

March 2025**Third Presbyterian Church**

WHAT IS LENT?

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

Lent is a time for us to reflect on our own lives, or own habits, and our own anchors that are weighing us down from being the best people we could be. Perhaps too, it provides us an opportunity to parallel Christ's journey in the wilderness where he forfeited food, companionship and help.

Lent is also a time to reflect and see what we can change about our lives for the better. It can be used as a time to understand our own weaknesses and shortcomings, as painful as that can be. It is a time when we recall that we are mortal, we may be insignificant in the eyes of the world, but we are significant enough for God to care about us and love us.

During the final week, Holy Week, we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and on to the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday), all of Holy Week focuses on the passion. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We pray that your journey through Lent will be a meaningful time in your spiritual life.



LOOKING AHEAD

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, March 4th beginning at 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5th services at 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM with the imposition of ashes

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13th at 11:00 AM

Place your palms in the cross on the lawn as you leave.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 PM

Easter

Sunday, April 20th at 11:00 AM

Living Cross on the lawn – please bring flowers to help decorate the cross.

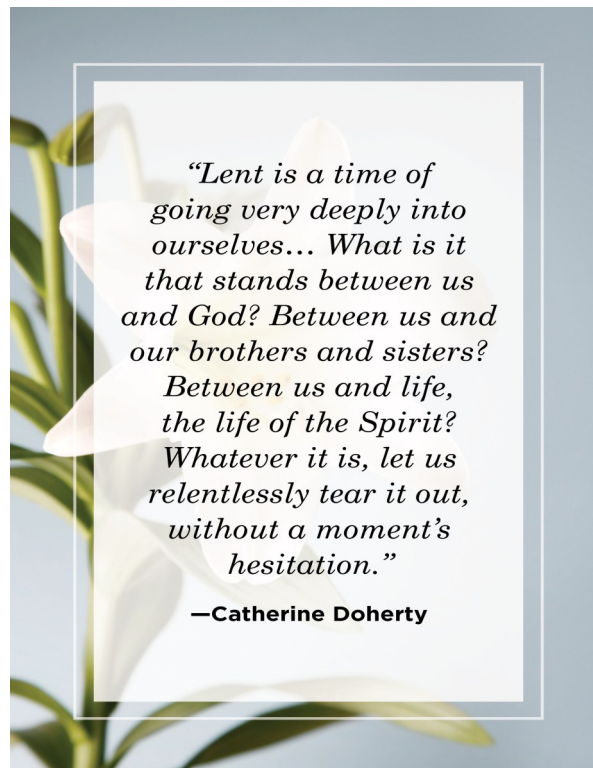
Fellowship time after the service.

NEW CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS

Please begin using our new email address – thirdpresbyterian757@gmail.com
Cox has made some changes to their business email accounts causing us to make this change.

ART SHOW AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

Calling all local artists and those that like to shop at art shows. Second Presbyterian Church is having an Art Show on Saturday, July 12th. There are no fees to sign up for a table. Set-up will be from 9 am – 11 am and open for business from 11 am – 4 pm. The Smoked Biscuit food truck will also be there that day. If you are interested, you may contact Peggy Troyer at 210-250-2628 for questions or to reserve a space.



PULPIT SUPPLY LOOKING AHEAD

March 9th – Marcy Wright, Candidate for Ministry
March 16th – Marcy Wright, Candidate for Ministry
March 23rd – Rev. Melissa “Lissa” Long, Transitional General Presbyter
March 30th – Rev. Leigh Gillis
April 6th – Rev. Martha Mitchell
April 13th, Palm Sunday – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
April 17th, Maundy Thursday – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
April 20th, Easter – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
April 27th – Rev. Martha Mitchell
May 4th – Rev. Don Martin
May 11th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
May 18th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
May 25th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
June 1st – Rev. Don Martin
June 8th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
June 15th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
June 22nd – TBD
June 29th – TBD
July 6th – Rev. Don Martin
July 13th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
July 20th – Commissioned Pastor Paula Bass
July 27th – TBD

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE FOR 2025

To date, we have received **15 pledges totaling \$65,540 towards our proposed budget of \$104,250.**
If you have any questions, please see Amy Griffin, Financial Secretary or you may send her an email at financialsecretarythirdpc@gmail.com. Thank you!

OFFERINGS

February 2nd – \$2,320 in-person, \$110 online
February 9th – \$1,180 in-person, \$232 online
February 16th – \$625 in-person, \$220 online
February 23rd – Closed due to weather
March 2nd – \$2,726 in-person, \$140 online

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.

