invite you to spend this season of Lent looking at the world through the eyes of Jesus. We are all on some kind of journey, and Jesus was willing to see each person he encountered as loved. May we be the people who dare to see the world, and the people in it, as children of God in need of the mercy and grace we have received. May we always be willing to share in that love and grace with others.

Grace and peace,
Ann Aichinger

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram, Bob Stuart, Bessie Kitts, Jean Bane, Allen Vance
At Brookdale Bristol: Carol Duhaime, Jean Thomason, Mary Kay and Bill English
At Dominion Senior Care: Hugh and Linda Wise

Phyllis Morris as she in the hospital in Kingsport with an infection due to diverticulitis;
Gale Thompson, who had Mohs surgery on his ear;
Jean Thomason is at Brookdale for rehab;
Robert Campbelle has gotten good news and is cancer-free. He has one more procedure in Winston-Salem on February 16;
Doris Crabtree as she is struggling with her health, especially her arthritis;
Bill and Mary Kay English as they are at Brookdale, temporarily;
Courtney Reese as she continues to seek help with her MS;
Bob and Becky Ingram as they are dealing with health issues;
Joy Briggs' husband, Guy, is dealing with health concerns and is at home;
Don Miller, as he continues to deal with health concerns.



We Extend Our Deepest Christian Sympathy to...

*"Blessed are those who die in the Lord; they will rest from their labors and their deeds will follow them."
Revelation 14:13*

The family and friends of Patsy Wampler who passed away January 23, 2021. William Wampler is her nephew. There was a graveside service on January 30.

**Cards and notes may be sent to her son, John Wampler
1850 Bales Road, Knoxville, TN 37914.**

Memorials...

To the General Fund in Memory of Charlie Thomas, given by Jean Thomason.

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Gregory D. Clark.

To the General Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Grace Hagedorn, Ron Schoenhardt, Charles and Cindy Looney, and Southeastern Retina Associates.

To the Backpack Fund in Memory of Frank Sikora, given by Sam and Amy Shuttle.

To the General Fund in Memory of Casey McComish, given by Terry Parks.

To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Terry Parks.

To the Backpack Fund in Memory of Frank Sikora, given by Terry Parks.

To the General Fund and Music Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by J. Timothy and Betty Rose Sexton and Terry Parks.

To the General Fund and Memorial Fund in Memory of Patsy Wampler, given by Caroline Jones and Nancy Neal.

To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Jack and Diane Fullen.

To the Backpack Fund in Memory of Casey McComish and Candy Ellis, and to the Music Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Jim and Lynn Butcher.

To the General Fund in Memory of Patsy Wampler, given by Jean Thomason.

Thank You...

Central Life

"The Ellis family would like to thank you, the church, for many acts of love and kindness shown to us over the length of Candy's illness. The never ending prayer chain that started at Central and spread throughout the community is a humbling experience, we thank you God. To the afternoon visits Candy so enjoyed and looked forward to, every card you sent brightened her day and would rally memories and conversations regarding the sender. Each phone call was filled with encouragement and love that sustained Candy through the day. And for the years of friendship that has brought us all together with God's blessings. We thank you."

With love,
Mike and Family

Sermons...

February 7	A Day in Life	Mark 1:29-39
February 14	Up the Mountain and Back Down	Mark 9:2-9

Lenten Sermon Series: "Living as People of the Covenant"

February 21	Lent 1: Visible signs of the covenant	Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 9:9-15
February 28	Lent 2: Life in the Covenant	Genesis 17:1-7; Mark 8:31-38
March 7	Lent 3: Who is God? Who is the Lord?	Exodus 20:1; John 2:13-22
March 14	Lent 4: The Greatest Hope	Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21
March 21	Lent 5: Hope in the Darkness	Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33
March 28	Palm/Passion Sunday	Reading from Mark's Gospel

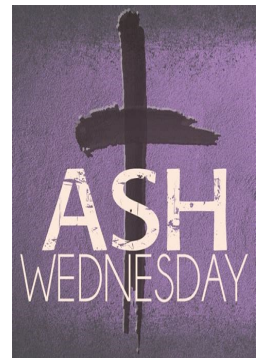


Ash Wednesday, February 17

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday; a day to be reminded of our humanity and our need for God's grace and mercy, and we are offering the opportunity for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday here at the church.

You are invited to drive up to the covered portico and receive the ashes from Pastor Ann Aichinger. We will also have adult Lenten devotional books and activity booklets for the children.

Times are: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.



Address Updates...



Ed and Betty Whitehead have moved into their new home in Roanoke, VA.

**4380 William Ct.
Roanoke, VA 24018**

Please update their new address in your church directory.

Andrew and Alice Clark have moved into their new home at:

**4621 Newcomb Ave
Knoxville, TN 37919**

Please update their new address in your church directory.



Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays in February on ZOOM. We will have time to chat and catch up on life as well as spend time in prayer, and have time of discussion and study. We are discussing Bob Goff's *Everybody, Always* which is a video series on RightNowMedia. Our lessons will be:

February 3 "What's in Your Bucket"

February 10 "Love Even the Difficult People"

February 17 We will begin our Lenten study.

