

February 2024

Third Presbyterian Church



A Note from the Pastor – February 2024

Question: How are New Year's and Lent similar? Answer: People make good faith commitments to do something different to improve their lives physically or spiritually but never succeed in fulfilling the commitments. How many times have you made a New Year's resolution to exercise more, lose weight, drink less or whatever seemed to be the healthy thing to do as you start a new year? How long did you keep your resolution? The odds are that you did not make it to the end of January.

Some folks seem to treat the beginning of Lent in the same way they treat the New Year. It's time to do penance. I'll give up something. No chocolate until Easter. No alcohol or no dessert. Maybe you decide to give up time on social media or to limit the time you spend binging on a TV series. The idea of giving something up is supposed to have the benefit of turning us to thoughts of our Lord. You can choose to give up something like chocolate and then each time you remember that you aren't supposed to have chocolate, you can take that moment to think of God, to think of His sacrifice for us, and say a quick prayer of thanks. It sounds good, but my experience personally and from talking with other Christians, all too often we don't fulfill the commitments.

Maybe the challenge of giving something up is too difficult, so I'm going to suggest we try something different. Let's add something to our lives for Lent. Adding something, taking on something new seems far more achievable – and in fact, can almost always be just as valuable. The point of the exercise in the past may have been sacrifice and suffering, but the point now should be even more so on growth and spiritual development.

Some ideas of what to do during Lent:

- Do an act of random kindness each day. Smile at someone you see in a store or send a text to a friend saying, "I'm thinking of you."
- Make a daily or weekly \$5 donation online to a charity you believe in.
- Take a walk each day with a plastic bag and pick up litter on the side of the street.
- Look at your clothes closet each day and pick an item that you haven't worn in a long time to be donated to a clothing closet.
- Do a household chore that someone else is "supposed" to do.
- Set aside time to pray for those in need.
- Volunteer your time to an organization that cares for those who are hungry or homeless.

The list can go on and on. The important thing is that you chose something that will have a positive impact and that is something that you will continue to do throughout the forty days of Lent.

Whatever you chose to give up or add to your life, the Lenten journey is a time to develop a closer relationship with our God and to prepare ourselves for the joy and celebration of the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

Don+

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

Communion for Homebound

Rev. Martin and an elder will be bringing communion to any homebound person that would like to receive it. This will be done once a quarter on Monday following the first Sunday. The months this will be done are April, July and October. If you would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office at 757-587-7576 or Rev. Martin at 757-754-9232 so that a time can be scheduled with you.

Lenten Bible Study

Our Lenten Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, February 20th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We will use a study written by Cynthia Campbell and Christina Fohr titled "Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study". Copies of the book will be available on Sunday, February 11th.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 13th 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Pancakes, Sausages and more! The Men of the Church will be cooking up some delicious pancakes for us to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Invite your neighbors, friends and family to join us for a night of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please see Tom Maxwell.

Ash Wednesday Service and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 PM

Join us as we begin the Lenten season for a brief service with the imposition of ashes. Our friends from Royster and First United will be joining us for this service.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24th 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM

Good Friday

Friday, March 29th

Light Dinner at 6:00 PM, Service at 7:00 PM

Our friends from Royster and First United will be joining us for this service.

Easter

Sunday, March 31st 11:00 AM

Fellowship time after the service.

Most Asked For Addresses

Prayer List

Peggy Russell
Aspire at West End
5020 Sulky Drive, # 415
Henrico, VA 23228
Phone: 757-387-9301

Patricia Basnight
Lake Taylor Hospital
1309 Kempsville Road
Room 29A
Norfolk, VA 23502