Do justly now,

Love mercy now,

Walk humbly now.

You are not obligated to complete the work,

But neither are you free to abandon it.

MOST ASKED FOR ADDRESSES

Teri and Ken Howard
109 Windsong Drive
Macon, NC 27551
757-274-3311 - Teri

Dot Grandstaff
The Gardens of Virginia Beach
5620 Wesleyan Drive #247
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
757-583-2244

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Aspire at West End
5020 Sulky Drive, # 415
Henrico, VA 23228
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89 Winchester Dr.
South Kingstown, RI 02879

Judy & Tim Cook
2909 Arc Road
Mobile, Alabama 36605-4466
251-385-0615

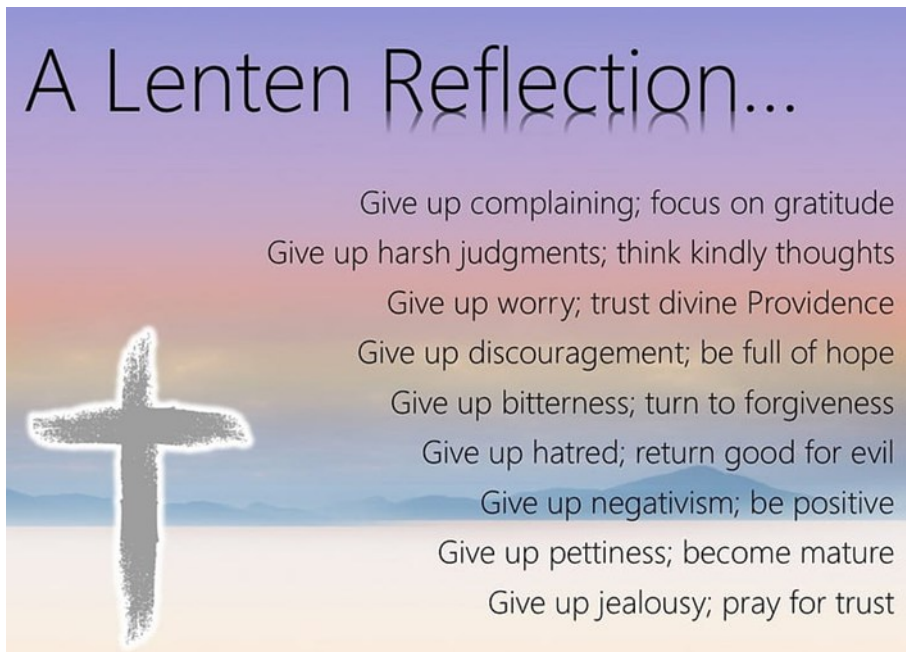
Happy Birthday!!!

March 12th – Heather Sipe
March 12th – Susan Mayo
March 23rd – Alex Renard

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people and families in your prayers, that they might be lifted up through your conversations with God:

- Claudia Cary
- Artie Derrenbacher
- Jessica and Ray Fitzgerald
- Ginny Davis
- Steve & Claudia Glover
- Carol Maxwell's Mom
- Holly Gaff
- Nancy & Steve Babor
- Toy Hefner
- Judi White – Lexi's Mom
- Heather Sipe
- Sgt. Christopher Roberts – Sybil's grandson
- Jimmy Singer – Cheryl's Cousin's Husband
- Greg McGlaun – Fred's Nephew
- Dorothy Mosko – Teri Howard's Mother
- The Family of Larry McKinney
- The Family of Ruth Bray
- Our Church
- Our Community
- Our Nation



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY IN-PERSON AND LIVE STREAM AT 11 AM

Below is the Zoom link where you will be able to see those leading worship and along with parts of our liturgy. Below is the most updated link, phone number and password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/605837516?pwd=V0R5VmNCQ2Mraml1TFdOVXpGMEpiQT09>

If you do not have computer access, you can call in with your home or cell phone using Zoom’s dial in option.

Meeting ID: 605 837 516

Password: 23518

Phone: 312-626-6799

CHURCH OFFICE

If you need assistance, please feel free to call 757-587-7576 and leave a message (phone is being forwarded to an elder), send an email to (thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com), or call one of the elders. Thank you!

PW BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP MARCH 11TH, 12:00 PM FOR LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

The author describes her call for creation justice in this way: “When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Such is not everyone’s skillset or desire, but each of us has something to do with all our hearts.” We are called to care for neighbors and God’s creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society’s least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by unjust systems. In God’s first instructions to the nation of Israel we hear “you shall not pervert the justice due to the poor” (Exodus 23:6); in Moses’ final speech at the promised land’s border, he reiterated, “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20); and from Amos, the earliest recorded prophet, “Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24). Scripture reminds us that we are called to speak out to urge our society to act for just transitions in this fast-changing world.