The invitation and access for each of the Wednesday gatherings on Zoom is as follows: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89657603909?pwd=ZXcyaYrYUUYxcm84aGxKTWJ4SGhrQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 5760 3909 Passcode: 252722

Presbyterian Women Bible Study

We will be gathering by Zoom on Tuesday, February 9 from 11:00-12:00 noon. We will be looking at Lesson 5: *Lamenting Life*, and looking at Job 3:1-4, 9-19, 24-26. The Zoom information is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89575029504?pwd=UIJKVlhLb0FCdERGdWwxM3J6M21VQT09>

Meeting ID: 895 7502 9504 Passcode: 858189



Keep up with the Turk's in Madagascar, PC(U.S.A.) at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/dr-daniell-and-elizabeth-turk/>

Continue in Prayer for renewed health and strength for...

John and Linda Barker and their family, Bobby Davis, Alice Owenby, Coleen Wheeler, Randy Broyles, and Jim Matson.

Trumpet En Chamade



You might ask, “what is this?” This is the name of the trumpets on the choir wall that face the Sanctuary. Recently it was noticed that the trumpets are leaning at different angles and that the Air Chests for the organ stop are leaning off the wall too. As a result, the trumpets have been removed from the Sanctuary and are being repaired, and the rest of the organ stop is being checked for any issues. Since we are not gathering for worship in person, this was the best time to work on this. The Session, Memorial Fund Committee, and others are working on making sure there are funds to cover this repair.

If you have any questions, please speak to Ann Aichinger.

Bristol Emergency Food Pantry

In the month of January, Central has been making contributions to the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry as a part of the **Souper Bowl** effort of ending hunger in America. Thank you to all who have brought in food as well as given financially. The total amount of money received to date is \$1,380.00. But, this is not the only time you are encouraged to support the Food Pantry. All year long, they provide food for families and individuals in our community. The food collection barrels are in the hallway closest to the office for you stop and drop off your donation.



Thank you to all who have made commitments to the 2021 budget and who made extra gifts to the 2020 budget. We appreciate your generosity and continued support for the work and ministry of Central. Below is special gift information about 2020 as well as the 2021 commitments. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Rob Hollo, Finance Chair or Mary Moffatt, Finance Director.

2020 Special Offering and Gifts Contributions - \$13,602.60

This amount includes gifts to the Backpack Ministry, Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands, Bristol Emergency Food Pantry, Bristol Faith in Action, Habitat for Humanity, Meals-on-Wheels, CPC Service Fund, Hunger (5 cents a meal) Offering, and Sharing Offering.

2021 Stewardship Campaign report

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to Central Presbyterian Church for 2021! We have received:

- * 78 commitments for a total of \$245,229.
- * 37 of the 78 to meet the 2021 challenge of increasing the monthly giving by \$20.
- * Extra gifts given for the 2020 budget totaling \$4,300.

You can continue to support the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian in three ways :

Mail: Central Presbyterian Church, 301 Euclid Ave, Bristol, VA 24201

Online: CentralPresBristol.org and go to the Give On Line tab

Text: CentralPres (Capital C and P no spaces) to 73256

If you have any questions about your gift giving record, please speak to Mary Moffatt, Finance Director.



February 21, 2021: PDA Blue T-shirt Sunday and the *One Great Hour of Sharing* Offering

The first Sunday in Lent is designated by the PC(USA) as “Wear your **blue** T-shirt to church Sunday” as a testament to one of the ways *One Great Hour of Sharing* makes a difference. But this year, it is a little different. We can still support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, by urging all congregations to participate in a “**blue-out**” on this day.

Be creative! Wear something **blue** as a visible reminder that One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference for disaster survivors around the world. Then take a selfie and put it on the church Facebook page as a part of our care for those who have experienced disaster and are now recovering. You can learn more at:

pcusa.org/blueshirtsunday

If **red** is the color that screams out “emergency,” then **blue** is the color that seems to announce, “help has arrived — your cries of distress have been heard.” Flying over hurricane-ravaged regions of the United States or entering encampments of displaced people and refugees internationally, **blue** is the color that dominates the landscape. It is amazing the many and varied ways in which a simple **blue** tarp creates temporary shelter, protects people and possessions from the elements, or serves as a protective barrier on the ground.

It is fitting that Presbyterians would choose **blue** as the logo color for our disaster response and recovery program. We see our ministry among survivors as one of announcing hope. For our many partners around the world, our presence means more than funds. Through training and volunteer support in many aspects of their programs, we walk with them as they weave a new story in their communities and countries. It is exciting work and a great opportunity to follow Christ as we share the burdens of work and response ministry that others undertake so that the love and presence of God will be made manifest to survivors.

—originally printed in the 2004 PDA Annual Report

You can also support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program by making a donation to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering. Please send your gifts to the church office and note on your check that it is for the OGHS offering.



ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



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How to Keep in Touch:

www.facebook.com/CPCBristol: You do not have to sign-in or log on. Just click “not now” and the site will pop up. Scroll down to find the latest message.

www.CentralPresBristol.org: Click on “View Sermons” then scroll down to see Pastor Ann’s videos for each day.

Options for giving to the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian:

- * You can give in a check, or cash, in the offering plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to:

Central Presbyterian Church
301 Euclid Avenue
Bristol, VA 24201-4013
- * You can give through your online banking to Central.
- * You can set up an automatic deposit from your account; please talk with the Finance Director on how to do this.
- * You can TEXT to **CentralPres** (no spaces and Capital C and P) to **73256**. You will be directed to make your donation through Realm.
- * You can give one time, or regularly, through your **Realm Connect** profile.



Reminder: Please continue to send in your pledges and financial support for Central Presbyterian. Although the church building may not be fully operational, the work and ministry is still happening.

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Office Hours:

The current office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please call 276-669-3157 for office hour changes and updates.