Lexi White & Marc Cahill
89 Winchester Dr.
South Kingstown, RI
02879

Judy & Tim Cook
5079 Easy Street
Mobile, Alabama
36619-1763

Brandon & Laura Griffin
7521 Ripplepointe Way
Windermere, FL 34786

Carter Griffin
Pearson Hall West
Room 151
310 Alumni Mall
Blacksburg, VA 24061

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

- Claudia Cary
- Peggy Russell
- Jennifer Russell
- Jessica and Ray Fitzgerald
- Ginny Davis
- Steve & Claudia Glover
- Carol Maxwell's Mom
- Larry McKinney
- Patricia Basnight
- Darlene Pick
- Holly Gaff
- Nancy & Steve Babor
- Toy Hefner
- Bessie Williams and Family
- Noah Lucas
- The Family of Ruth Bray
- The Platte Family
- The Family of Kitty Ribaud
- Di Ricks
- Our Pastor - Don
- Our Church
- The Session
- Our Community



February 14—Cedric Maxwell

February 25—Samantha Suski

Happy Anniversary!

February 8—Debbie & Ray Platte

Don Martin's Contact Information

pastordonatthird@gmail.com
757-754-9232

Offerings

- January 7th - \$1,425.00
- January 14th - \$1,1015.00
- January 21st - \$1,270.00
- January 28th - \$1,620.00

Office Hours -Monday - Friday from 9am - 1pm.
Please feel free to call 757-587-7576 or send an email (thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com), if you need any assistance. Thank you!

Shepherd's List 2024



Amy Griffin

757-618-3006

Claudia Cary

*Dee Glover

*Steven and Claudia Glover

Ginny Davis

Jessica Fitzgerald & Family

Nancy and Vernon Barham

Dorothy Grandstaff

Marguerite Duke

Peggy Russell

Teri Howard

Teri Howard

757-274-3311

Don Martin and Tony Crudup

Darlene Pick

Debbie and Ray Platte

Amy and Dennis Griffin

Ginny Keisel

Di Ricks

Sybil Crooks

Cheryl and Fred Holtz

Joseph Bray

***Anne Basnight**

Tom Maxwell

757-531-9851

**Brittany French

Dave and Jenni Joyce

Holly Gaff and CJ Jones

T.J. and Larry McKinney

Lexi White and Marc Cahill

Deb King

Mike Gallond

Stacy Apelt and Judy Floyd Apelt

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

Stacy Apelt

757-583-5872

Nancy Babor

Jim Rudiger

Carol and Tom Maxwell

Mary Ann Shepard

Kayla and Bryson Shepard

Margaret Chewning & Dan Cudney

Artie and Milinda Derrenbacker

*no email-please call

**Text

Red+Shut-in



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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7-9:30pm Square Dance	2	3 6:30pm Square Dance Group Bob Clinbell
4 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship Communion	5	6 6:30-10pm Dance Group-C. Crofford-FH	7 6:30pm- Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	8 7pm Civic League Meeting	9	10 10am- Noon Clothes Closet 
11 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	12	13 Noon- PW Bible Study 5:30-7:00pm Shrove Pancake Dinner 7:30-10pm Dance	14 Valentines Day 6:00pm- Ash Wed. Service 6:30pm- Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	15 7-9:30pm Square Dance	16	17
18 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	19 President's Day	20 6:30-10pm Dance Group-C. Crofford-FH	21 6:30pm- Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	22 7-9:30pm Square Dance 6pm Session Mtg	23	24
25 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	26	27 6:30-10pm Dance Group-C. Crofford-FH	28 6:30pm- Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	29 7-9:30pm Square Dance		



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CHURCH STAFF

Don Martin, Covenant Pastor
Debbie Platte, Secretary
Lexi White, IT Facilitator
Joseph C. Bray, III, Organist/ Choir Director
Clara Barnes, Sexton
Teri Howard, Clerk of Session
Holly Gaff, Treasurer
Teri Howard, Financial Secretary

SESSION

Building & Grounds

Stacy Apelt

Stewardship

Teri Howard

Witness & Outreach

Tom Maxwell

Worship

Amy Griffin

Administration and Personnel

Margaret Chewning

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Men

Tom Maxwell, President

Fred Holtz, Vice-president

Memorial Committee