Join us Tuesday, March 11th for lunch, (bring a sandwich or snack) lively discussion and fellowship. We meet in the church conference room at the end of the hall and have zoom access if you are unable to join us in person.



SHEPHERD'S LIST 2025



Calvin Presbyterian Church

2901 E Little Creek Rd, Norfolk, VA 23518

(757) 587-1591

• Food Pantry Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Third Saturdays of the month
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The food pantry serves Norfolk zip codes 23518 and 23503. Those in need of assistance may obtain a referral from any of the participating churches.

Pantry Wish List:

- 25 oz Apple Sauce
- 16 oz Baked Beans
- 24 oz Beef Stew
- 15 oz Peas
- 15 oz Green Beans
- 1 lb 13 oz Canned Fruit
- 32 oz Jelly
- 18 oz Peanut Butter
- 32 oz Pancake Mix
- 24 oz Syrup
- 1 lb Rice
- 8.25 oz Tuna Helper
- 6 oz Tuna
- 15 oz Spaghetti O's
- 15 oz Thick Soup
- 64 oz Juice
- 12 oz Luncheon Meat
- 7.25 oz Macaroni & Cheese
- 13.75 oz Mashed Potatoes
- 13.7 oz Oatmeal Individual Packs
- 16 oz Spaghetti Noodles
- 26.5 oz Spaghetti Sauce
- Dry Milk, Individual Packs

Please, no baby food, coffee, tea, sugar, pickles, olives, condiments, tomatoes, cranberries, canned milk, crackers or mushrooms.

Amy Griffin

757-618-3006

*Dee Glover

*Steven and Claudia Glover

Ginny Davis

Nancy and Vernon Barham

Dorothy Grandstaff

Marguerite Duke

Peggy Russell

Teri Howard

Sybil Crooks

Ginny Keisel

Claudia Cary

Stacy Apelt

757-583-5872

Nancy and Steve Babor

Jim Rudiger

Carol and Tom Maxwell

Mary Ann Shepard

Kayla and Bryson Shepard

Margaret Chewning & Dan Cudney

Di Babineau

Debbie and Ray Platte

Cheryl and Fred Holtz

Mike Gallond

Jessica Fitzgerald & Family

Tom Maxwell

757-531-9851

**Brittany French

Dave and Jenni Joyce

Holly Gaff and CJ Jones

TJ McKinney

Lexi White and Marc Cahill

Deb King

Joseph Bray

Darlene Pick

Amy and Dennis Griffin

Artie and Milinda Derrenbacker

Stacy Apelt and Judy Floyd Apelt


The Rapacon Family - Amanda,
Manny, Christian, Samantha, Rachel,
and Peter

*no email-please call

**text



March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 11 am Worship & Communion In-person and Virtual 12pm Annual Meeting	3	4 6:30 – 10 pm Dance Group	5 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm AA Meeting	6 7 – 9:30 pm Square Dancing	7	8 10 am – 12 pm Clothes Closet
9 11 am Worship In-person and Virtual	10 2 pm – 8 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	11 12 pm PW Lunch and Bible Study 6:30 – 10 pm Dance Group	12 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm AA Meeting	13 7 pm Civic League	14	15
16 11 am Worship In-person and Virtual	17 	18 6 pm Session 6:30 – 10 pm Dance Group	19 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm AA Meeting	20 7 – 9:30 pm Square Dancing	21	22
23 11 am Worship In-person and Virtual	24	25 6:30 – 10 pm Dance Group	26 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm AA Meeting	27 7 – 9:30 pm Square Dancing	28	29
30 11 am Worship In-person and Virtual	31					



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Norfolk, VA 23518

CHURCH STAFF

Amy Griffin, Clerk of Session
Holly Gaff, Treasurer
Amy Griffin, Financial Secretary
Joseph C. Bray, III, Organist/ Choir Director
Clara Barnes, Sexton
Lexi White, IT Facilitator

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Men

Tom Maxwell, President
Fred Holtz, Vice-president

Memorial Committee

SESSION

Building & Grounds

Stacy Apelt

Stewardship

Amy Griffin

Witness & Outreach

Tom Maxwell

Worship

Amy Griffin

Administration and Personnel

Stacy Apelt, Amy Griffin, Tom Maxwell